



NORTHERN VIRGINIA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

FY2026-2031 Six Year Program: Summary of Public Comments

I. Background

During their March 12, 2026, meeting, the Authority unanimously approved the Public Hearing Date and Public Comment Period for the FY2026-2031 Six Year Program (SYP). The top of the [press release](#) announcing the public comment period is shown in **Figure 1**. The public comment period began on April 2, 2026, and closed on May 17, 2026.

Figure 1 - Public Comment Press Release

4/2/26

The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Seeks Feedback on 27 Projects Submitted For FY2026-2031 Six Year Program Funding

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

VIENNA, VA, April 2, 2026 – The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) is inviting Northern Virginia residents to provide input on 27 projects under funding consideration as part of the FY2026–2031 Six Year Program (SYP).

Eight Northern Virginia jurisdictions submitted project applications requesting regional funding from NVTA. The \$1.265 billion funding request spans varying transportation modes including bus transit, rail, roadway enhancements, technology, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, and intersection/interchange improvements.

Project materials, including the full project list, detailed project description forms, maps and technical analyses, are available [online](#) →

The public is invited to provide feedback now through May 17, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. using any of the following options:

- **Online:** [Feedback Form](#) →
- **Phone:** (703) 947-7606
- **Mail:** NVTA's Offices: 2600 Park Tower Dr. Suite 601, Vienna, VA 22180
- **Public Hearing:** May 14, 2026 at 7:00 p.m. (virtual and in-person) at NVTA's offices, 2600 Park Tower Dr., Vienna, VA 22180 - Sixth Floor Boardroom. [Register](#) →

The Authority is expected to consider adoption of the FY2026-2031 Six Year Program during its July 9, 2026, Authority meeting. For updates and additional details, visit the [SYP webpage](#) →

All procedures and timelines are subject to change.

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The Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) is a regional transportation organization committed to planning, prioritizing and funding multimodal projects that reduce congestion and enhance connectivity. NVTA develops Northern Virginia's long-range transportation plan and invests in projects that improve mobility and provide travel options. NVTA has invested nearly \$5 billion toward advancing 380+ multimodal transportation projects across the region. Visit thenovaauthority.org to learn more.

Opportunities for members of the community to provide feedback on the candidate transportation projects included in the FY2026-2031 SYP were publicized prior to and throughout the public comment period through NVTA's website, social media platforms (X/Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn), newsletters, partner and jurisdictional flyer distribution, online advertisements, and digital and print displays at community centers. Many Authority members' transportation organizations, regional partners, elected officials and others helped amplify the information about NVTA's public comment period, reaching as many community members as possible. A social media campaign (**Figure 2**) ran for approximately seven weeks. A toolkit was developed and shared with NVTA partners, inclusive of

individualized project information per jurisdiction in addition to universal SYP content. Several NVTA partners shared social media posts to their own platforms, extending outreach past NVTA's social media audiences. Additionally, information about the public comment period and Public Hearing were advertised in the El Tiempo and Korea Times in accordance with statutory requirements (**Figure 3**). The public comment period was also promoted in Axios online (**Figure 4**) to Northern Virginia audiences at the start of public comment, delivering 78,354 impressions and 163 clicks, in addition to an online feature in the Northern Virginia magazine that ran for four weeks. This was one of the most intensely promoted SYP public comment opportunities to date. During the public engagement period, NVTA's outreach efforts generated more than 35,500 social media impressions and over 1,400 reactions across LinkedIn, Facebook and X.

Figure 2 – Social Media Campaign Graphics



Figure 3 – Korea Times & El Tiempo Advertisements

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**2026년 5월 14일,
FY2026-2031 6개년 계획을 위한 공청회**

NVTA는 FY2026-2031 6개년 계획(SYP)의 일환으로 북부 버지니아 지역의 교통 프로젝트 27개에 대한 지역 자금 지원을 위한 커뮤니티 의견을 요청하고 있습니다.

공개 청문회

내용: FY2026-2031 6개년 계획 공청회는 가상과 현장 참석을 모두 제공하는 하이브리드 방식으로 진행됩니다. 이 자리에서 NVTA는 27개의 제안된 교통 프로젝트에 대한 의견을 받을 예정입니다.

시간: 2026년 5월 14일 (목요일) 오후 7:00

장소: 2600 Park Tower Dr., Vienna, VA 22180

참여 방법: 가상 또는 현장에서 의견을 제시하려면 다음 방법 중 하나로 등록해야 합니다.
• 온라인: <https://tinyurl.com/vh8ber3e> – 등록 마감일: **2026년 5월 13일 오후 5:00**
• 전화: (703) 947-7606 – 등록 마감일: **2026년 5월 13일 오후 5:00**
• 현장 참여: NVTA 사무실에서 **2026년 5월 14일에 등록 (6.45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.)**
주소: 2600 Park Tower Dr., Vienna, VA 22180 (8층 회의실)

공청회는 등록된 모든 연설자가 의견을 제출할 때까지 계속됩니다.

공개 의견제출기간

내용: 제안된 프로젝트에 대한 정보를 확인하고 의견을 제출하려면 <https://tinyurl.com/39kju4tr>에서 자세한 내용을 확인하세요. 의견 제출 기간은 2026년 4월 15일부터 5월 17일 오후 11:59까지입니다. 온라인 자료에 접근할 수 없는 경우, NVTA에 (703) 947-7606 또는 theauthority@thenvtaauthority.org로 연락하여 도움을 요청할 수 있습니다.

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Autoridad de Transporte del Norte de Virginia (NVTA)

**Audiencia Pública del 14 de mayo de 2026
para el Programa de Seis Años**

Como parte del Programa de Seis Años (SYP) AF2026-2031 de NVTA, NVTA está solicitando comentarios de la comunidad sobre 27 proyectos de transporte propuestos presentados por las jurisdicciones del Norte de Virginia para financiamiento regional.

AUDIENCIA PÚBLICA

QUÉ: La Audiencia Pública del SYP AF2026-2031 se llevará a cabo en formato híbrido ofreciendo oportunidades tanto virtuales como presenciales para proporcionar comentarios a NVTA sobre 27 proyectos de transporte propuestos.

CUÁNDO: Jueves, 14 de mayo de 2026 a las 7:00 p.m.

DÓNDE: 2600 Park Tower Dr., Vienna, VA 22180

CÓMO: Regístrese para hablar virtualmente o en persona de una de las siguientes tres maneras:

- En línea: <https://tinyurl.com/vh8ber3e>
- Fecha límite de registro: 13 de mayo de 2026 a las 5:00 p.m.
- Teléfono: (703) 947-7606
- Fecha límite de registro: 13 de mayo de 2026 a las 5:00 p.m.
- En persona: Oficina de NVTA el 14 de mayo de 2026, Registro de 6:45 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.: 2600 Park Tower Dr., Vienna, VA 22180 (sala de juntas del sexto piso)

La Audiencia Pública concluirá una vez que se haya proporcionado a todos los oradores registrados la oportunidad de presentar.

