

**West End Transitway
Alexandria, Virginia
Small Starts Project Development
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The City of Alexandria proposes to implement the West End Transitway bus rapid transit (BRT) project along a 5.3-mile corridor running from the Van Dorn Street Metrorail Station in the south to the Pentagon Metrorail Station in the north. The project includes 15 stations with stops at key destinations including the Shirlington Transit Center and the Mark Center development, which is host to 6,400 workers. The project also includes 2.7 miles of dedicated bus lanes, off-board fare collection at substantial stations, traffic signal priority, and real-time passenger information. The City of Alexandria's current estimate of the capital cost is \$119 – \$140 million. The City has not yet determined the amount of Small Starts funding it will be seeking.

A locally preferred alternative (LPA) was adopted in the region's fiscally constrained long-range transportation plan in July 2012. The Alexandria City Council reaffirmed the LPA in March 2016. The project entered Small Starts Project Development in July 2016. The project completed the environmental review process with receipt of a Categorical Exclusion from FTA in April 2017. The City anticipates receipt of a Small Starts Grant Agreement in 2019, and the start of revenue service in 2021.