



Transit Development Plan Update for Fiscal Years 2017-2026

Department of Environmental Services - Transit Bureau
Spring 2015

Overview

- Transit policy framework
- Transit ridership in Arlington
- Capital investments
- Service updates
- Transit Development Plan process
- Opportunities for public input

Transit Policy Framework

- County Board-adopted policy guides our transit investments

Transit policy history:

- Master Transportation Plan (MTP) Goals and Summary: November 2007
- MTP Transit Element: June 2009

- The MTP's goals and policies for transit include:
 - Increasing transit service options
 - Improving access to transit services for all
 - Improving transit facilities
 - Creating multimodal centers for convenient transfers
 - Expanding transit information distribution and marketing outreach
 - Employing environmentally-sensitive technologies

Transit Ridership Increasing

Arlington's focus on developing high-quality transit is moving more people without more traffic



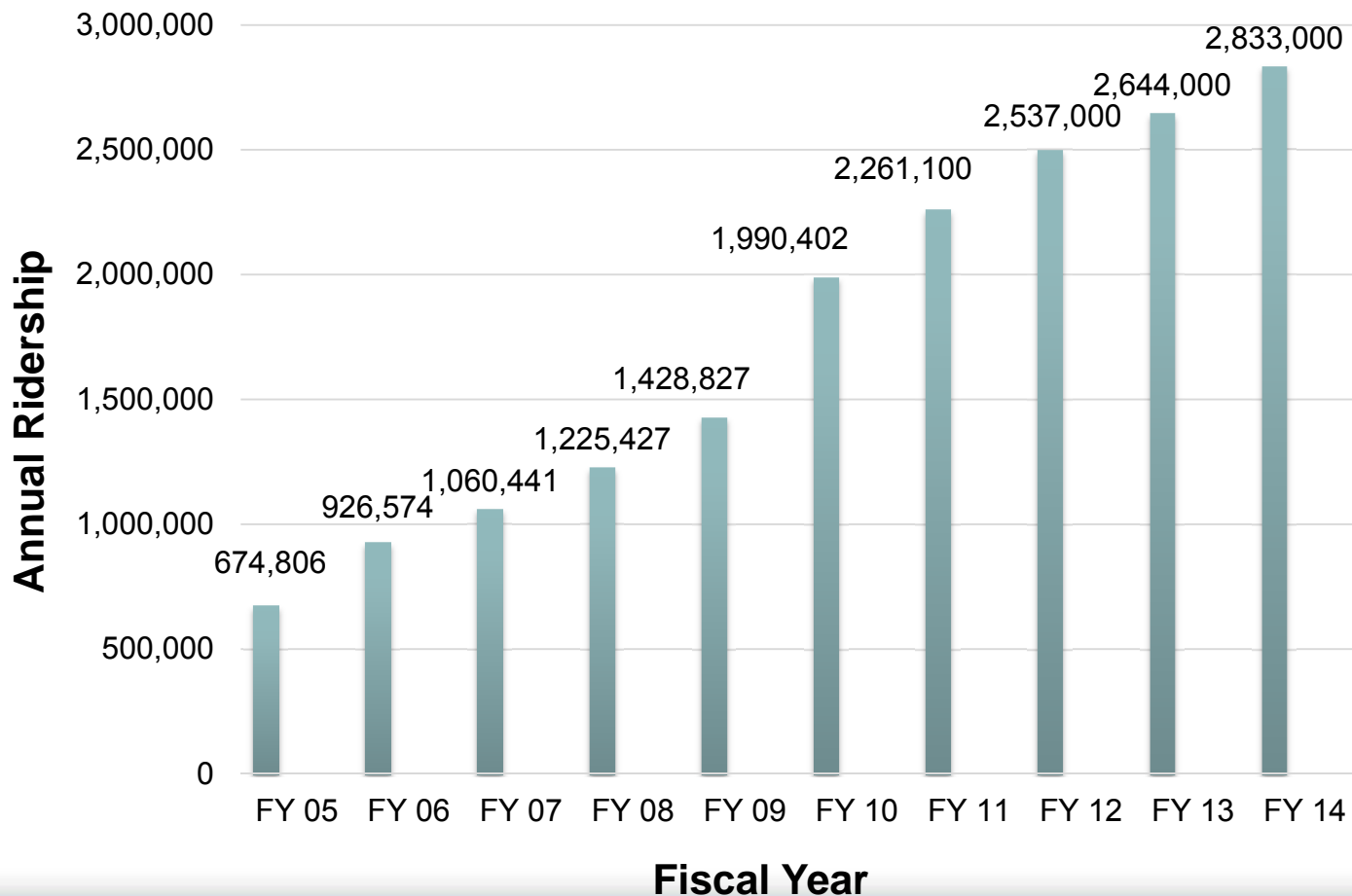
Transit ridership grew significantly over 15-year period

