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Brian Lubkeman

MANASSAS PARK GOVERNING BODY
Agenda Tuesday, October 20, 2026 7:00 PM
City Hall Board Meeting Room Second Floor

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3	Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance	
4	Public Comment Time	
5	Public Hearing: Rezoning RZ#2026-01 Rezoning Request 8503-8505 Euclid Avenue 24-A-D: Applicant RST Development, LLC: Continued from September 15, 2026, to November 4, 2026	
6	Recognition: None	
7	Presentations:	
7a	Crime Statistics update - Downtown focus: Chief Mario Lugo	02-07
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CITY OF MANASSAS PARK – GOVERNING BODY AGENDA STAFF REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

AGENDA ITEM CONTROL NUMBER: 2026-0132 **MEETING DATE:** 10/20/2026

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Police Department AGENDA ITEM 7A

PRESENTER(S): Mario Lugo, Chief of Police

SUBJECT/TOPIC: FY2027 1st Quarter Crime Statistics

PREVIOUS MEETINGS/RESULT: N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Budgeted:	YES		NO		N/A	X
Amount Budgeted:						
Amount Spent:						
Amount Requested:						
Budget Line Item:						

POLICY JUSTIFICATION:
Administrative.

BACKGROUND:
To provide the Governing Body with an overview of FY2027 1st-quarter crime statistics. The presentation and review will include comparisons with prior periods and identification of crime trends.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:
Presentation only.

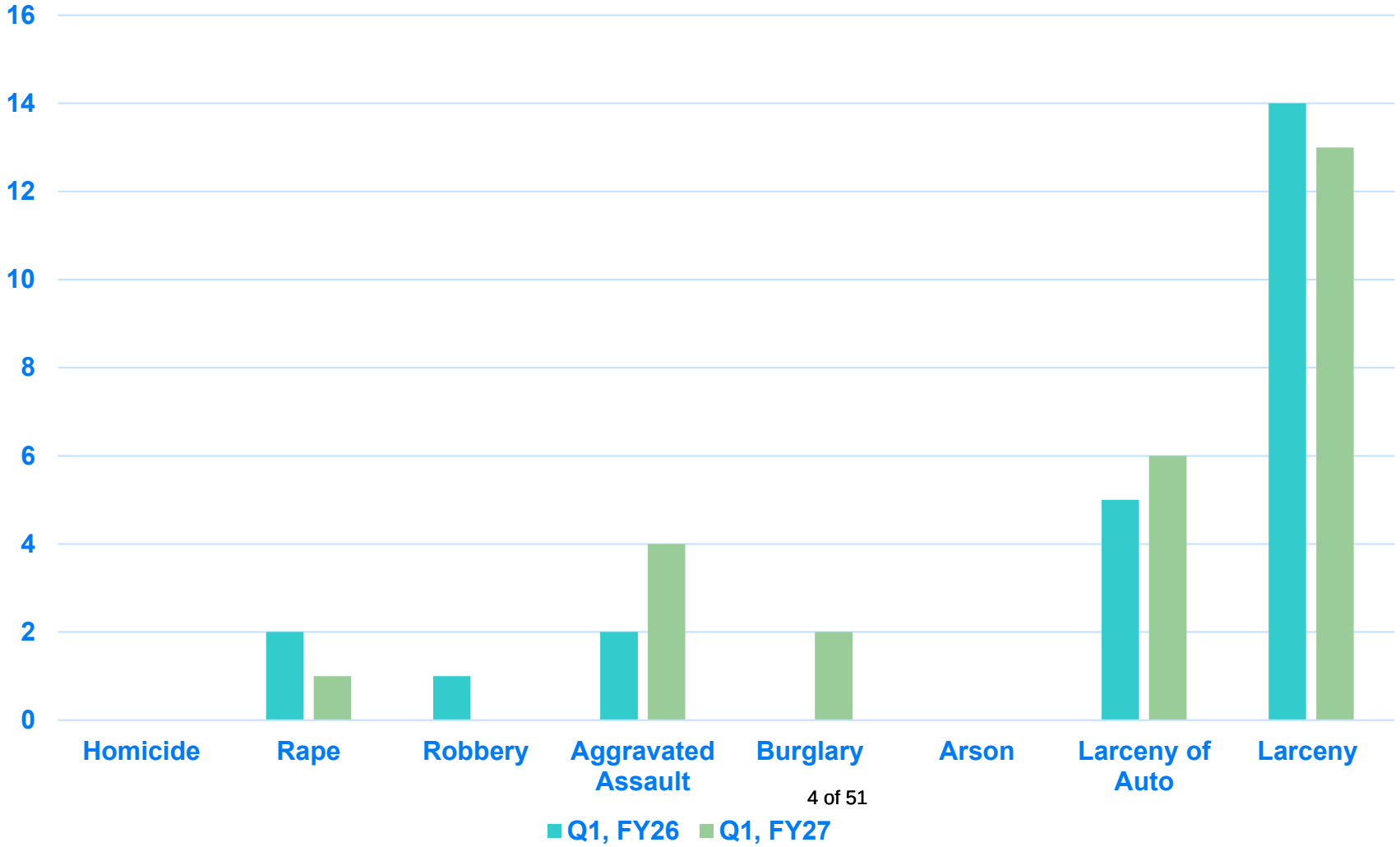
REQUEST APPROVAL FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA?

ATTACHMENT(S):
1) Presentation

Manassas Park Police Department
(Q1)FY26 vs (Q1)FY27 Comparison

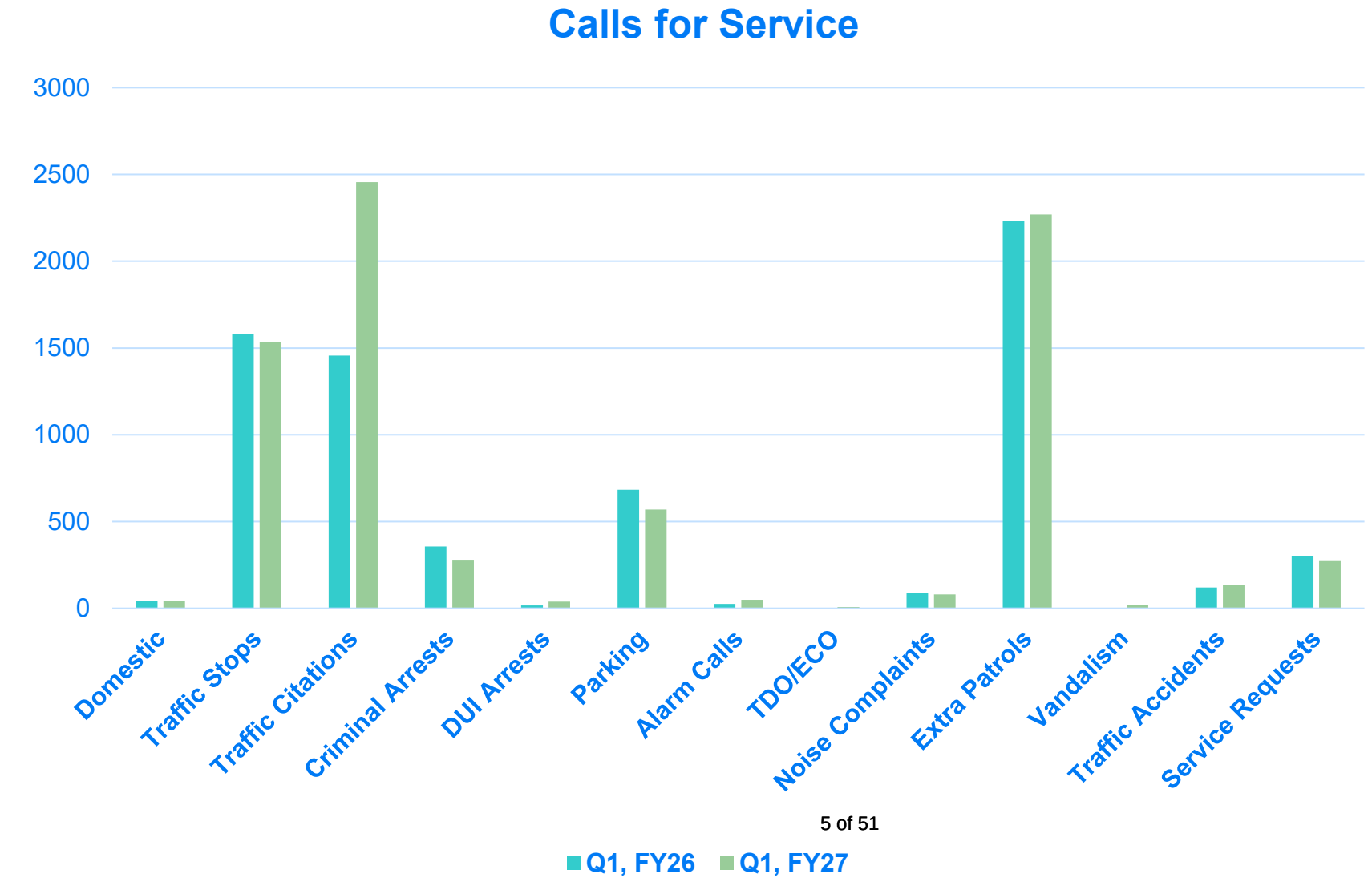
Police Operations Stats
(Q1)FY26 / (Q1)FY27, Comparison

Part 1 Crimes



PART 1 CRIMES	Q1, FY26	Q1, FY27
HOMICIDE	0	0
RAPE	2	1
ROBBERY	1	0
AGGRAVATED ASSAULT	2	4
BURGLARY	0	2
ARSON	0	0
LARCENY OF AUTO	5	6
LARCENY	**14**	**13**
PART 1 CRIME TOTAL	**24**	**26**