Periodo de Comentarios Públicos

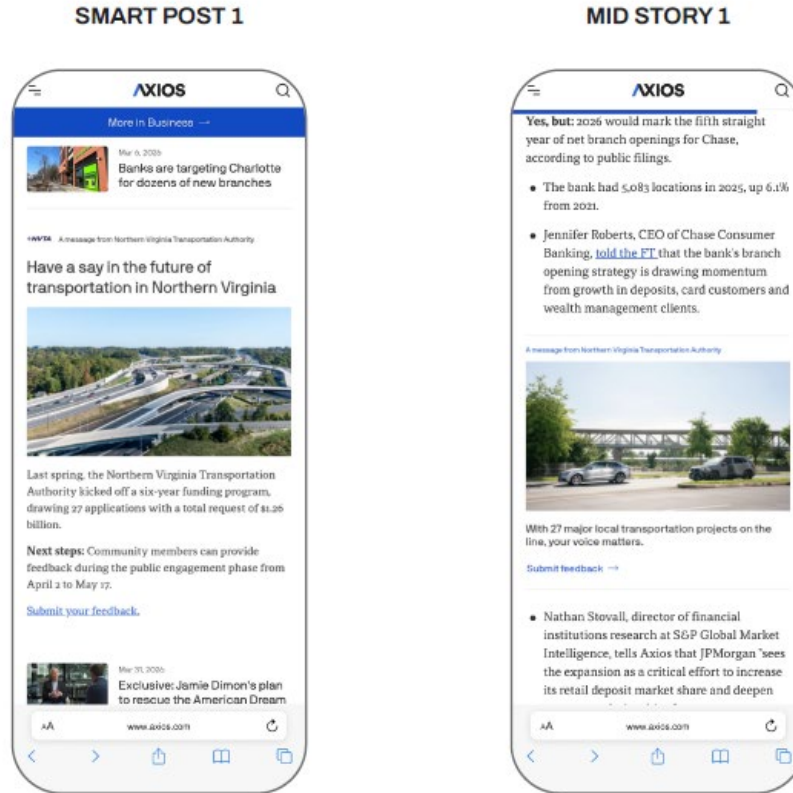
QUÉ: Por favor visite <https://tinyurl.com/39kju4tr> para obtener detalles sobre cómo revisar los proyectos bajo consideración y proporcionar comentarios del 2 de abril al 17 de mayo de 2026 a las 11:59 p.m. Si no puede acceder a los materiales en línea, comuníquese con NVTA al (703) 947-7606 o a theauthority@thenvtaauthority.org para obtener asistencia.

La Autoridad de Transporte del Norte de Virginia se compromete a garantizar que no se excluya a ninguna persona de la participación en sus servicios si se le requieren los beneficios de los mismos por motivos de raza, color o nacionalidad. La audiencia pública se llevará a cabo en una instalación pública que se considere accesible para personas con discapacidades. Si precisa más información sobre la accesibilidad de las instalaciones o asistencia especial para personas con discapacidad o con un dominio limitado del inglés, póngase en contacto con la NVTA llamando al (703) 947-7606 o a través de theauthority@thenvtaauthority.org. Todas las solicitudes de adaptaciones razonables, o de servicios de interpretación para personas sordas, deberán realizarse a través de la NVTA llamando al (703) 947-7606, o a través de Virginia Relay marcando el 7-1-1 antes del 15 de mayo de 2026 a las 5:00 p.m.

Figure 4 – Axios and Northern Virginia Magazine Advertisements

Axios.com

📍 Geo: Northern VA (excluding DC & Maryland) 📅 Dates: 4/6 – 4/12



In keeping with normal practice, citizens were able to provide comments through an online feedback form by phone, by regular mail, and in-person or virtually during the SYP Public Hearing held on May 14, 2026. NVTA staff livestreamed the Public Hearing via YouTube.

All SYP materials including the application summary, evaluation summaries, candidate project location map, and individual project description forms were available on NVTA's website during the public comment period at: <https://thenovaauthority.org/fy2026-2031/>. The following materials were made available for public comment:

- [FY2026-2031 SYP Candidate Projects List](#)
- [FY2026-2031 SYP Candidate Projects Map](#)
- [FY2026-2031 SYP Candidate Projects: Quantitative and Qualitative Evaluations](#)

- [FY2026-2031 SYP Candidate Projects: Congestion Reduction Relative to Cost \(CRRC\) Ratings](#)
- [FY2026-2031 SYP Candidate Projects: TransAction Ratings](#)
- [Project description forms for all candidate projects](#)

II. Total Responses Received

During the Public Hearing, 20 speakers provided testimony. However, most responses were submitted through the online feedback form. A total of 245 individuals submitted comments via the feedback form on the website and an additional seven (7) through USPS mail.

Testimony and responses submitted prior to the May 17, 2026, deadline were combined into a single database. Duplicate responses from the same individual were combined. Consultant staff reviewed and categorized responses, and converted responses into project-specific comments, including whether they expressed support, opposition, were vague, or were not project-specific.

Collectively, these responses from 267 individuals and organizations represent 702 comments in the database. Some responses addressed multiple projects.

Table 1: Comment Channels

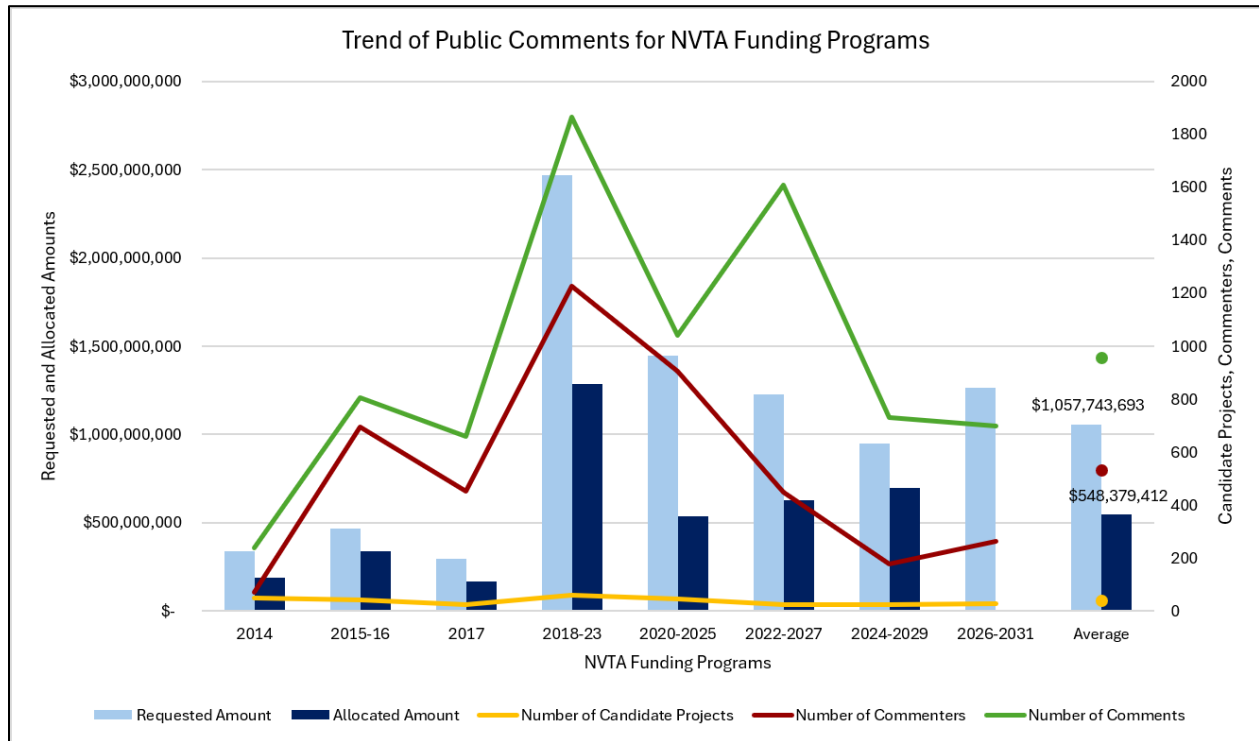
| | Individuals responding | Projects mentioned |
|------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Mail | 7 | 7 |
| In-Person | 20 | 57 |
| Website | 245 | 638 |
| Total: | 267* | 702 |