	FY1996 Actual	FY2013 Actual	% Growth
Metrorail Arlington Stations	45,335,000	59,528,744	31.3%
Metrobus Arlington Routes	12,049,000	14,848,036	23.2%
VRE – Crystal City	567,000	1,102,076	94.4%
Arlington Transit (ART)	105,000	2,644,000	2,518%
Total Annual Ridership	58,076,000	78,122,856	34.5%

40% of Virginia's total annual transit ridership is from Arlington-related trips

Local Bus Ridership Growing

Along with ridership, satisfaction with ART hits new high – 90% of riders are satisfied or very satisfied (2013 survey)



Planned Capital Investments



Transit projects funded in County's Capital Improvement Plan:

Route 1

- Crystal City Potomac Yard Transitway
- Crystal City Metro Station East Entrance
- Pentagon City Pedestrian Tunnel

Columbia Pike

- Transit Stations

Rosslyn-Ballston

- Court House Metro Station Second Elevator
- Ballston-MU Metro Station Multimodal Improvements
- Ballston-MU Metro Station West Entrance

County-wide

- ART Fleet New and Replacement Program
- ART Facilities
- Bus Stop and Shelter Program
- Transit ITS and Security Program



FY 2016 Service Proposals

Service Description and Improvements

Route #	Route Name	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Start Date
41	Columbia Pike / Ballston / Court House	Service Span: 5:30 am to 1:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 15-min. consistent frequency to 7:30 pm 25-min. frequency after 7:30 pm 	Service Span: 6 am to 1:30 am <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17-min. average frequency until 9:30 pm 25-min. frequency after 7:30 pm 	Service Span: 7 am to 10 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 22-min. frequency in morning 17-min. average frequency to 7 pm 30-min. frequency after 7 pm 	July 2015
42	Ballston / Pentagon	Service Span: 6 am to 11 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 17-min. peak period frequency 36-min. frequency midday; 35 min. at night 	Service Span: 6:30 am to 11 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Redirect service from Pentagon to Pentagon City Metro 33-min. frequency 	New Service: 7 am to 7 pm between Ballston and Pentagon City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 33-min. frequency 	January 2016
43	Crystal City / Courthouse	Service Span: 5:55 am to 9:40 am & 3:20 pm to 7:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 10-min. frequency 			July 2015