Police Operations Stats
(Q1)FY26 / (Q1)FY27, Comparison

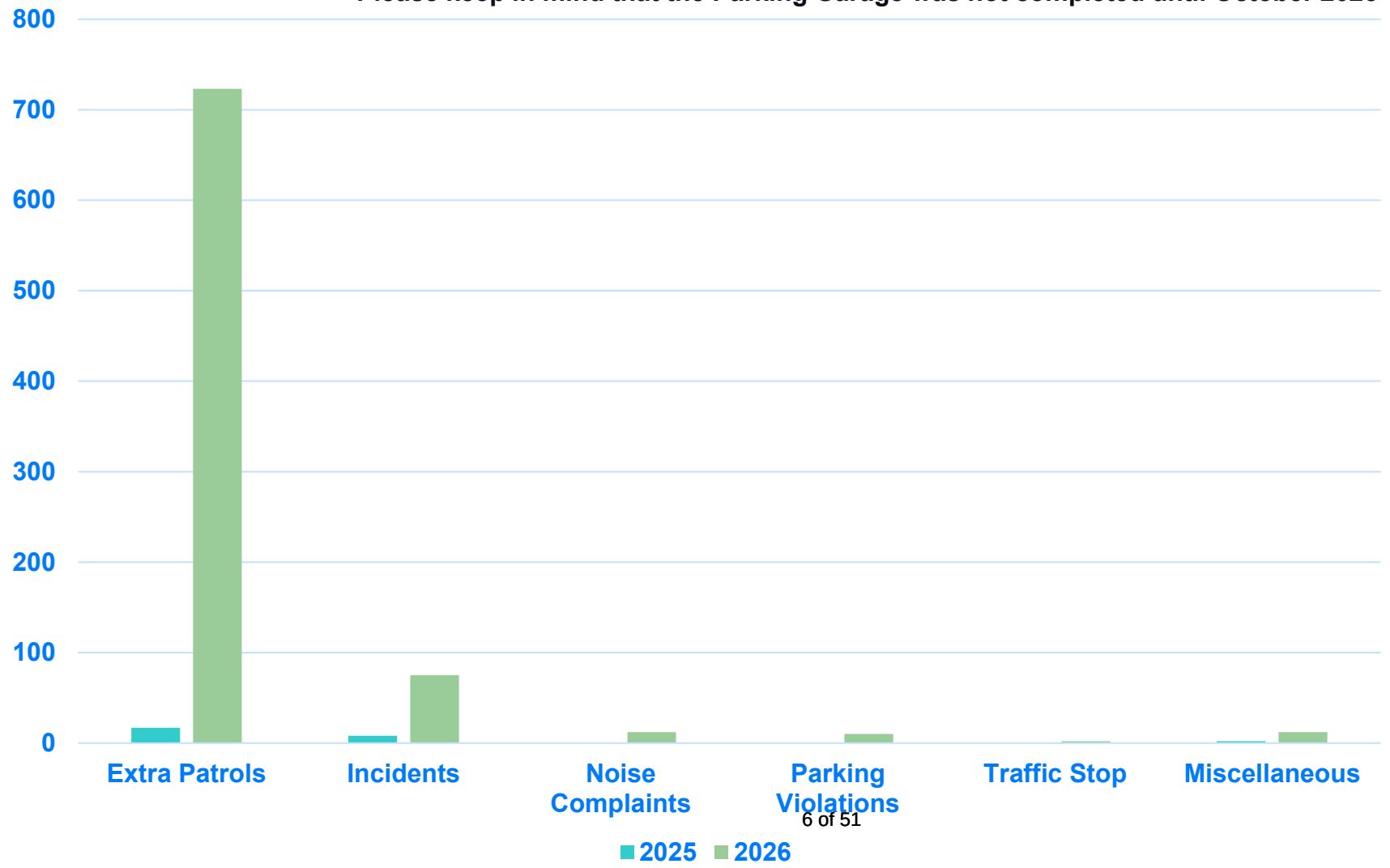


POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE	Q1, FY26	Q1, FY27
DOMESTIC	44	45
TRAFFIC STOPS	1,583	1,533
TRAFFIC ARRESTS	1,456	2,456
CRIMINAL ARRESTS	356	276
DUI ARRESTS	16	39
PARKING	684	569
ALARM CALLS	25	49
TDO/ECO	2	8
NOISE COMPLAINTS	89	80
EXTRA PATROLS	2,234	2,270
VANDALISM	1	19
TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS	120	133
SERVICE REQUESTS	299	273
TOTAL CALLS FOR SERVICE	**6,909**	**7,750**

Parking Garage Stats

Jan 1-Sept 30, 2025 vs Jan 1-Sept 30, 2026

Please keep in mind that the Parking Garage was not completed until October 2025



Parking Garage	2025	2026
EXTRA PATROLS	17	723
INCIDENTS	8	75
NOISE COMPLAINTS	0	12
PARKING VIOLATION	0	10
TRAFFIC STOP	0	2
MISCELLANEOUS**	2	12
TOTALS	**27**	**834**

*MISCELLANEOUS INCLUDES SERVICE REQUESTS & LITTERING CALLS

QUESTIONS?

CITY OF MANASSAS PARK – GOVERNING BODY AGENDA STAFF REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

AGENDA ITEM CONTROL NUMBER: 2026-0123 **MEETING DATE:** 10/20/2026

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Governing Body AGENDA ITEM 7B

PRESENTER(S): CEO Katie Choe, Virginia Railway Express **SUBJECT/TOPIC:** VRE System Plan 2050 Overview

PREVIOUS MEETINGS/RESULT: N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Budgeted:	YES		NO		N/A	X
Amount Budgeted:						
Amount Spent:						
Amount Requested:						
Budget Line Item:						

POLICY JUSTIFICATION:
Manassas Park has regional relationships with several organizations and a VRE Station within its borders. Maintaining a relationship with VRE staff and providing input into future VRE planning is in the interest of all City residents, visitors, and businesses.

BACKGROUND:
The VRE System Plan 2050 is a 25-year strategic roadmap adopted in July 2025 by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC) and Potomac Rappahannock Transportation Commission (PRTC) to guide Virginia Railway Express's growth, service expansion, and infrastructure investments through 2050.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:
Presentation only.

REQUEST APPROVAL FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA? N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):
1) Presentation

VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

Transforming Rail – An Evolution for VRE and Virginia

October 20, 2026

Katie J. Choe, CCM
VRE CEO

Introduction



Katie J. Choe, CCM
VRE Chief Executive Officer

VRE Operations Board, Prince William County:

- Supervisor Andrea Bailey, 2026 VRE Operations Board Chair
- Supervisor Tom Gordy, Board Member
- Supervisor George Stewart, Board Member
- Supervisor Kenny Boddye, Board Alternate
- Supervisor Victor Angry, Board Alternate

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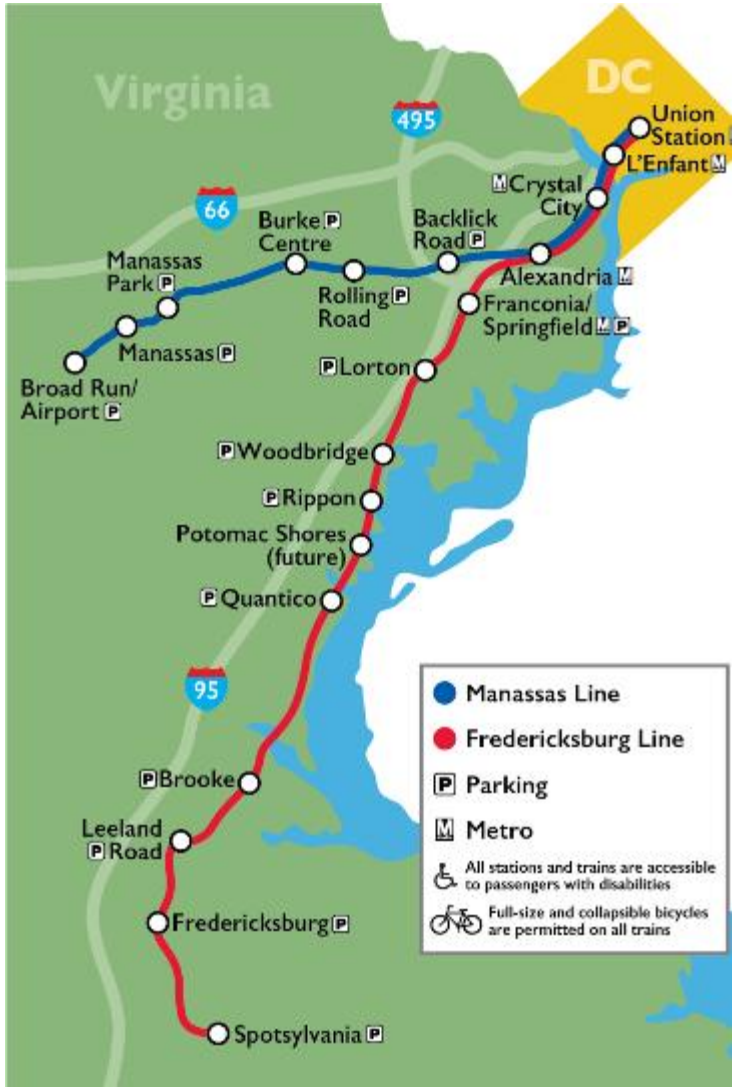
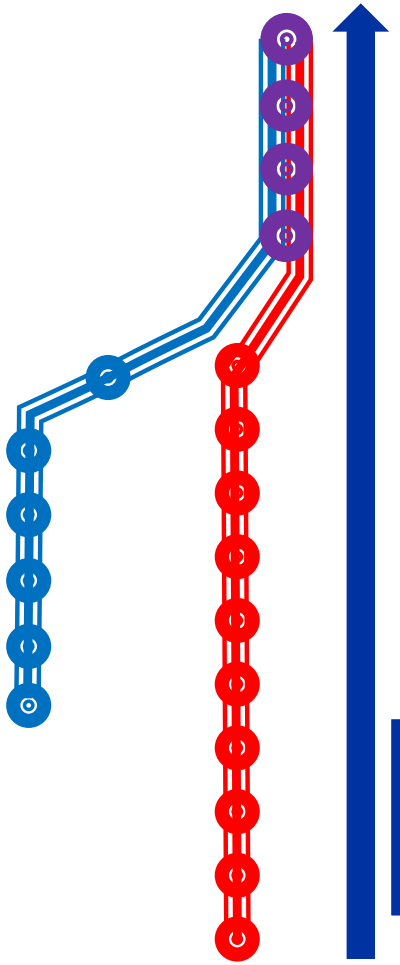
ABOUT VRE