**Note: Five of the speakers at the public hearing provided written comments as well.*

Full set of comments is posted on the FY2026-2031 SYP webpage <https://www.thenovaauthority.org/funding/funding-projects/fy2026-2031-six-year-program>

Figure 5 below shows a summary of trends in public comments received from NVTA’s first funding program (FY2014 Program) to the current program. This shows that participation peaked during the inaugural Six Year Program (FY2018-2023 SYP) and remained steady for the last two programs.

Figure 5 – Trend in Public Comments



III. Overview of Comments

Table 1 provides a summary of the 702 comments for individual candidate projects, including the method of submitting comments. Comments more often voiced support for a specific project (84% of all comments received) rather than opposition (11%). The remaining 5% comments were general in nature or vaguely worded. **Table 2** and **Figure 6** show how comments fell across different projects.

All projects received comments. The project with the least number of comments received four (4) comments and the project with the most comments received seventy two (72) comments. The average number of comments across all projects is 26.

Twenty citizens provided in person testimony at the Public Hearing held on May 14, 2026. Three were public officials from the Town of Hamilton and the fourth a member of the Prince William County Board of Supervisors. Three speakers represented an advocacy organization – the Coalition for Smarter Growth, Active Prince William and the Northern Virginia Transportation Alliance. The remaining speakers were residents.

Most comments were overwhelmingly in support of projects. For instance, CFC-012 (Haycock Rd. Shared Use Path), which received the most comments (72), received 70

comments in support and two (2) were vaguely worded. Of the projects with the second most comments (54), CFC-013 (Annandale Rd. Multimodal Improvements) received all supportive comments while ARL-036 (Custis Trail Widening & Modernization) received forty six supportive comments and six (6) comments in opposition.

Many projects were discussed by the commenters including the support for all project elements that improve safety, improve active transportation, and invest in transit. Support for intersection improvements that increase safety and reduce the potential for crashes was stressed. Particular attention was given in support of projects with transit elements or that were transit supportive. Opposition, in general, focused on road expansion projects.

The ARL-031 (Next Generation Bus Rider Info) project was mentioned in 21 comments, with 13 in support, three (3) in opposition, and five (5) that were general or vague. Many of these general comments emphasized that while new forms of digital information for transit service at stops could be helpful, they stressed that it should supplement traditional print information (like maps and timetables) rather than replace it.

Projects that enhanced the active transportation network in Arlington County received a significant volume of comments. The ARL-026 (S. George Mason Dr. Multimodal Improvements: Columbia Pike–S. Dinwiddie St.) project received 37 total comments, of which 34 were in support, and the ARL-037 project (Eads St Multimodal Improvements: 15th-23rd St. S) received 38 comments, of which 35 were in support. Supporters for both projects cited the unsatisfactory biking conditions on these corridors today and welcomed the projects from both a safety and network connectivity point of view.

The LDN-041 (Colonial Hwy Pedestrian Safety Improvements) project generated significant comments, with 37 of the 38 comments received expressing support for the project. Respondents were in favor of the project citing safety improvements for pedestrians, speeding traffic and need for beautification. This was also the most mentioned project during the in-person public meeting, with 10 participants mentioning it (all in support).

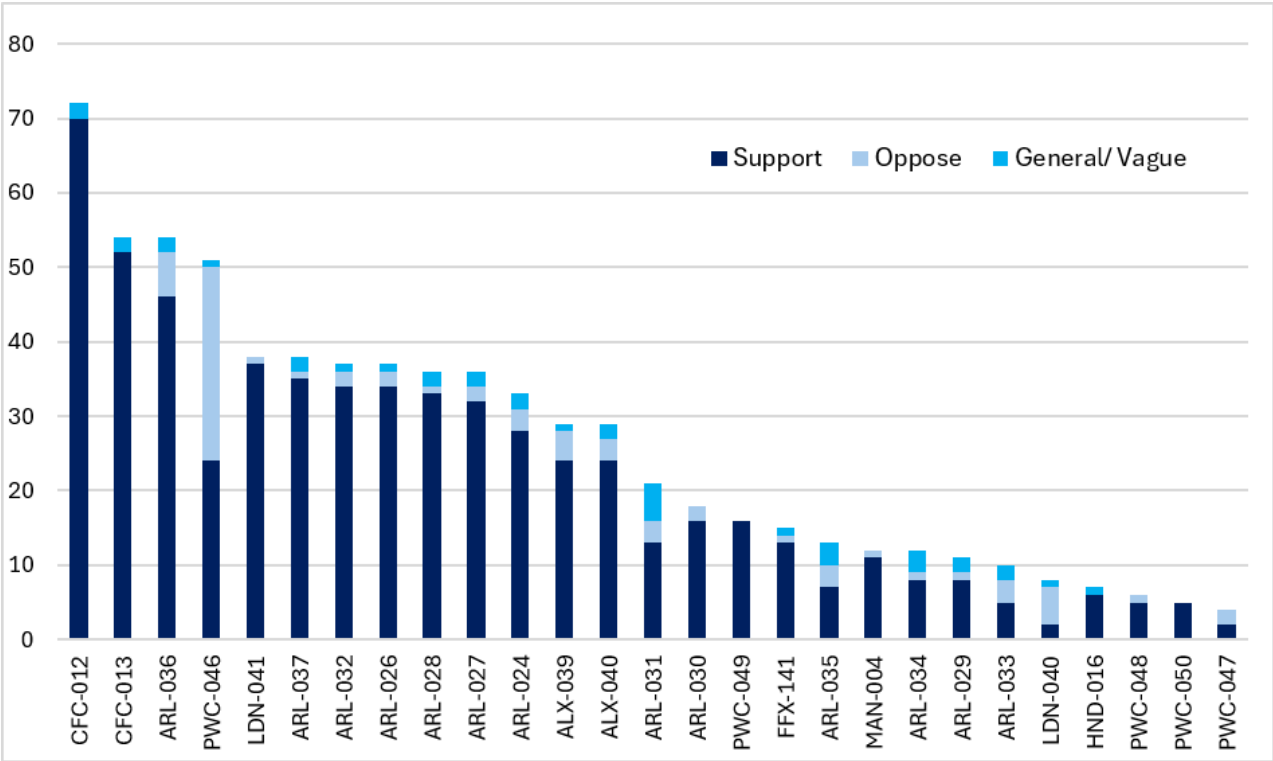
Three projects that received most opposing comments were PWC-046 (Van Buren Rd. N. Extension: Route 234–Cardinal Dr.), LDN-040 (Route 50 N. Collector Rd: Tall Cedars Pkwy–Route 28) and ARL-036 (Custis Trail Widening & Modernization. PWC-046 received 24 comments in support including representative member of the County Board of Supervisors who noted the roadway will reduce congestion in the area, improve safety, and improve bike and pedestrian connections, and 26 comments in opposition. LDN-040 received two comments in support and five comments in opposition. ARL-036 received 46 comments in support and six comments in opposition. Note that the opposition is not overwhelmingly high.

