

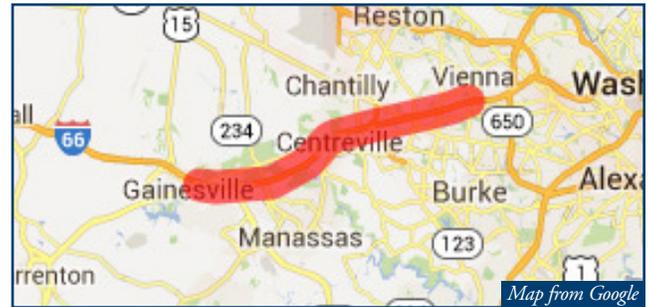


Project Description Form — 8B

Basic Project Information

- 1. **Submitting Agency:**
Potomac and Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC)
- 2. **Project Title:** PRTC New Gainesville Service Bus
- 3. **Project Type:**
 Roadway Multimodal Transit
- 4. **Project Description/Scope:** The funding requested will be used to acquire one (1) 45-ft. commuter bus to provide for the new PRTC Gainesville Service that will begin in the Fall of 2013. With the restructuring of two commuter routes (Linton Hall and Manassas OmniRide), PRTC had a net savings of 3 buses, but the Gainesville service needs four buses hence the request for one bus.

The ART 42 Ballston-Pentagon Route would be extended to serve Pentagon City and Crystal City during peak periods. Two additional buses would be assigned to this route.
- 5. **Route (if applicable)/Corridor:**
Interstate 66 / Corridor 8
- 6. **Total Project Cost:** \$580,000
- 7. **Total Funds Required:** \$580,000
- 8. **Phase/s of Project Covered by Funding:** The new Gainesville Service is the second phase of PRTC's restructuring plan for OmniRide service in western Prince William County. Implementation of Phase II is planned for Fall of 2013 (FY 2014).



- 9. **Project Milestones (by phase, include all phases):** The implementation of this new route is one phase of a plan to restructure PRTC's OmniRide service in western Prince William County. The first phase will be implemented in July of 2013 and consists of rerouting the OmniRide Linton Hall Metro Direct route to serve the soon to open Cushing Road Commuter Lot. The second phase will be implemented in fall of 2013 and consists of the implementation of the above mentioned Gainesville service. The schedule for this service will be finalized July 31, 2013. The third phase will coincide with the opening of Metro's Silver Line and will consist of shifting service on OmniRide Linton Hall and Manassas Metro Direct routes to serve the Tyson's Corner Metrorail Station.
- 10. **In TransAction 2040 plan?**
 Yes No
- 11. **In CLRP, TIP or Air Quality Neutral?**
Yes, CLRP. Yes, TIP ID# T158
- 12. **Leverages Sources:**
 Local State Federal
 Other (please explain)

PROJECT ANALYSIS			
Tier I <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Pass <input type="checkbox"/> Fail	Tier III Congestion Reduction Relative to Cost:		
Tier II 7 out of 8 points	Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> CLRP <input type="checkbox"/> TA2040 only	Rating <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High <input type="checkbox"/> Med <input type="checkbox"/> Low	

Stated Benefits

- 1. What regional benefit/s does this project offer?** The new Gainesville Service Bus will reduce the number of single occupancy vehicle (SOV) traffic in Prince William County, Fairfax County, Arlington, Alexandria and the District of Columbia by providing direct service from the Haymarket/ Gainesville area. Residents who used to drive to Manassas to ride transit will be able to leave their cars closer to home and receive faster service to points north and the District of Columbia without the need to transfer from the bus to metrorail stations in order to get to their destinations.
- 2. How does the project reduce congestion?** This project reduces congestion by reducing the number of vehicles on the road. Currently, riders west of Manassas must either drive to Manassas to catch a bus serving Washington, D.C. directly or take the Linton Hall Metro Direct bus route to West Falls Church and transfer to Metrorail. Once the new service starts, riders will have a direct commuter bus service between the Gainesville area and Washington, DC. Also, this service provides a new alternative for those who do not take transit and are currently driving alone.
- 3. How does the project increase capacity?** (*Mass transit projects only*) The commuter bus being acquired will have 57 seats and will go to support the new Gainesville service that will create the increased capacity of 456 daily passenger trips.
- 4. How does the project improve auto and pedestrian safety?** This project improves safety by decreasing the number of SOV trips.
- 5. List internet address/link to any additional information or documentation in support of project benefits.** (*Optional*) N/A
- 6. Project Picture/Illustratives**



Picture of MCI 45-ft commuter bus similar to the bus that will be used to support new Gainesville service