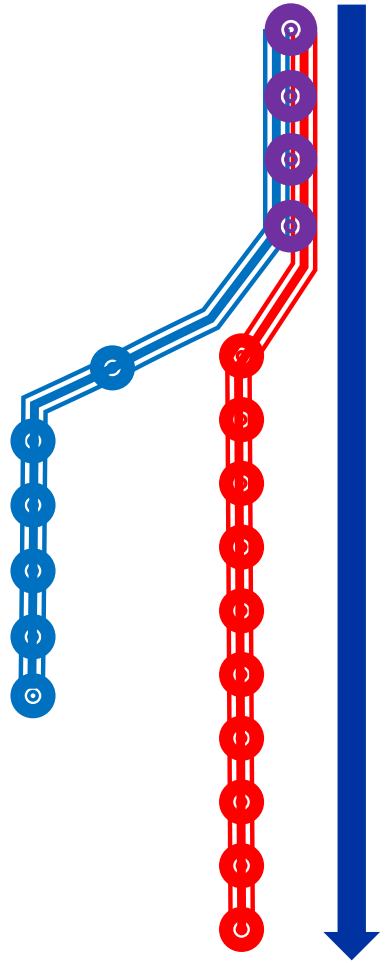




AM Service:

- 15 northbound trains
- 1 reverse flow (Departing Union Station at 6:35 AM)
- **4:50 AM – 9:05 AM**

Long Bridge Work Window: 8:15 AM– 1:00 PM
Last four VRE trains of AM



PM Service:

- 15 southbound trains
- 1 reverse flow (Departing Broad Run at 3:28)
- **1:30 PM – 8:37 PM**

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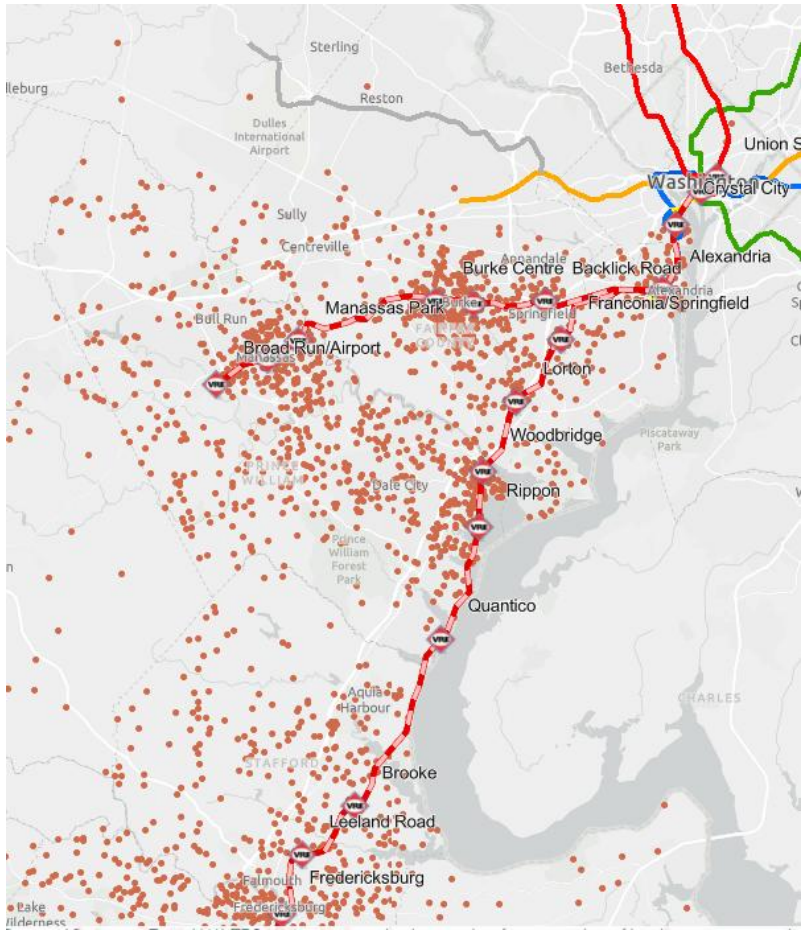
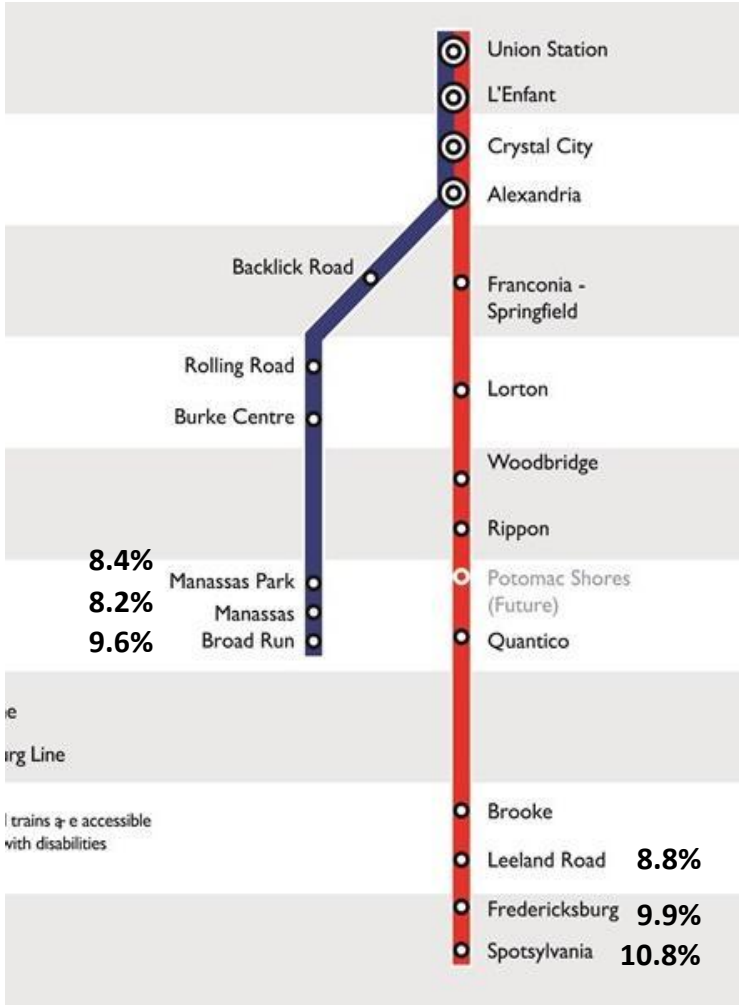
VRE in Manassas Park

Riders' Home Zip Codes



Origination Station Share of Riders



8.4% of VRE riders originate at Manassas Park – 5th highest in the system

(2026 Customer Survey Data)

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VRE in Manassas Park

- Manassas Park Parking Garage opened in October 2025
- Delivered 740 spaces:
  - 200 reserved for City of Manassas Park personnel
  - Remaining 540 for VRE riders and visitors to City of Manassas Park
- Project has since received several awards and recognitions, including:
  - ACEC Metropolitan Washington Merit Award
  - ACEC Virginia Grand Award
  - ACEC National Recognition Award
  - CMAA National Capital Chapter Transportation Project of the Year
  - And, most recently, awarded CMAA's National Project Achievement Award





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THE VALUE OF VRE



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AN ECONOMIC ENGINE

VRE connects communities and increases the geographic shed from which businesses draw potential customers and employees



CONGESTION RELIEF

- VRE carries the equivalent of one lane of I-95 traffic every day, for a fraction of the cost to build and maintain highways.
- 60 million annual passenger miles



HOUSING AFFORDABILITY

- VRE riders call over 120 zip codes and 35 Virginia jurisdictions home, able to unlock opportunities in affordable communities while maintaining jobs in the region's core employment hubs.
- VRE riders' **average trip length is 35 miles.**



ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Northern Virginia transit (VRE, Metro, local bus) generates $1.5 billion annually to Virginia's tax base, nearly 5 percent of the general fund.
- With direct connections to many job and activity centers, employers can reach a broad talent pool with attractive commute options.