Table 2: Project and comment overview

| Application ID | Jurisdiction / Agency | Project | Total | Support | Oppose | Other/ Vague |
|----------------|-----------------------|---|-------|---------|--------|--------------|
| ARL-024 | Arlington County | Arlington Memorial Trail: Memorial Ave.–Columbia Pike | 33 | 28 | 3 | 2 |
| ARL-026 | Arlington County | S. George Mason Dr. Multimodal Improvements: Columbia Pike–S. Dinwiddie St. | 37 | 34 | 2 | 1 |
| ARL-027 | Arlington County | S. George Mason Dr. & S. Four Mile Run Dr. Intersection | 36 | 32 | 2 | 2 |
| ARL-028 | Arlington County | N. Glebe Rd. I-66 WB Off-Ramp Intersection | 36 | 33 | 1 | 2 |
| ARL-029 | Arlington County | S. Glebe Rd. & W. Glebe Rd. Intersection | 11 | 8 | 1 | 2 |
| ARL-030 | Arlington County | Court House Metro Station Access Improvements | 18 | 16 | 2 | 0 |
| ARL-031 | Arlington County | Next Generation Bus Rider Info | 21 | 13 | 3 | 5 |
| ARL-032 | Arlington County | Arlington Blvd Trail (North Side): N. Granada St.–N. Jackson St. | 37 | 34 | 2 | 1 |
| ARL-033 | Arlington County | S. Glebe Rd & 7th St. S Intersection | 10 | 5 | 3 | 2 |
| ARL-034 | Arlington County | N. Glebe Rd. at Quincy St. / Henderson Rd. Intersection | 12 | 8 | 1 | 3 |
| ARL-035 | Arlington County | Performance Parking Initiative (Phases 2–3) | 13 | 7 | 3 | 3 |
| ARL-036 | Arlington County | Custis Trail Widening & Modernization | 54 | 46 | 6 | 2 |
| ARL-037 | Arlington County | Eads St. Multimodal Improvements: 15th–23rd St. S | 38 | 35 | 1 | 2 |
| FFX-141 | Fairfax County | Richmond Hwy BRT (Phases I & II) | 15 | 13 | 1 | 1 |
| LDN-040 | Loudoun County | Route 50 N. Collector Rd: Tall Cedars Pkwy–Route 28 | 8 | 2 | 5 | 1 |
| LDN-041 | Loudoun County | Colonial Hwy Pedestrian Safety Improvements | 38 | 37 | 1 | 0 |
| PWC-046 | Prince William County | Van Buren Rd. N. Extension: Route 234–Cardinal Dr. | 51 | 24 | 26 | 1 |
| PWC-047 | Prince William County | Old Bridge Blvd. / Gordon Blvd. Intersection | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| PWC-048 | Prince William County | Route 15 Railroad Overpass | 6 | 5 | 1 | 0 |
| PWC-049 | Prince William County | Route 234 Trail at Innovation Park | 16 | 16 | 0 | 0 |

| Application ID | Jurisdiction / Agency | Project | Total | Support | Oppose | Other/Vague |
|------------------------|-----------------------|--|------------|------------|-----------|-------------|
| PWC-050 | Prince William County | Dale City Transit Priority | 5 | 5 | 0 | 0 |
| ALX-039 | City of Alexandria | Eisenhower Ave. / S. Van Dorn St. Corridor Improvements | 29 | 24 | 4 | 1 |
| ALX-040 | City of Alexandria | Duke St. Transitway Phase 2: Van Dorn St. & Duke St. Interchange | 29 | 24 | 3 | 2 |
| CFC-012 | City of Falls Church | Haycock Rd. Shared Use Path | 72 | 70 | 0 | 2 |
| CFC-013 | City of Falls Church | Annandale Rd. Multimodal Improvements | 54 | 52 | 0 | 2 |
| MAN-004 | City of Manassas | Manassas VRE Rail-with-Trail: Downtown Manassas–Bull Run Trail (Phase 1) | 12 | 11 | 1 | 0 |
| HND-016 | Town of Herndon | S. Elden St. Corridor Improvements | 7 | 6 | 0 | 1 |
| Total Comments: | | | 702 | 590 | 74 | 38 |

Figure 6: Project Support and Opposition



Several comments received had similar language. These submittals often expressed support for transit and multimodal projects that encourage walking and cycling and provide

additional, more reliable transit options. They also opposed all roadway expansion projects. Examples of these comments are listed below.

The following example mentions support for all Arlington and Alexandria projects. It was submitted 27 times from the same two Arlington ZIP Codes (22203 and 22204). There are approximately 35 to 40 ZIP codes serving these two jurisdictions. Many comments were similar to this one in that they pertained to several projects.

"ARL-026,ARL-0208,ARL-032,ARL-036, and ARL-037 are the most deserving regional projects submitted by Arlington County. They would improve mode-shift away from single-occupancy vehicles, improve regional connectivity, improve safety, and are critical to meeting our climate and mobility goals.

ALX-039 is a worthy project that would improve regional bike connectivity.

ALX-040 is an important transit project would make meaningful improvements to regional transit coverage, travel times, and reliability."

The following example mentions two projects (CFC-012 and CFC-013), but it was submitted 14 times from 4 different ZIP Codes throughout Northern Virginia.

"CFC-012: I support this project. This is a critical link to complete the path from the W&OD trail to the West Falls Church Metro, new West Falls homes/businesses, and Falls Church Secondary School Campus. It would be a transformative element for bike/ped connectivity in this urbanizing area and creates a real alternative to driving and will help reduce congestion.

CFC-013: I support this project. This area of Annandale Road is one of the most hostile places to cyclists and pedestrians in the City of Falls Church. For many Oak Street Elementary students, the bike route to school crosses these scary intersections. This project would stitch together walkability and bikeability of the City and future connections of Fairfax County plans on Route 29, Annandale Road, and Seven Corners."

Comments such as "I urge the Authority to prioritize these cost effective, high impact multimodal investments over highway expansion that primarily benefits single occupancy vehicles" opposed all road projects.

Moreover, many respondents addressed the need to include additional features, or alternative features, as part of the project scope on which they were commenting. These comments are shared with project sponsors who are encouraged to evaluate the public comments and consider them during project development and/or design.