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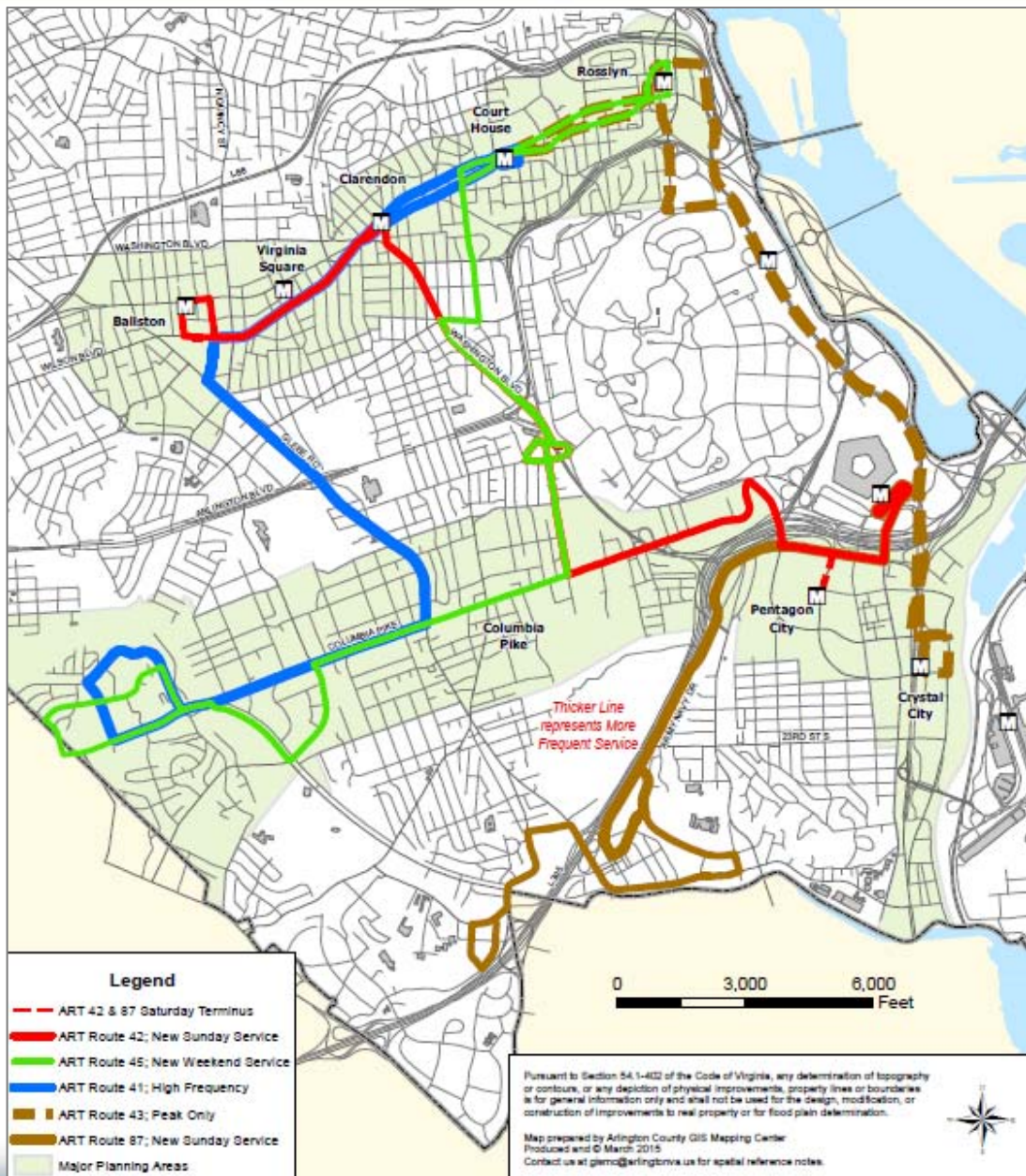
Route #	Route Name	Weekday	Saturday	Sunday	Start Date
45	Columbia Pike / Rosslyn	Service Span: 5:45 am to 11 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 22-min. peak period frequency • 30-min. midday frequency • 30-min. frequency after 7:30 pm 	New Service: 6 am to 11:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-min. frequency 	New Service: 7 am to 7:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-min. frequency 	January 2016
55	Rosslyn / East Falls Church Metro	New service replacing 3A Metrobus: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 15-min. frequency from 5 am to 8 pm • 30-min. frequency until 1 am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20-min. frequency from 6:15 am to 11:30 pm • 30-min. frequency until 1 am 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-min. frequency from 6:15 am to 12 am 	January 2016
87	Pentagon / Shirlington	Service Span: 5:50 am to 11:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10-min. frequency peak period between Arna Valley and Pentagon • 20-min. frequency peak period between Arna Valley and Shirlington • 30-min. frequency midday and night along entire route 	Service Span: 7 am to 11:30 pm <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Redirect service from Pentagon to Pentagon City Metro • 30-min. frequency 	New Service: 7 am to 7 pm between Shirlington and Pentagon City <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 30-min. frequency 	July 2015

ART Service Proposals

Proposed enhancements would improve ART service in:

- Columbia Pike
- Pentagon City
- Crystal City

And to destinations in the Rosslyn-Ballston corridor and Shirlington



Transit Development Plan (TDP)

- County will undertake major update of TDP this year to:
 - Re-examine transit needs and prioritize service and capital improvements
 - Develop ‘cost affordable’ 10-year plan for new services and supporting capital improvements
 - Ensure improvements are eligible for State funding
 - Inform next update of County’s Capital Improvement Plan (CIP)
- Submission to Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation required by spring 2016

TDP Development Process

- Development of the TDP will involve:
 - System-wide analysis of bus service (both ART and Metrobus routes in the County)
 - Detailed review of Columbia Pike and Crystal City-Pentagon City corridors
 - Coordination with other local and regional planning efforts
 - Community input throughout
- TDP will outline additional efforts needed to refine and implement transit strategies
 - After TDP is adopted, County will undertake detailed planning and engineering work to implement transit improvements

Critical Issues to Address

- Enhanced bus alternatives previously studied (in Columbia Pike AA/EA) were only concepts
 - Developed before adoption of Columbia Pike Neighborhoods Plan, before new developments approved in Pentagon City
- Supporting assumptions for these concepts need to be re-examined:
 - Lack of bus storage and maintenance facility space
 - Cost of WMATA service
 - Coordination with partner jurisdictions
 - *WMATA, Fairfax County, City of Alexandria*
 - Other supporting improvements
 - *Roadway*
 - *Bus provisions – Pentagon City & Crystal City*
 - *Off-vehicle fare provision*

TDP Community Input

Timeframe	Public Input Opportunity
Spring 2015	Survey for residents, riders on transit needs
Fall 2015	Public meetings on initial service and infrastructure recommendations
Spring 2016	County Board review and approval of service and infrastructure recommendations

County staff are providing community briefings about the TDP update and ways people can engage. A list of upcoming events is online:

Visit arlingtonva.us and search “transit development plan”

Questions?