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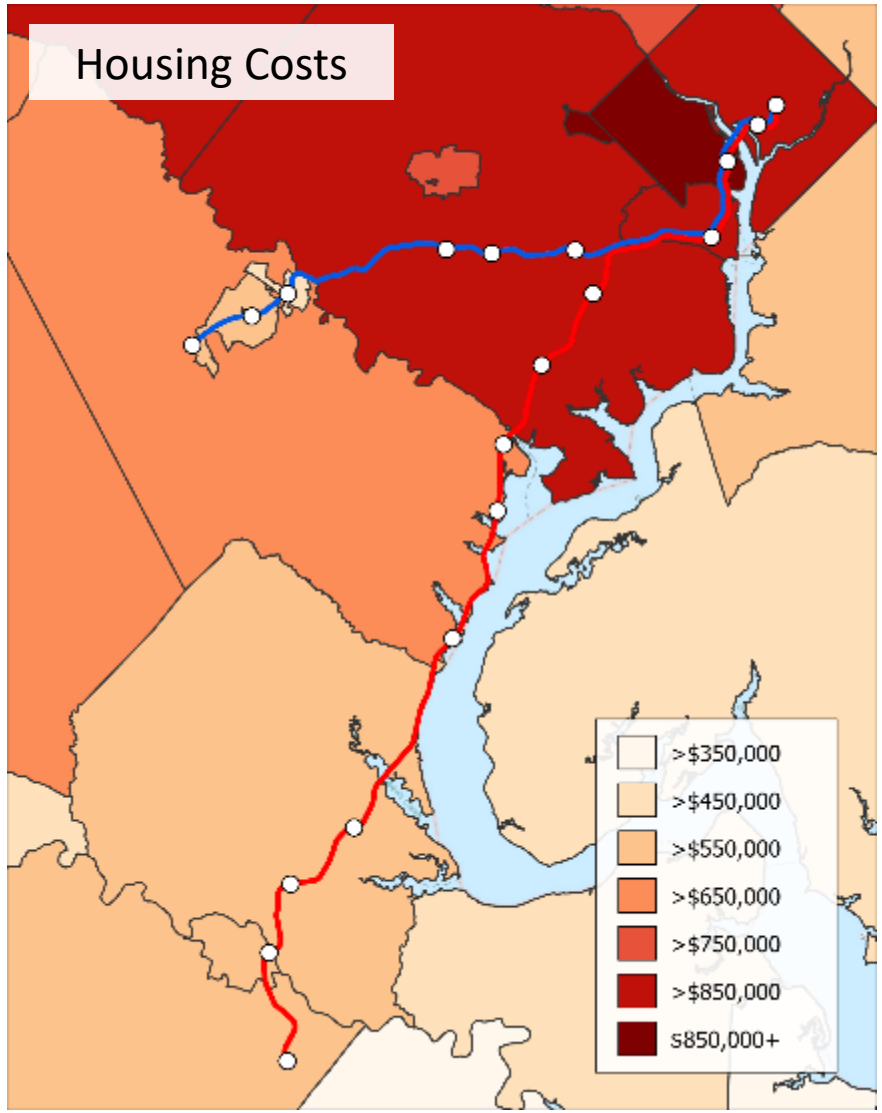
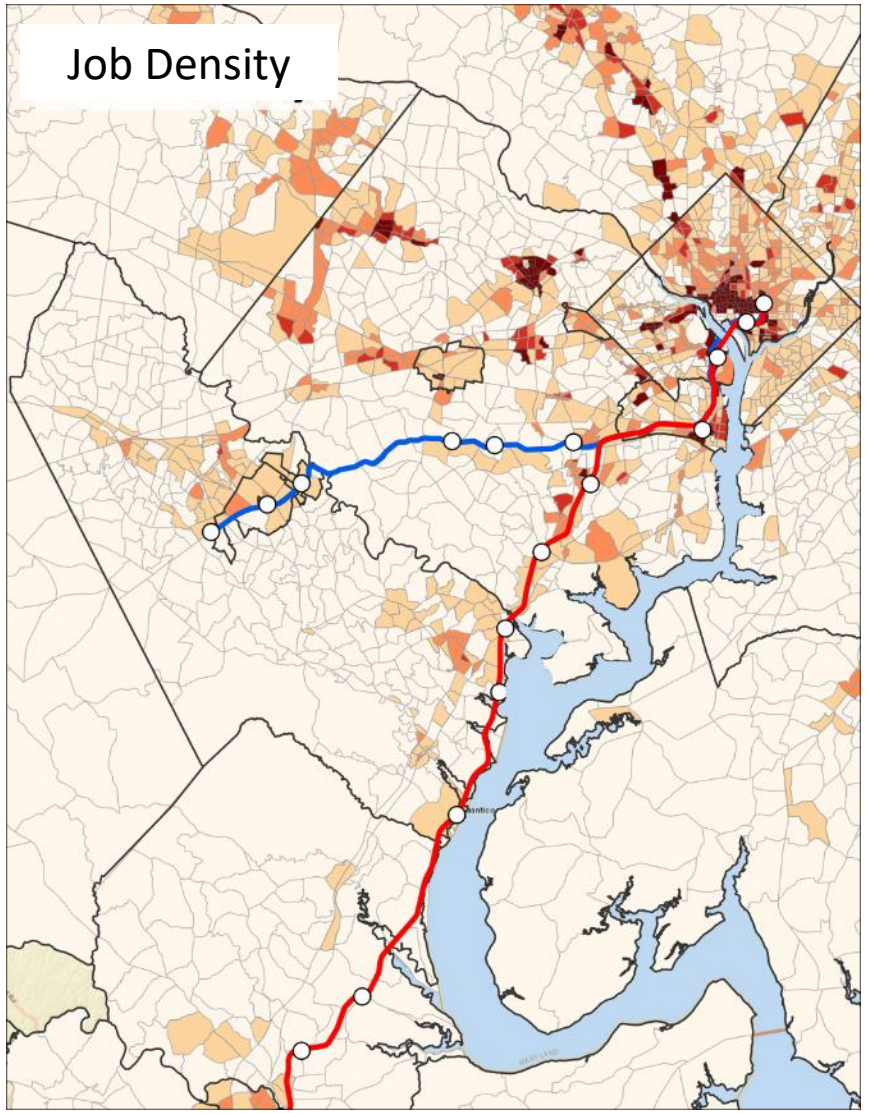
VRE CONNECTS RESIDENTS TO OPPORTUNITIES





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AN AFFORDABILITY SOLUTION

VIRGINIA RAILWAY EXPRESS

Fredericksburg Line:

VRE 5 days per week:

VRE from Spotsylvania to L'Enfant* → **SAVINGS: $4,645**

VRE 3 days per week:

VRE from Spotsylvania to L'Enfant → **SAVINGS: $1,992**

Manassas Line:

VRE 5 days per week:

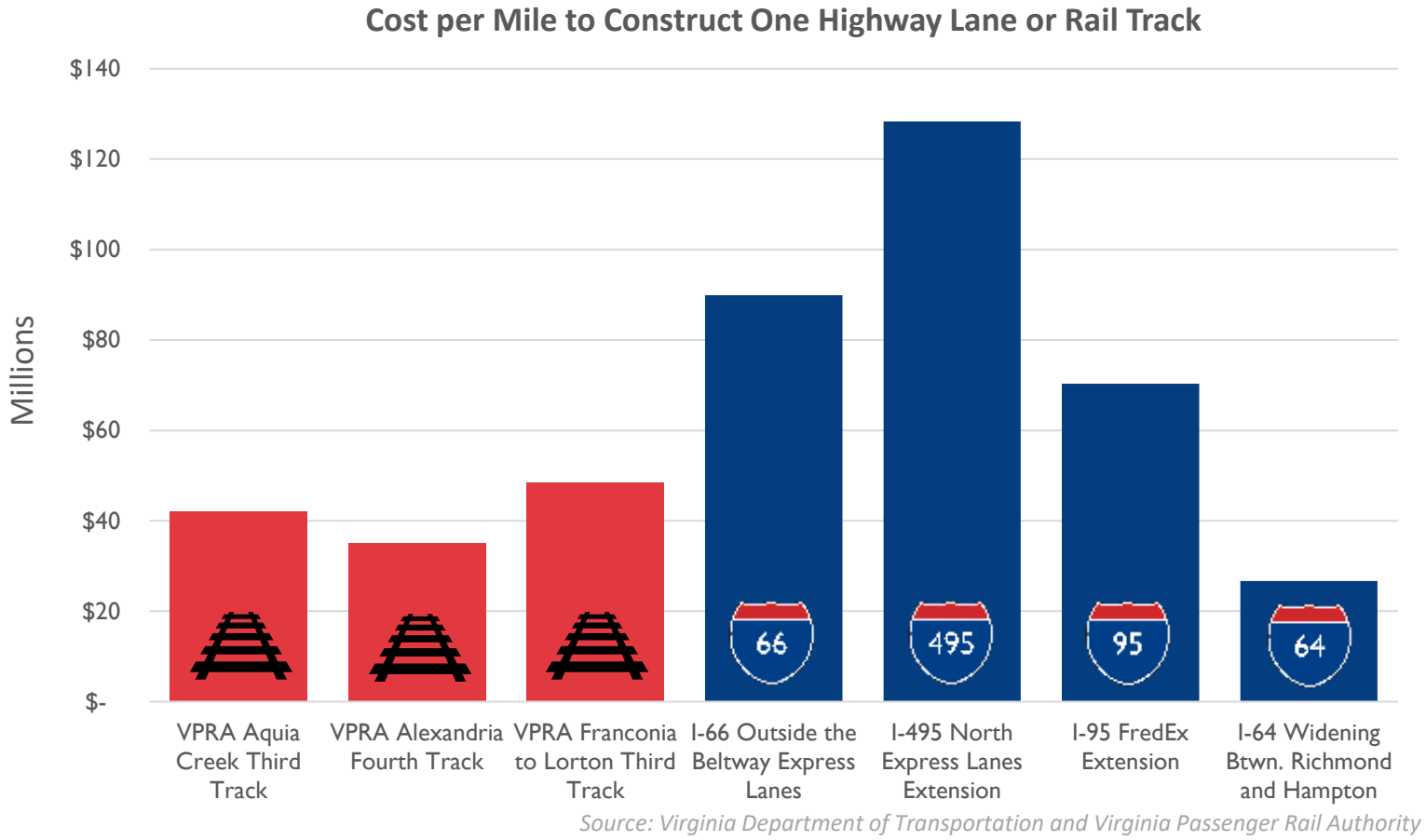
VRE from Broad Run to L'Enfant → **SAVINGS: $1,998**

VRE 3 days per week:

VRE from Broad Run to L'Enfant → **SAVINGS: $545**

*Annual savings calculated using 2025 gas prices and AAA data

VRE: A COST-EFFECTIVE WAY TO MOVE MORE PEOPLE



Source: Virginia Department of Transportation and Virginia Passenger Rail Authority

Greenhouse Gas Emissions by Mode

Commuter/Regional Rail

- 800 passengers per 8-car train
- 133 total grams CO_2/mile



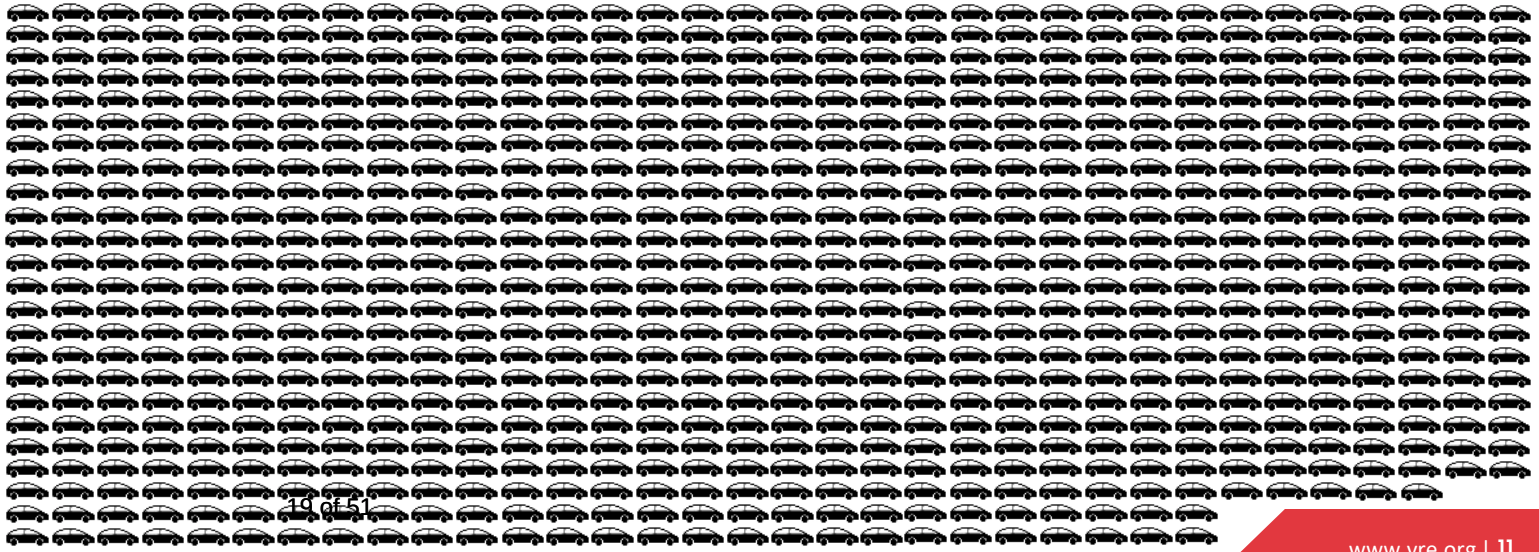
Commuter Bus

- 55 passengers/bus
- 66 grams CO_2/mile/bus
- 15 total buses
- 990 total grams CO_2/mile