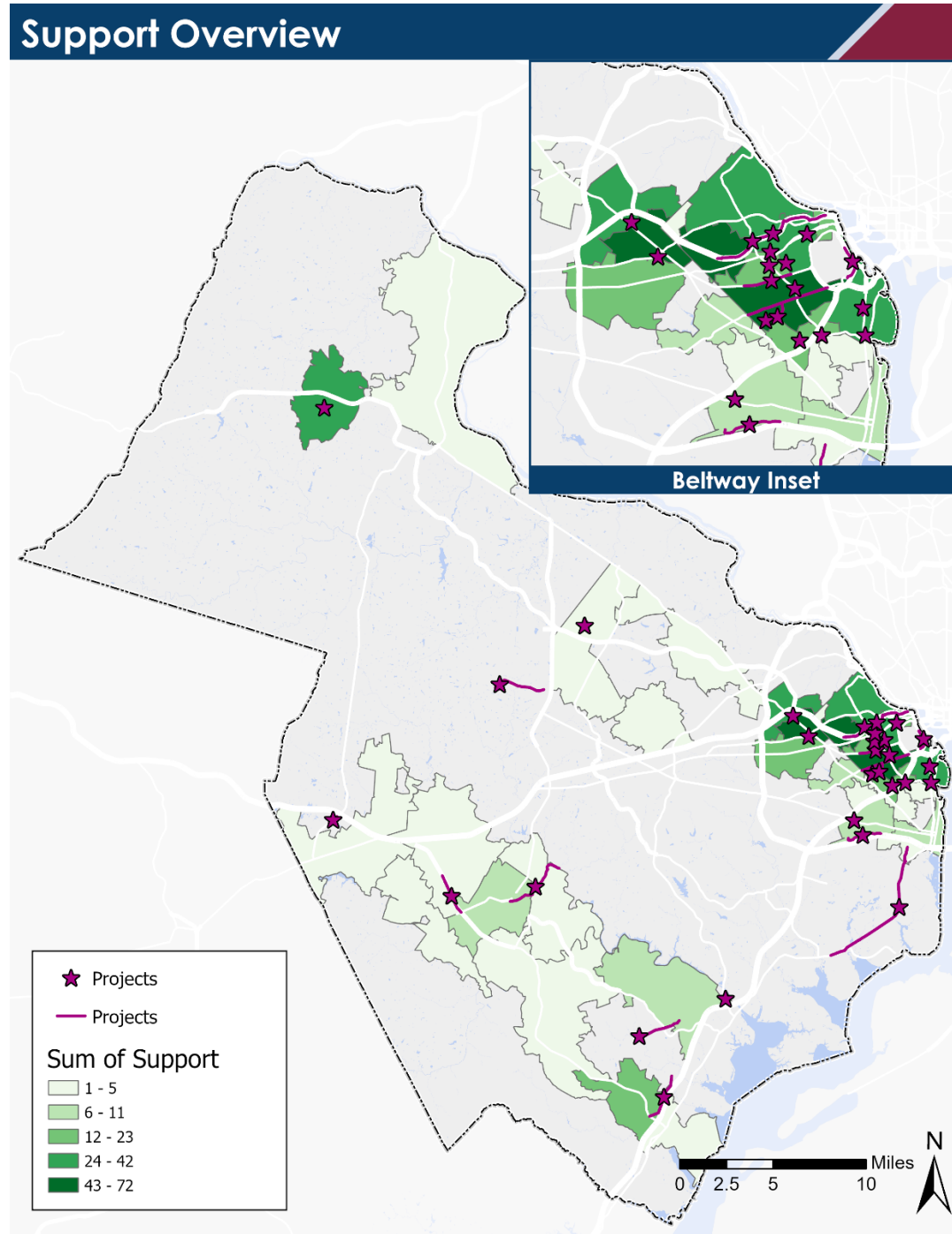
IV. Spatial Distribution of Comments for Selected Projects

Comments were received from 40 ZIP Codes. There are approximately 140 ZIP codes serving Northern Virginia. **Figure 6** and **Figure 7** show the total comments by ZIP Code expressing

support or opposition for any project, respectively. Comments were not received from all Northern Virginia ZIP Codes, such as the lack of responses from western Loudoun County and southern Fairfax County. Comments are concentrated in more urbanized areas such as Arlington, Falls Church, Fairfax, and Alexandria from where a large number of applications were submitted.

Supportive comments were most concentrated in Arlington and Alexandria, and lower concentrations in Northern Fairfax County and across Prince William County.

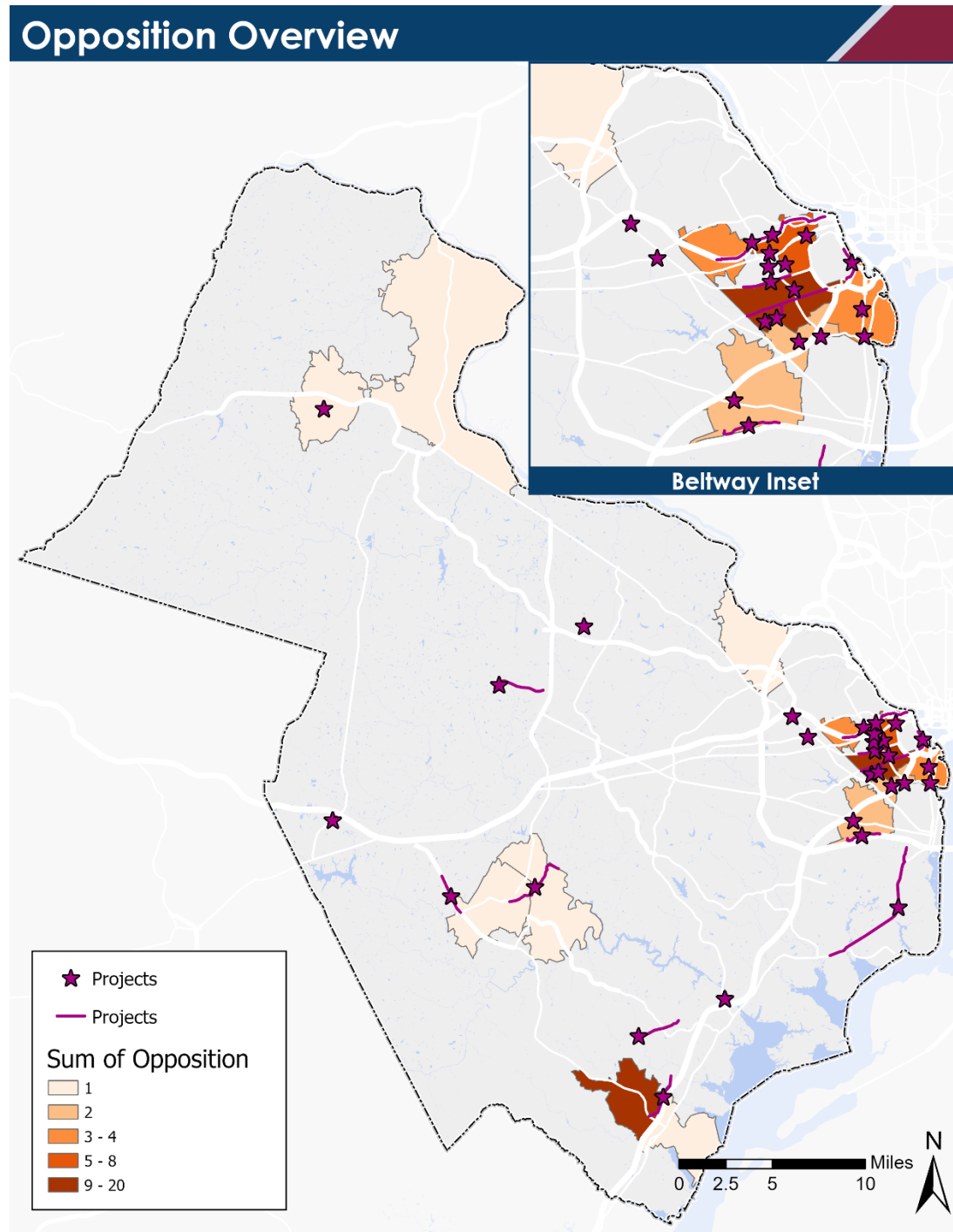
Figure 6: Support Comments by ZIP Code*



*Note: Map includes responses submitted from Northern Virginia only.