Single-Occupancy Car

- 1 passenger/vehicle
- 400 grams CO_2/mile/vehicle
- 800 total vehicles
- 320,000 total grams CO_2/mile



Source: US EPA, Greenhouse Gas Emissions from a Typical Passenger Vehicle and GHG Emission Factors Hub

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SAFETY FIRST

Safely delivering riders to their destinations and back home each day is at the core of VRE's mission

- Safety is VRE's top priority
  - ***Rail is the safest mode of surface transportation.***
- Crime and safety-related incidents are exceptionally rare on VRE.
- VRE maintains close relationships with area law enforcement and other public safety agencies, as well as host railroads, to ensure a safe environment throughout all VRE facilities and across the system.







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THE FUTURE OF VRE

2030 Service Plan

- Utilizes TRV Phases I and II infrastructure
- Maximizes use of our existing rolling stock
- Market-driven timetable
- Requires moderate increase in operating funding

2050 Service Plan

- Aligned service to a reasonable future infrastructure
- No geographic service expansions by rail
- Responds to Plan's overarching vision for VRE
- Less market-constrained, more aspirational
- Requires significant increase in operating funding
- Requires significant new rolling stock investment

VRE AS THE REGION'S SPINE

CURRENT



THE 2050 VISION: TRUE REGIONAL RAIL

From commuter rail to a world-class regional network

By 2050: A train every 20 minutes toward D.C. — every 30 minutes outbound — every hour off-peak and on weekends. All day. Every day.

TODAY		2030		2050	
Daily trains	**32**	Daily trains	**52 (+63%)**	Daily trains	**116 (+263%)**
Service days	**Mon–Fri only**	Service days	**Mon–Sun**	Service days	**Mon–Sun**
Peak frequency	**~30–60 min**	Peak frequency	**~15–20 min**	Peak frequency	**20 min (inbound) 30 min (outbound)**
Off-peak trains	**1 per line**	Off-peak trains	**2–3 per line**	Off-peak trains	**Hourly all day**
Reverse service	**1 per line**	Reverse service	**2–3 per line**	Reverse service	**Full bi-directional**
Weekend trains	**None**	Weekend trains	**6–7 round trips**	Weekend trains	**Hourly service**
Express trains	**1 per line**	Express trains	**4–9 per line**	Express trains	**Integrated network**

WHO BENEFITS — BEYOND THE COMMUTER

Expanded service opens VRE to constituencies legislators already care about

Families & Tourism

Weekend service transforms VRE into a family travel option. Civil War battlefields, Old Town Fredericksburg, the D.C. museums, and Manassas battlefield are all on the corridor. Today, you need a car to reach them. By 2026, you won't. Tourism dollars follow rail access — that's economic development your local chambers care about.

Business Community

Major employers along the VRE corridor — federal contractors, hospitals, universities, and logistics firms — increasingly depend on rail access to recruit and retain workforce talent. The Greater Washington Partnership and Northern Virginia Chamber have both identified VRE expansion as a top regional economic priority. Expanded all-day, reverse-direction service makes the entire corridor a single, competitive labor market.

Equity Emphasis Communities

System Plan 2050 explicitly identifies Equity Emphasis Areas — census tracts with high concentrations of low-income individuals and households without vehicles to provide off-peak and weekend service. This can directly impact workers, medical appointment riders, and those who rely on transit out of necessity, not choice. This is not just focused on suburban commuters.

Sustainability & Congestion Relief

Every rider on VRE is a car off I-95 and I-66. At full System Plan 2050 build-out, VRE would remove a meaningful share of Northern Virginia highway congestion — with lower-emission railcars replacing thousands of vehicle trips daily. This is an additional benefit to the environment, while reducing congestion.

PLANNING FOR 2030

Major CIP projects



Alexandria
Construction began Q1 2026
Completion est. 2028



L'Enfant and Fourth Track
Est. completion 2030



Crystal City
Est. completion Q1 2029



Franconia-Springfield
Est. completion 2028



Manassas Station
Est. completion July 2028



Broad Run Expansion & VRE Lead Track
Est. completion in 2029



Locomotives
Procurement to support 2030 plan



Railcars
Delivery in 2028

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CITY OF MANASSAS PARK – GOVERNING BODY AGENDA STAFF REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

AGENDA ITEM CONTROL NUMBER: 2026-0092 **MEETING DATE:** 10/20/2026

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Community Development AGENDA ITEM 7C

PRESENTER(S): Calvin O'Dell

SUBJECT/TOPIC: Presentation of Water and Wastewater Rate Study Findings

PREVIOUS MEETINGS/RESULT: N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Budgeted:	YES		NO		N/A	X
Amount Budgeted:						
Amount Spent:						
Amount Requested:						
Budget Line Item:						

POLICY JUSTIFICATION:
Objective P2: Provide economically and environmentally friendly systems of high quality drinking water to all residents and businesses in the city. Ensure an adequate water supply, transmission means, storage facilities, water pressure, and distribution system capable of serving all existing and proposed developments.

Objective P6: Ensure that the Capital Improvements Program (CIP) and the operating budget provide sufficient funds to support the maintenance needs of city water, sewer and waste management services.

Action Strategy P6.3 Analyze the costs of city water, sewer and waste managements systems to determine the benefits of contracting these functions to other organizations.

BACKGROUND:
During the FY2026 budget process, city staff committed to have a water and wastewater rate study conducted to evaluate costs and rate structure for the city's water and sewer utilities. An RFP for consultant services released to the public at the end of August 2025, with responses due September 15, 2025. NewGen Strategies and Solutions was selected as the most responsive and responsible bidder and was awarded the contract for the study. Data collection began in October of 2025, and the evaluation of financial obligations and revenues was ongoing. On April 9, 2026 initial findings of the study were presented in a public town hall, and NewGen is now prepared to present findings and analysis to the city's Governing Body.

The goal of the study is to provide analysis to inform rates and rate structure in order to ensure that the Water and Sewer Enterprise Fund remains solvent while also allowing necessary investment in operational and capital expenses to provide safe, high-quality water and sewer services to the residents and businesses of Manassas Park.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:
N/A

REQUEST APPROVAL FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA? N/A

ATTACHMENT(S):

1) Presentation

CITY OF MANASSAS PARK – GOVERNING BODY AGENDA STAFF REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

AGENDA ITEM CONTROL NUMBER: **MEETING DATE:**10/20/26

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Governing Body AGENDA ITEM 9A

PRESENTER(S): Mayor Alanna Mensing

SUBJECT/TOPIC: Minutes
October 6, 2026

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/MOTION: Approve minutes as presented

REQUEST APPROVAL FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA?

ATTACHMENT(S): Minutes

N/A

OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE MANASSAS PARK GOVERNING BODY MEETING HELD ON OCTOBER 6, 2026, AT 7:00 PM AT MANASSAS PARK CITY HALL, 100 PARK CENTRAL PLAZA, MANASSAS PARK, VIRGINIA

Roll Call

Present:	Alanna Mensing, Mayor Darryl Moore, Vice Mayor Yesy Amaya, Councilmember Haseeb Javed, Councilmember Stacy Seiberling, Councilmember Kevin Moreau, Councilmember
Absent:	Michael Carrera, Councilmember
Staff:	Lana Conner, City Clerk Carl C. Cole, City Manager Brian Lubkeman, City Attorney

1. **Call to Order:** 7:00 pm

2. Approval of Agenda:

MOTION: Vice Mayor Moore moved to approve the agenda as presented.
SECOND: Councilmember Amaya
VOTE: Yes, Moore Amaya, Moreau, Javed, Seiberling Mensing

3. Moment of Silence/Pledge of Allegiance: Councilmember Amaya

4. Public Comment Time:

1. Parvis Kamal: Resident since 2013 and have seen lot of changes mostly for the better. He wants to get more involved. For the stores that are empty, talk to the owners and see if they can offer a promotion of 3 or 4 months of free rent. Give current tenants a break for couple of months. With all new developments, maybe the stores can get a foothold. He thought church land was part of park. Is this new or have they owned the land for years and it was always going to be a church. How big is the area of the church.
2. Martin Koev: Prince William resident. He thanked Councilmember Amaya for hosting the cleanup on Conner Drive and gave him opportunity to give back to community. Tow trucks pick up some of the cars of the folks that work on Conner Drive. This is infringing on businesses there. There is no parking on Conner Drive by city ordinance. Could parking be allowed during certain hours on Conner Dr.

5. Public Hearing: None

6. **Recognition**: None

7. Presentations:

7a. Virginia Career Works Northern: Clifford Yee, Executive Director and Seema Jain, Deputy Executive Director:

The SkillSource Group (SSG) is the non-profit entity of Northern Virginia Workforce Area 11. They deliver case management and employment services to individuals within Manassas Park. SkillSource is a one-stop resource for skills assessment, career training, job placement, personalized counseling interview and resume preparation and job search assistance. The services provided are free of charge. Virginia Career Works – Northern is one of 14 Local Workforce Development Boards in Virginia. The VCW – Woodbridge Center is the only Comprehensive Center in the Northern Virginia region – all federal WIOA Programs are delivered at the five (5) Virginia Career Works – Northern Centers located in Northern Virginia, and serving incarcerated job seekers at the Fairfax County Adult Detention Center and the Prince William-Manassas Regional Adult Detention Center. All federally mandated partners are physically on-site at this Center. The remaining four (4) Centers are Affiliate sites. These partners commit to be part of the workforce system through a shared MOU that is signed every two years. Funding comes through U.S. Department of Labor. In FY 2026, 6 Manassas Park residents were enrolled in the WIOA Programs.
There are five Virginia Career Works Centers in Annandale, Alexandria, Leesburg, and Woodbridge. The VCW Woodbridge Center is the only Comprehensive Center in the Northern Virginia region-all federally mandated partners are physically on site at this center. The remaining four Centers are affiliate sites. Most services are offered both virtually and in-person.

WIOA Program is a federal law passed in 2014 that funds and sets rules for programs designed to help job seekers get employment, education, training, and support services. It is split into three funding streams: Adults (unemployed and underemployed), dislocated works (laid-off through no fault of their own), and Youth (ages 17-24, that qualify through income eligibility and barrier to employment). In FY2026, VCW Northern Centers were visited by 52,460 adults seeking to enter workforce or upgrade their skills. The Northern VA WIOA programs enrolled 509 participants. . In FY 2026, 6 Manassas Park residents were enrolled in the WIOA Programs.
January 1, 2027: H.R.1 Changes: Snap recipients: expands ABAWD (able bodies adults without dependents) definition increasing number of people who must document employment or qualifying activity to maintain their benefits. Lowers age of dependent children that makes someone exempt from requirements from 18 to 14 years old. Medicaid recipients: establishes work requirements for Medicaid expansion adults. Individuals ages 19-64 years old with incomes under 138% of the federal poverty level, or $21,597/year for an individual with potential impact 45,600 individual across Northern VA Workforce Area. Some applicants will be required to have at least 80 hours per month of work, community service or work or training program.
VCWN will work with each local DSS to continue the conversation around raising awareness and to develop a mapping process for service and partner referrals for impacted individuals. Identify strategies for career exploration, job readiness, and resume assistance that can be delivered in a group format to serve as many individuals as possible. Identify resources that impacted individuals can access on their own, i.e. LinkedIn Learning. Develop a communication strategy and materials that clearly outline the process and method to access these resources and tools. Implement any tools that the State provides for tracking and reporting.

7b. 2030 Census Overview: dmia@dreamersmothers.org and @dreamersmothersinaction_dmia:

The 14th amendment counts "the whole number of persons in each state. Every 10 years, everyone who lives here is counted. There are 435 seats in the US House of Representatives. Federal programs use census data. Local Planning: schools, clinics, roads, housing. U.S. citizens, including naturalized, other noncitizens who live here and green-card holders would be counted toward seats in congress. Where a person lawfully spent the most days, Jan. 3-April 1 based on tax records. Race and ethnicity questions removed; a legal-status question is under consideration. This touches many of our neighbors.
More than 36.6% of residents were born in another country. 54.6% speak a language other than English at home. Sources U.S. census Bureau QuickFacts, Manassas Park 2019-2032. One home counted person by person. 1 - 5 noncitizens in government records could not be linked to an address vs 1 in 18 citizens. IF a mixed status family does not respond, the whole household is missed citizens included. Local planning: school's clinics and services would be planned with incomplete numbers.
U.S. Census Bureau, extension of comments now due Monday, November 2, 2026
Citizens should contact Congress and share your comments in their own words with no personal details. Put on city websites, newsletters and a bilingual DMIA clinic. Inform the community.
Regulations.gov USBCV-2026-0628

8. Information: None

9. Consent Agenda
9a. Minutes Approval: September 15 and 22, 2026

MOTION: Councilmember Moreau moved to approve minutes of September 15 and 22, 2026
SECOND: Councilmember Seiberling
VOTE: Yes: Moreau, Seiberling, Amaya, Javed, Moore, Mensing

10. **Unfinished Business:** None

11. **New Business: None**

12. Public Comment:

He is trying to win podcast competition. His podcast is called Peace in a Podcast. If we swam together, we would have peace like peas in a pod.

13. City Manager Report: Carl Cole:

We do not need to go back to the planning commission for the RST maximum auto redevelopment revision of their plan which will be on October 20 Governing Body agenda. Curbside leaf pick up beginning on October 13, 2026 (leaves and grass only). Railroad crossing arms continue to malfunction. If this happens, please call Manassas Park Police Department at 9-1-1. Dominion is in final stages of electrical study trying to figure out what is going on. VDOT: they sent out notices that say willingness to hold public hearings. City is required to let people know with our two HSIP projects coming online.
This Wednesday is last workout on plaza.
Fire Department annual open house is Saturday October 10, 2026
City Hall will be closed on Monday October 12, 2026 for Indigenous Day
Farmers Market is doing well

14. Closed Meeting Subsection §2.2-3711A of the Code of Virginia: None
15. Return to Open Session & certification

16. Adjournment at 8:17pm:

MOTION: Councilmember Seiberling
SECOND: Councilmember Amaya
VOTE: Yes: Seiberling, Amaya, Javed, Moreau, Moore, Mensing

Approved, October 20, 2026

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Alanna Mensing, Mayor

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Lana A Conner, City Clerk

CITY OF MANASSAS PARK – GOVERNING BODY AGENDA STAFF REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

AGENDA ITEM CONTROL NUMBER: 2026-0094 **MEETING DATE:** 10/20/2026

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Governing Body

PRESENTER(S): City Manager Carl Cole

SUBJECT/TOPIC: Adoption of 2027 Legislative Priorities

PREVIOUS MEETINGS/RESULT: 09/01/2026 Governing Body meeting: provided direction for additions to the Draft list
09/15/2026 Governing Body Meeting: Consensus for approval for the proposed priorities.

BUDGET IMPACT:

Budgeted:	YES		NO		N/A	N/A
Amount Budgeted:						
Amount Spent:						
Amount Requested:						
Budget Line Item:						

POLICY JUSTIFICATION:
The Governing Body has the authority to advocate State and Federal policy that furthers the interests of the City.

BACKGROUND:
Each year, the Governing Body adopts a set of Legislative Priorities to help guide the decision making of our elected state representatives.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:
That the Governing Body review and amend as desired the updated 2027 Draft Legislative Priorities.

REQUEST APPROVAL FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA? No

ATTACHMENT(S):
1) Updated Legislative Priorities

Priority	Bills to Introduce / Support / Amend
• **Infrastructure:** Legislation that addresses pedestrian safety at major intersections on Route 28, continued funding of SLAF Grants and expanding eligible localities to include smaller cities • **Unfunded Mandates:** Legislation that comes with a fiscal burden will be funded by State • **Housing:** Legislation improving Housing options, price control • **Human Services:** Legislation that continues or improves access to resources including Mental Health, Benefits, Programs, Early Childhood Education • **Public Safety:** Legislation that protects Social Workers from Doxing, shifts burden of paying for felons awaiting trial to the State • **Public Health:** Legislation that results in updating formula used to distribute State funding resources • **Economic Development:** Legislation that provides support for Small Businesses • **Local Control:** Regulatory flexibility is included in all legislation accounting for local conditions (development, economic, etc.)	**Support:** • Continued funding of HB599 (State Aid to Localities) • Establishment of Fire Personnel & Equipment Grant Program (HB1054) • Creation of Firefighter Cancer Screening Fund (HB393) • Authorization for Local Rent Control (SB355) • Modernize system access to federal benefits programs (HB66) • Sales Tax restructuring (HB900, HB978) **Introduce:** • Legislation funding PFAS reduction measures and public education • Legislation providing for Parks staff and Maintenance Programs • Legislation that provides funding for impacts to implementation of Collective Bargaining • Legislation that allows VRS members to apply service credits toward retirement and provide higher payout for unused Sick Leave • Legislation to update Document Retention regulations maintained by the Library of Virginia
Bills to Oppose	**Funding Requests**
• Legislation that reduces or eliminates Qualified Immunity	• Lighting along Manassas Drive ($250,000) • Study to identify pedestrian/cyclist safety measures at major intersections along Route 28 ($200,000)

DRAFT

Note: This is a living document and may be updated as new bills are introduced or other priorities identified. Effective 10/20/2026

FINANCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

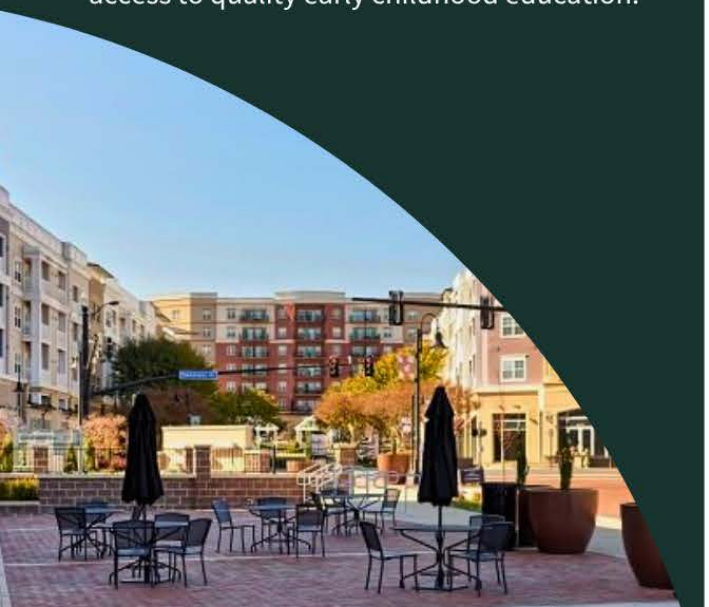
In Support Of:

- **Commissioner of the Revenue:** Restore the State's 50% funding for Commissioner of the Revenue deputy positions.
- **Economic Development:** Expand grants and incentives supporting small businesses, redevelopment, and local economic growth .
- **Local Revenues:** Protect existing local revenue sources and oppose unfunded cost shifts to localities.

EDUCATION

In Support Of:

- **Early Childhood Education:** Expand sustainable funding and programs that increase access to quality early childhood education.



GOVT. OPERATIONS

In Support Of:

- **Modern Government:** Modernize outdated records, documentation, and storage requirements while preserving local flexibility.
- **Tax Policy:** Support HB900 and HB978 to protect local revenues when considering changes to retail sales and use taxes.
- **Unfunded Mandates:** Provide state funding when legislation creates new costs or requirements for local governments.