Opposing comments were especially concentrated in Arlington and Dale City. Opposition in Dale City was primarily regarding the Van Buren Road Extension (PWC-046) while opposition in Arlington County was more widespread across multiple projects.

Figure 7. Opposing Comments by ZIP Code*



*Note: Map includes responses submitted from Northern Virginia only.

The three projects that received most support were CFC-012 (Haycock Rd. Shared Use Path), CFC-013 (Annandale Rd. Multimodal Improvements) and ARL-036 (Custis Trail Widening & Modernization). The support for these projects from Northern Virginia ZIP Codes are indicated below in **Figure 8**, **Figure 9**, and **Figure 10**.

Figure 8. CFC-012 — Haycock Road Shared Use Path

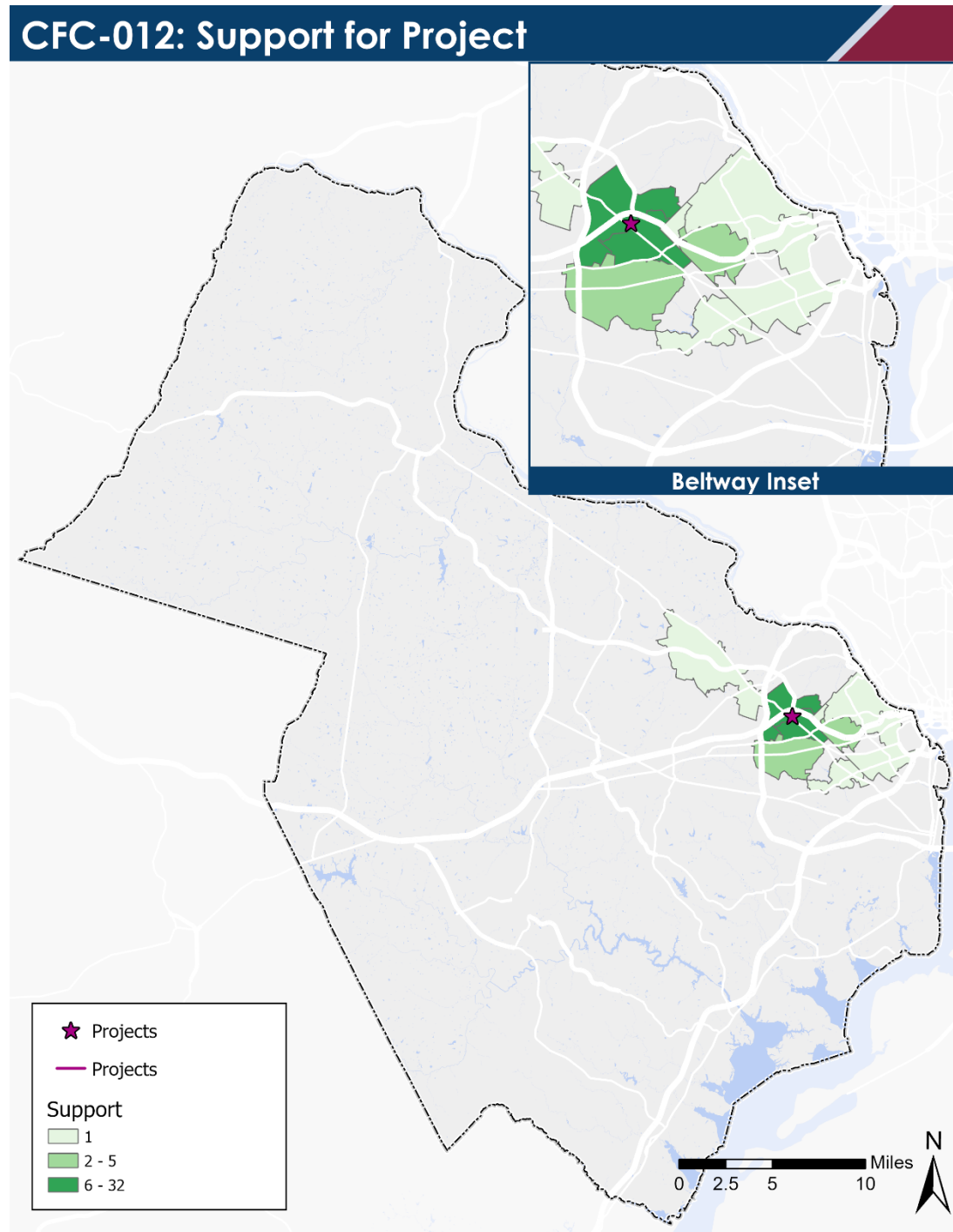


Figure 9. CFC-013— Annandale Road Multimodal Improvements

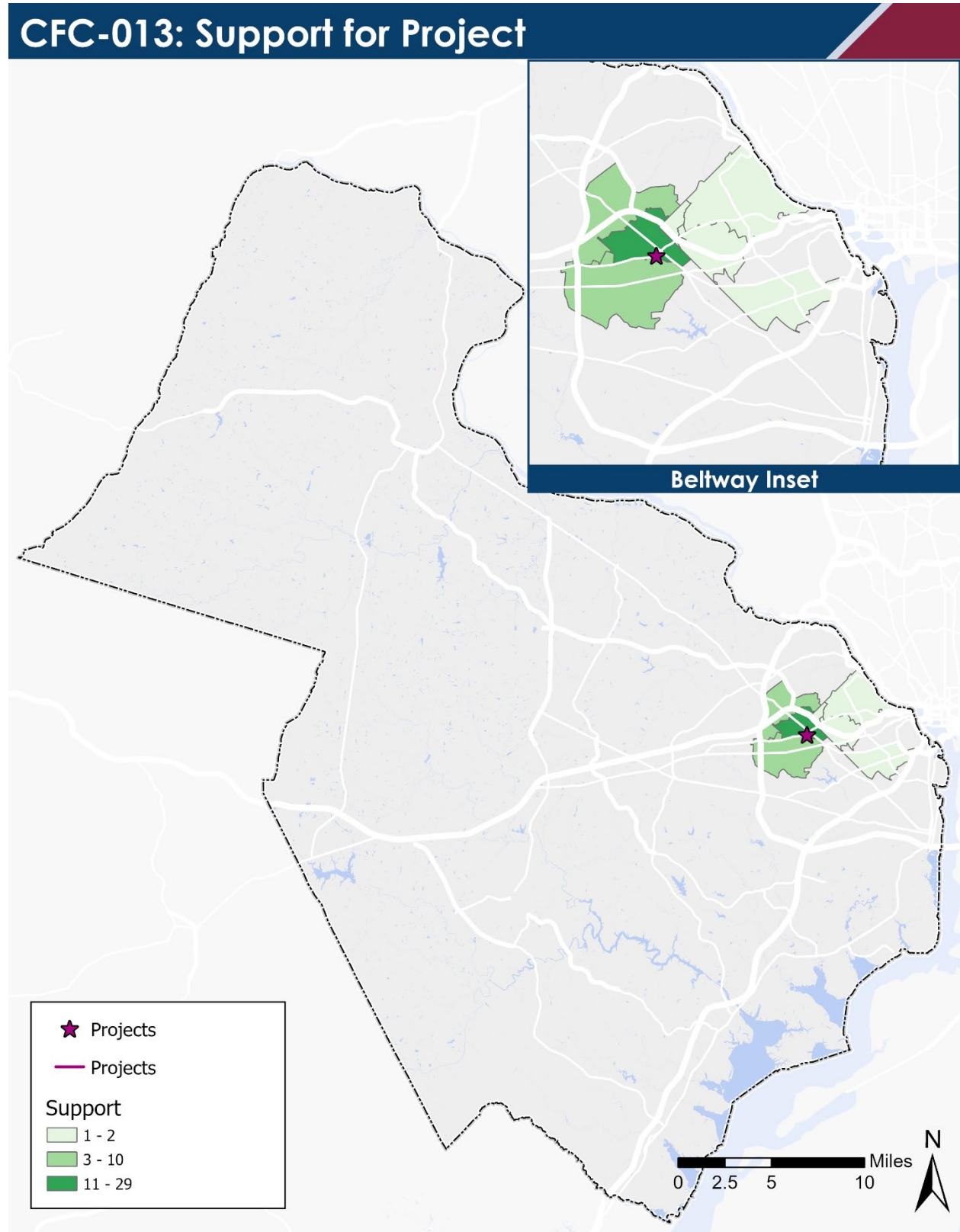
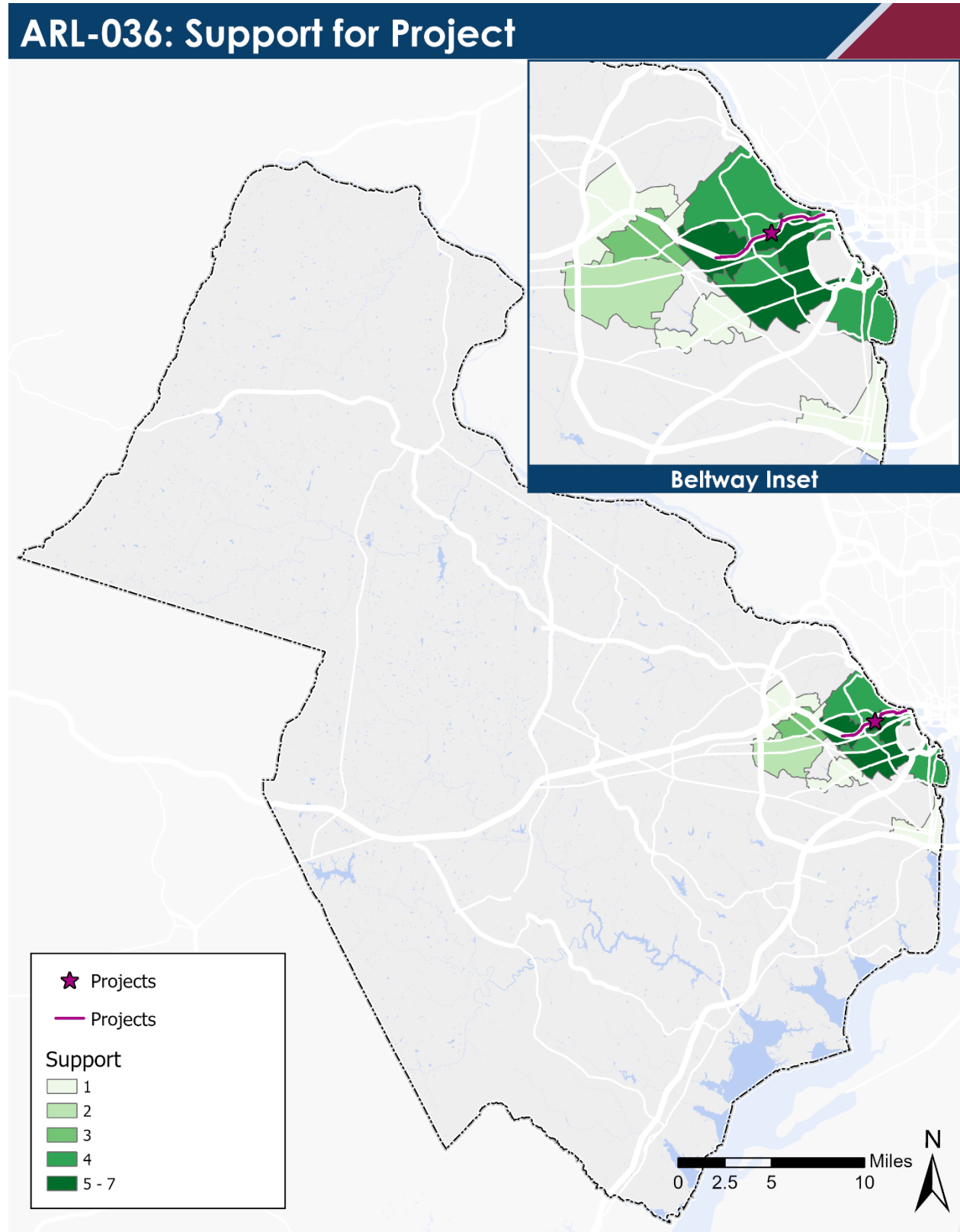


Figure 10. ARL-036— Custis Trail Widening & Modernization (Support)



The three projects with the most comments in opposition were PWC-046 (Van Buren Rd. N. Extension: Route 234–Cardinal Dr.), ARL-036 (Custis Trail Widening & Modernization), and LDN-040 (Route 50 N. Collector Rd: Tall Cedars Pkwy–Route 28) with 26, 6, and 5 comments in opposition, respectively. The opposition for these projects from Northern Virginia ZIP Codes are indicated below in **Figure 11**, **Figure 12**, and **Figure 13**.

Figure 11 – PWC-046: Van Buren Road N. Extension: Route 234–Cardinal Dr.