CONTACT DETAILS

City Manager's Office
(703) 335-8800
manassasparkva.gov



MANASSAS PARK VIRGINIA

CITY OF MANASSAS PARK

2027 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

Investing in a safe, connected, and financially sustainable community

PUBLIC SAFETY & COMMUNITY RESILIENCE

In Support Of:

- **Increase Local Funding:** Support DCJS 599 funding and grants for smaller localities.
- **Fully Fund Fire Personnel & Equipment:** Support HB 1054 to fund firefighters, equipment, and improve fire and medical services.
- **Protect First Responder Health:** Support HB 393 to fund cancer screenings and occupational health initiatives.
- **Qualified Immunity:** Preserve appropriate legal protections for law enforcement and local officials.



HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

In Support Of:

- **Mental Health:** Expand access to affordable mental health services.
- **Housing:** Increase, enhance, and expand affordable and workforce housing, including support for SB 355 on rent control.
- **Doxing Protections:** Expand protections to social workers.
- **Benefits Technology:** Modernize federal benefits systems with local government input (HB 66).
- **Employment & Benefits:** Create a centralized hub connecting jobseekers and volunteers with opportunities that support SNAP and Medicaid eligibility.
- **Public Health:** Increase funding for local health districts and community health services.
- **Criminal Justice:** Ensure the State funds costs associated with individuals awaiting trial on felony charges.

PUBLIC INFRASTRUCTURE

In Support of:

- **Stormwater Funding:** Expand grants and low-interest financing for MS4 compliance and infrastructure improvements.
- **PFAS Initiatives:** Funding for PFAS compliance, education, and reduction efforts.
- **Pedestrian Safety:** Funding for public safety, specifically for pedestrian projects.
- **Streetlights:** Expand funding for streetlights along Manassas Drive and other priority corridors.
- **Parks:** Increase grants for park improvements, maintenance, and community spaces.

LOCAL GOVT WORKFORCE

In Support Of:

- **Collective Bargaining:** State funding for HR and legal support if Right-to-Work is eliminated.
- **VRS Benefits:** Allow service credit toward retirement and higher sick-leave payouts.

CITY OF MANASSAS PARK – GOVERNING BODY AGENDA STAFF REPORT/RECOMMENDATION

AGENDA ITEM CONTROL NUMBER: 2026-0136 **MEETING DATE:** 10/20/2026

REQUESTING DEPARTMENT: Finance AGENDA ITEM 9C

PRESENTER(S): Thomas Johnson, Budget Administrator

SUBJECT/TOPIC: Budget Amendment - Increased State aid for Library

PREVIOUS MEETINGS/RESULT: N/A

BUDGET IMPACT:

Budgeted:	YES		NO		N/A	X
Amount Budgeted:						
Amount Spent:						
Amount Requested:						
Budget Line Item:						

POLICY JUSTIFICATION:
The Governing Body has authority to approve and appropriate revenues and expenditures for all City related accounts and functions.

BACKGROUND:
The City received the final FY27 aid amount ($248,757) from the Library of Virginia. This is an increase of $9,736 over the state's projection used in the adopted FY27 budget.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION/MOTION:
That the Governing Body approves amendment of the FY2027 Budget to include an additional $9,736 in new Revenues and Expenditures with attendant Appropriation.

REQUEST APPROVAL FOR FUTURE CONSENT AGENDA? Yes

ATTACHMENT(S):
1) FY2027 Manassas Park State Aid Award Letter
2) Presentation

LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA

Dennis T. Clark
Librarian of Virginia

July 20, 2026

To: Public Library Director

From: Paranita S. Carpenter
(804) 692-3993
paranita.carpenter@lva.virginia.gov

Subj: FY2027 State Aid

Attached is a copy of your approved *Application for State Aid Grant* for the Manassas Park City Library in the amount of $248,757.00.

Please communicate receipt of this grant and its importance to local library services to the appropriate governing bodies, individuals, organizations, and media in your area.

You will receive four (4) quarterly payments in the amount of $62,189.25 from the Department of Accounts according to the following schedule:

Month of Payment	EDI Deposit to Locality*	Deadline for Checks to Arrive at Locality**
July 2026	July 17, 2026	July 24, 2026
October 2026	October 9, 2026	October 16, 2026
January 2027	January 11, 2027	January 18, 2027
April 2027	April 9, 2027	April 16, 2027

*EDI (Electronic Data Interchange) deposits to designated bank accounts.
**Paper checks (non-EDI) should be received.

The *Instructions for Expenditure of State Aid Grants* are attached.

If you have any questions, please contact Kim Armentrout at (804) 692-3601 or kim.armentrout@lva.virginia.gov.

If you do not receive your quarterly payment by the scheduled date(s), please contact me immediately.

800 East Broad Street
Richmond, Virginia 23219

www.lva.virginia.gov

804.692.3500 *phone*
804.692.3976 *tty*

FY2027 APPLICATION FOR STATE AID GRANT

The Library of Virginia • Library Development Division • 800 East Broad Street • Richmond, VA 23219-8000

The Code of Virginia 42.1-50 states, "applications must be received prior to **June 1st** of each calendar year." Code of Virginia 42.1, 46-58, the *Virginia Administrative Code* 17 VAC 15-110-10 (also known as the *Requirements Which Must Be Met In Order to Receive Grants-In-Aid*), and the *Instructions for the Expenditure of State Aid Grants* must be followed.) **Please email form with all required signatures to paranita.carpenter@lva.virginia.gov OR mail two (2) copies to ATTN: Paranita Carpenter, The Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, VA 23219. Email questions to Kim Armentrout at kim.armentrout@lva.virginia.gov.**

Library Director (Please Print): Ryan Glass

Library Director's E-mail Address: r.glass@manassasparkva.gov

Library System's URL: https://manassasparkcitylibrary.org/

Official Name of Library System: Manassas Park City Library

Address: 100 Park Central Plaza, Suite 100

City: Manassas Park State: Virginia Zip Code: 20111

Phone Number: (703) 335-8842 Fax Number: ( )

Library is open 63 hours per week.

Number of evenings with 3 or more consecutive hours after 5:00 PM: 5

Total hours after 5:00 PM per week: 21

Number of weekend hours per week ***(Requirement #5)***: 19

Five Year Plan ***(Requirement #2)***

03/03/2020 Date of Plan

06/06/2024 Date of last annual revision

06/01/2026 Revision Expected

Type and frequency of delivery system ***(Requirement #13)***

Not Applicable

Type of extension service provided ***(Requirement #12)***

_____ Bookmobile/Van

_____ Contact Hours

1 Branch(es)

_____ Books-By-Mail

_____ Contract with other library

_____ Other (specify) _____

I affirm that I am ***certified*** by The Library Board.

Ryan Glass 4/16/26

Librarian's Signature *Date*

Certificate Number: 7088

I notify The Library Board that I am ***not certified***.

Librarian's Signature *Date*

I agree, in order to administer this grant, to participate in any administrative seminars required by the Library Development Division.

Ryan Glass 4/16/26

Librarian's Signature *Date*

04/16/2026

Signature of Chairperson of the Board of Trustees or Authorized Representative of the Governing Body *Date*

APPROVED BY LVA **DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE**

Diana Price

Chief of Library Development

Librarian of Virginia

Date: 7/27/2026 Amount: 248,757.00

The library system was established in (year) _____ and is organized under the Code of Virginia (check all that apply):

- ■ Section 42.1-33: ■ City ☐ County ☐ Town
- ☐ Section 42.1-37: ☐ Regional
- ☐ Other (specify): _____
- ☐ Section 42.1-34 ☐ Section 42.1-43

Governing Body is: City of Manassas Park
(see Code of Virginia, Section 42.1-35 and 36)

The Board of Trustees is (check one) — *(see Code of Virginia, Section 42.1-35 and 36)*: ☐ Governing ■ Advisory

The Board of Trustees has 5 members:
■ Appointed ☐ Elected

Librarian is appointed by: ☐ Brd. of Trustees ☐ City/Town Mgr. ☐ County Manager ■ Other (specify): Library Systems & Services

The Board meets: ☐ Monthly ■ Quarterly ☐ Other: _____

The Board meets: Day Thursday
Time: 7PM EST

Give the complete name, title, address, and telephone number of the person to whom the librarian directly reports:

Name: Susan Considine
Title: V.P. Library Operations
Address: 2600 Tower Oaks Blvd.
Rockville, MD 20852
Telephone Number: (315) 427-9387

Give the complete name, title, address, and telephone number of the person who handles all library funds (i.e., the treasurer or fiscal officer who signs the checks):

Name: Joshua McNeal
Title: Director of Finance
Address: 100 Park Central Plaza
Manassas Park, VA 2011
Telephone Number: (703) 335-1405

Funds are handled by:
☐ Library Board ■ Local Government

Give the complete name, title, and address of the local governing officials (i.e., Chairperson of Board of Supervisors, County Manager/ Administrator, City Manager, Town Manager, etc.) in each jurisdiction (city, county, town).

1. Name: Carl Cole
   Title: City Manager
   Address: 100 Park Central Plaza
   Manassas Park, VA 20111
   Telephone No.: (703) 335-8818
2. Name: Alana Mensing
   Title: Mayor
   Address: 100 Park Central Plaza
   Manassas Park, VA 20111
   Telephone No.: (703) 335-8813
3. Name: _____
   Title: _____
   Address: _____
   Telephone No.: ( ) _____
4. Name: _____
   Title: _____
   Address: _____
   Telephone No.: ( ) _____
5. Name: _____
   Title: _____
   Address: _____
   Telephone No.: ( ) _____
6. Name: _____
   Title: _____
   Address: _____
   Telephone No.: ( ) _____
7. Name: _____
   Title: _____
   Address: _____
   Telephone No.: ( ) _____
8. Name: _____
   Title: _____
   Address: _____
   Telephone No.: ( ) _____

1. GENERAL INFORMATION

1.1 Application. State Aid grant applications must be received at Library Development Division prior to June 1 of each calendar year (*Code of Virginia*, 42.1 – 50).

1.2 Budget. First quarter payments of state aid will be released upon the approval of the state aid program by The Library Board. No further payments will be released until a budget for the expenditure of state aid funds has been submitted and approved by The Library of Virginia. The budget form will be sent on or before July 1 and must be submitted to The Library of Virginia no later than August 15 of each year. Approval by The Library of Virginia can be expected by August 15. ***Any deviation from the proposed budget of more than 10% per budget category must be submitted no later than May 15, 2027 (at the end of fiscal year) for approval by The Library of Virginia.***

1.3 Eligible Costs. State aid funds may be used for:

a. Books and Materials. The definition of books and materials is provided in the *Code of Virginia*, Title 42.1 – 74.1. "Books and other library materials shall include any book, plate, picture, photograph, engraving, painting, drawing, map, newspaper, magazine, pamphlet, broadside, manuscript, document, letter, public record, microform, sound recording, audio-visual materials in any format, magnetic or other tapes, electronic data processing records, artifacts, or other documentary, written, or printed material, regard- less of physical form or characteristics . . ." Any materials purchased with state aid must be freely available to patrons.

b. Salaries. No more than 25% of the total grant may be used for salaries and benefits of professional full-time, certified MLS librarians. Dollars may not be rounded upward if using the entire 25%.

c. Internet Access. Funds may be used for all computer hardware, software, and telecommunications fees that will make library collections and services internet accessible or available to the library's clientele.

d. Equipment. Funds may be used to purchase and lease equipment which is defined as "any tools, be they devices, machines, or vehicles, used to make the books or other library materials (as defined in section 1.3 a above) and services accessible or available to the library's clientele." Equipment can include bookmobiles/vans/vehicles that deliver materials and services to the public.

e. Furniture. Eligible items include furniture that directly relates to making services accessible or available to the library's clientele. Examples are computer workstations, study carrels, seating, tables, desks, activity tables, circulation desks, merchandising displays, etc.

f. Supplies. Eligible items are supplies that directly relate to making services accessible or available to the library's clientele. These include processing and programming supplies, office supplies, book repair, laminators, binding, printing, etc. Housekeeping supplies are not eligible items.

g. Other. Additionally, staff development fees for professional librarians related to national and in-state conference registration, speakers, and travel for training, and for in-state paraprofessional conference registration, speakers and travel, are eligible costs. These fees must be included in the state aid budget. To receive Fellowships, applications and approvals must comply with established *Policies and Procedures Governing Virginia State Aid Fellowships*. Application forms are available upon request.

h. Contractual Services. Eligible contracts must be directly related to making services accessible or available to the library's clientele and can include planning consultants and studies. Ineligible expenses include basic operating expenses such as service contracts on a facility, rent, and custodial service.

i. Fellowship. The local board or governing body of any public library receiving state aid may request to allocate funds from its state aid grant for staff members to attend a graduate library school accredited by the American Library Association. Applicants must submit proof of admittance to an eligible program.

j. Ineligible Expenses. Includes postage for the office that is not related to ILL and/or Books-By-Mail service, auditors, membership fees, insurance, utilities, land, buildings and flooring.

1.4 Expenditure Due Dates. Funds must be spent by June 30. Funds are considered spent when payment has been issued to the vendor.

1.5 Quarterly Payments. State aid will be paid in quarterly installments to libraries. (*Code of Virginia*, 42.1 – 54).

2. COMPLIANCE

2.1 Procurement. The library must comply with all provisions of the Virginia Public Procurement Act (*Code of Virginia*, 11-35) and Division of Purchases and Supply Manual and the Prompt Payment Act or more stringent local policies and procedures.

2.2 Compliance. The annual state aid application, budget, certified financial statement, and/or audit will be reviewed to verify compliance with the *Requirements Which Must Be Met In Order to Receive Grants-In-Aid*.

2.3 End-of-Year Balances. Funds not expended by June 30 as identified in the library's annual audit and certified financial statement will be deducted from the library's grant in aid the following year.

3. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

3.1 Budget. The annual state aid budget must be submitted to the Library Development Division by August 15 unless otherwise specified by Library Development.

3.2 Certified Financial Statement. The annual deadline is the same as the Annual Report. Libraries must submit **at least** preliminary data by this deadline. Amended statements may be forwarded at a later date.

3.3 Audit. An audit for the previous fiscal year is required from all public libraries. **The audit must report the state aid grant as revenue from the Commonwealth and the actual expenditure of the grant.** The local fiscal director should send a copy of the audit to the Library Development Division at the same time copies are sent to the Virginia Auditor for Public Accounts. Recipients of over $300,000 in federal funds must file an audit that complies with conditions of the Single Audit Act (P. L. 98 – 502) and the Single Audit Act Amendments of 1996 (P. L. 104 – 156). All required schedules and reports – compliance, internal controls, and schedule of findings and questioned costs must be included.

a. Deadlines. Libraries failing to submit audits in a timely manner will not receive their quarterly installment of state aid until the audit has been received, reviewed for compliance, and approved by The Library of Virginia. Deadline for submission to APA is currently December 15.

b. Repayment. If an audit reveals state aid funds have been improperly spent, the library must issue a check payable to The Library of Virginia for the amount improperly spent.

c. Corrective Action. The Library of Virginia will review audit corrective action plans to ensure that corrective action is taken in instances of non-compliance.

3.4 Inventory Records. An equipment inventory must be conducted every two years, and the report available upon request for the Library of Virginia inspection.

a. Equipment Inventory. Local inventory records must be kept for equipment that was purchased with state aid funds, that costs over $5,000 or more per unit, and has a useful life of over two years. An inventory record listing the description of the item, source, serial number, who holds title, acquisition date, and cost of the item must be kept.

b. Disposition. Equipment that has a current fair market value of more than $5,000 should be disposed of according to the library's locally established surplus property process. If equipment that was purchased with state funds is no longer needed and is in good or usable condition, please report the item(s) to The Library of Virginia for possible reassignment to another library. The disposal must be documented in the library's local inventory system. Income may be retained by the library and used for allowable state aid program activities.

FY2027 BUDGET FOR THE EXPENDITURE OF STATE AID

Library: _____

	REQUESTED BUDGET	**REVISED BUDGET (Limited to three (3) per fiscal year, if necessary, on or before 5/15/2027)**		
Books and Materials				
Salaries (1)				
Internet Access (2)				
Equipment (3)				
Furniture				
Supplies (4)				
Other (5)				
Contractual Services (6)				
Fellowship (7) **Attach Application Forms**				
TOTALS	0.00			

Signature of Library Director Date

Budget Approved, Library Development Date

NOTE: This section is to be used for any revisions made after your initial approved state aid budget has been returned to you. Please refrain from submitting more than three (3) budget revisions if possible during the current fiscal year.

Revised Budget Initials of Library Director: _____ Initial/Date _____ Initial/Date _____ Initial/Date

Revision Approved, Library Development: _____ Initial/Date _____ Initial/Date _____ Initial/Date

Please return this form by email to paranita.carpenter@lva.virginia.gov no later than August 31, 2026 **OR** send two (2) copies with original signatures by mail to ATTN: Paranita Carpenter, The Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-8000. It is not necessary to do both. Please complete the next page containing supplementary information. Please include both pages even if the second page is blank.

Rev. 3/17/2026

*****THIS FORM IS FOR STATE AID BUDGET ALLOCATIONS ONLY.*****
DO NOT INCLUDE AMOUNTS OR DESCRIPTIONS FROM LOCAL FUNDING SOURCES

1. List name, certificate number, and amount of state aid to be used for each certified librarian. Remember that up to 25% of the state aid grant may be used for salaries and benefits. DO NOT round dollars upward if you are using the entire 25%.

2. Include all computer hardware, software, and telecommunications fees used to provide Internet access for library patrons.

3. List new equipment having a useful life of more than one year and an acquisition cost of $5,000 or more per unit.

4. Refer to *Instructions for Expenditure of State Aid Grants* for definition of allowable supplies.

5. List other planned uses of state aid which do not fall under the categories above. The Division will review the items for compliance. Funds may be used for staff development/continuing education fees for professional staff.

6. List all maintenance contracts for equipment by vendor name and amount.

7. List name and amount of state aid to be used for each fellowship.

FY2027 Budget Amendment for additional state Library aid

October 20, 2026

FY27 Budget Amendment

Increased State Library Aid

- The Governing Body has authority to approve and appropriate revenues and expenditures for all City related accounts and functions.
- The City received notice of the final FY27 aid amount ($248,757) from the Library of Virginia. This is an increase of $9,736 over the state's projection used in the adopted FY27 budget.
- This would increase revenue GL ‘Library of Virginia Revenue – State’ and expense GL ‘Library Services’.

FY27 Budget Amendment - Library

Revised FY2027 Budget – General Fund

	FY27 Current	Change	FY27 Revised	Reason
Real Estate and Property Taxes	$50,373,429		$50,373,429	
Economic Revenues	$6,008,150		$6,008,150	
Public Safety	$2,687,987		$2,687,987	
Community Development	$1,457,071		$1,457,071	
Social Services	$2,904,477		$2,904,477	
Parks and Recreation	$1,444,925	$9,736	$1,444,925	Increased state aid
Miscellaneous and Other	$3,917,649		$3,917,649	
Fund Transfers	$5,869,715		$5,869,715	
Capital Budget	$18,066,348		$18,066,348	
Appropriated Unassigned Fund Balance	$1,158,156		$1,158,156	
Total Revenues	**$93,887,907**	**$9,736**	**$93,897,643**	
Governing Body/Clerk	$999,587		$999,587	
Consitutional Officers/Registrar	$2,664,928		$2,664,928	
City Administration	$8,839,940		$8,839,940	
Police	$8,560,390		$8,560,390	
Fire and Rescue	$6,870,655		$6,870,655	
Community Development/Public Works	$2,940,530		$2,940,530	
Social Services	$4,960,890		$4,960,890	
Parks and Recreation	$5,555,599	$9,376	$5,555,599	Increased state aid
Transfer to Schools Division	$14,600,000		$14,600,000	
Shared Services with PWC	$3,526,989		$3,526,989	
Debt Payments	$7,825,642		$7,825,642	
Capital Projects	$26,542,761		$26,542,761	
Total Expenses	**$93,887,907**	**$9,736**	**$93,897,643**	

FY27 Budget Amendment

Required Action – Approve and Appropriate

- Governing Body approval to:
  - accept an increase of $9,736 of state aid from the Library of Virginia, and
  - increase the City's Library Services by the same amount.
  - Appropriate funds as described.

QUESTIONS?