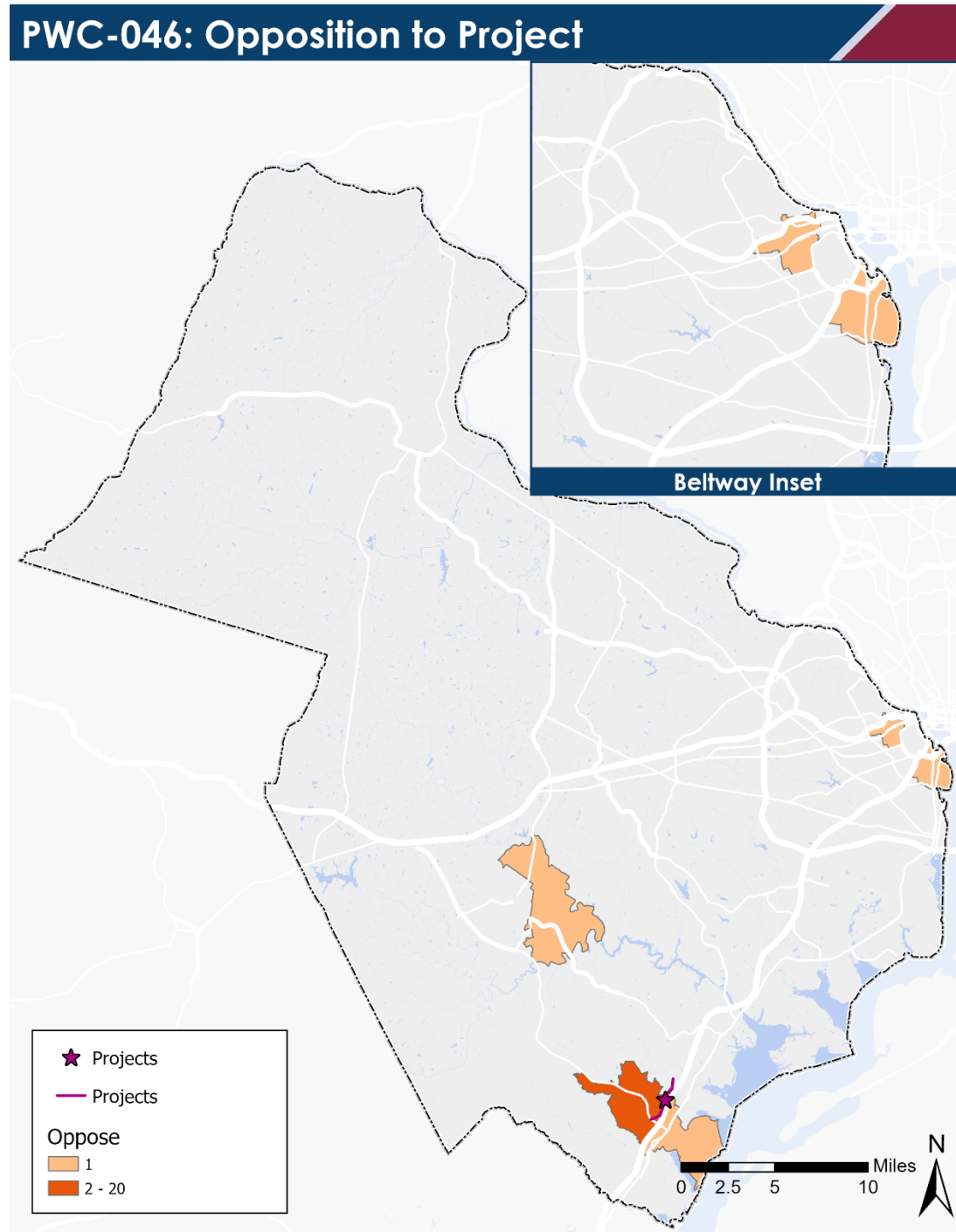


Figure 12 – ARL-036: Custis Trail Widening & Modernization (Opposition)

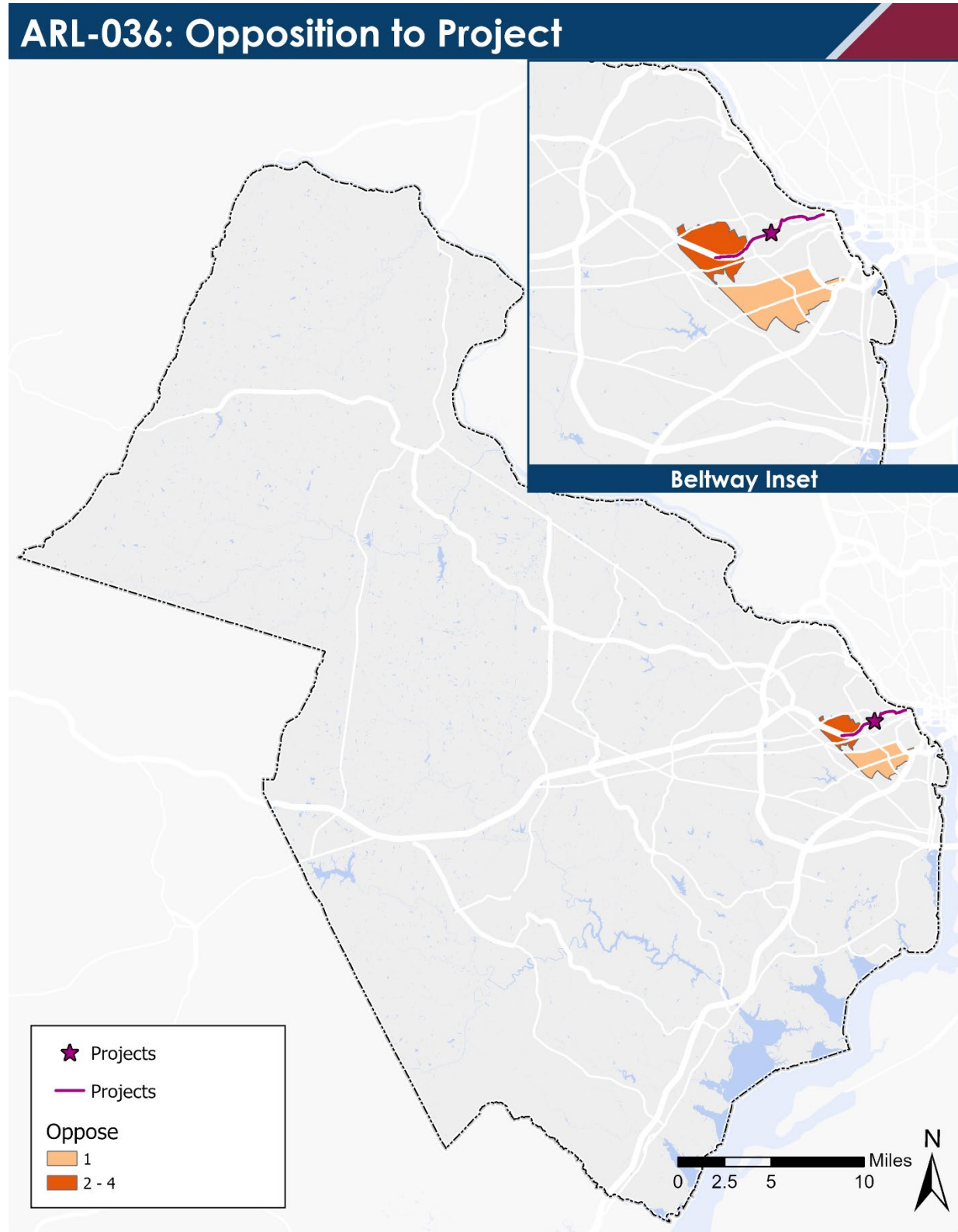


Figure 13 – LDN-040: Route 50 N. Collector Road: Tall Cedars Pkwy–Route 28

