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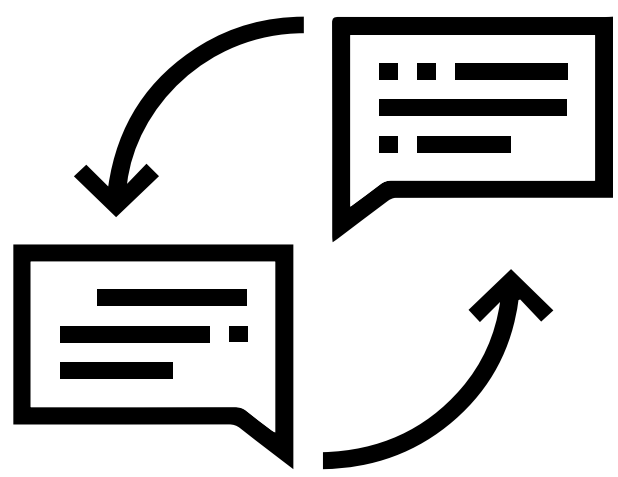
Today's Event: Catch up with Richmond Highway Projects



6:30 - 8:30 PM
Open House

Staff from Fairfax County Department of Transportation, Fairfax County Department of Planning & Development, and VDOT will be available at the maps and displays in the room.

Please note that there will be no presentation at this event.



Hay personal aquí que habla español. Esto se indica en sus etiquetas con el nombre.

There are staff present who speak Spanish; this is indicated on their name tags.

Additional language services can be requested free of charge by contacting Fairfax County Department of Transportation at 703-877- 5600, TTY 711.

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Website: vdot.virginia.gov/richmondhighway

Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit



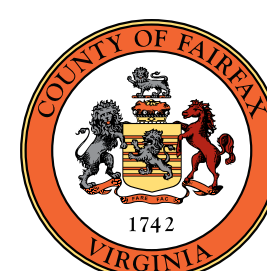
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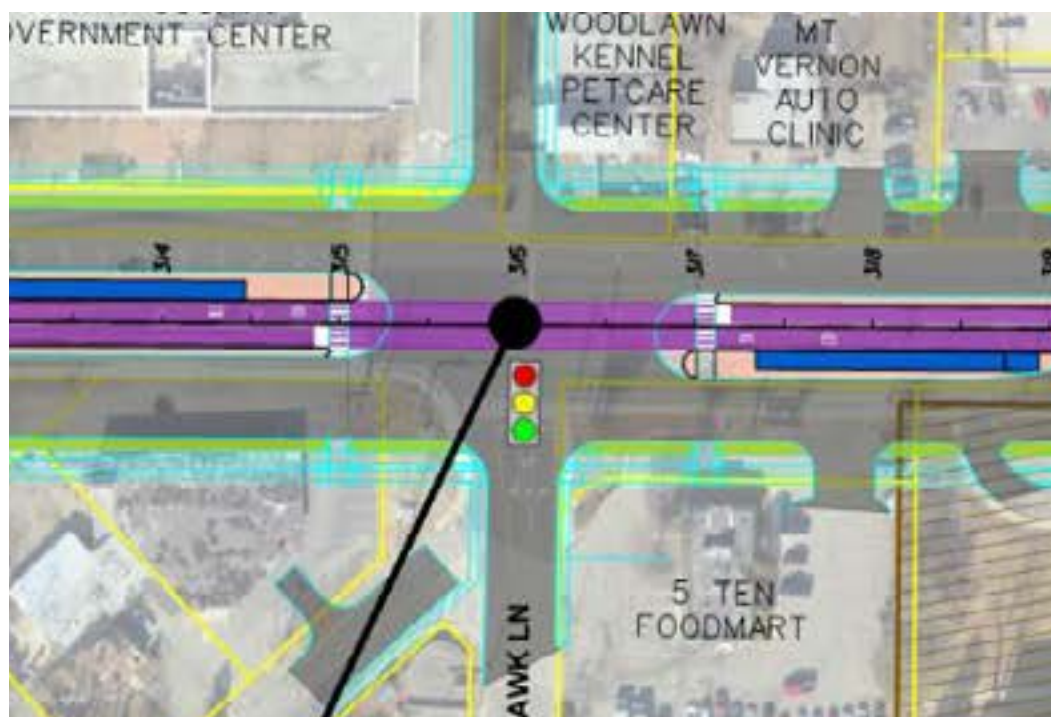
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The Richmond Highway BRT project is funded in part by the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority.



Project Updates: What Is New?



ROADWAY DESIGN

The **100% design for Section 1 is complete**, and the Section 2 alignment is expected in early 2026. The design can be viewed on the large maps provided at this meeting.



BRT BUSES

Due to ongoing production and reliability challenges in the battery electric bus industry, the Richmond Highway BRT project is planning to utilize **hybrid vehicles** rather than the previously-planned battery electric buses.



RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION

32 of 40 full-property right-of-way acquisitions are complete and demolition has been completed on 12 properties. County staff are regularly monitoring the acquired sites. More information can be found on the "Right-of-Way Acquisition" board at this meeting.



Federal Transit Administration

FUNDING

The project received Federal Transit Administration (FTA) approval to enter the Engineering Phase of the Capital Investment Grants Program in June 2024. **The project is now included in the recently-released (Nov. 2025) FTA Annual Report on Funding Recommendations, FY 2026.** The current project cost estimate is \$978.8 million.



COMMUNITY CHARM STATION ARTWORK

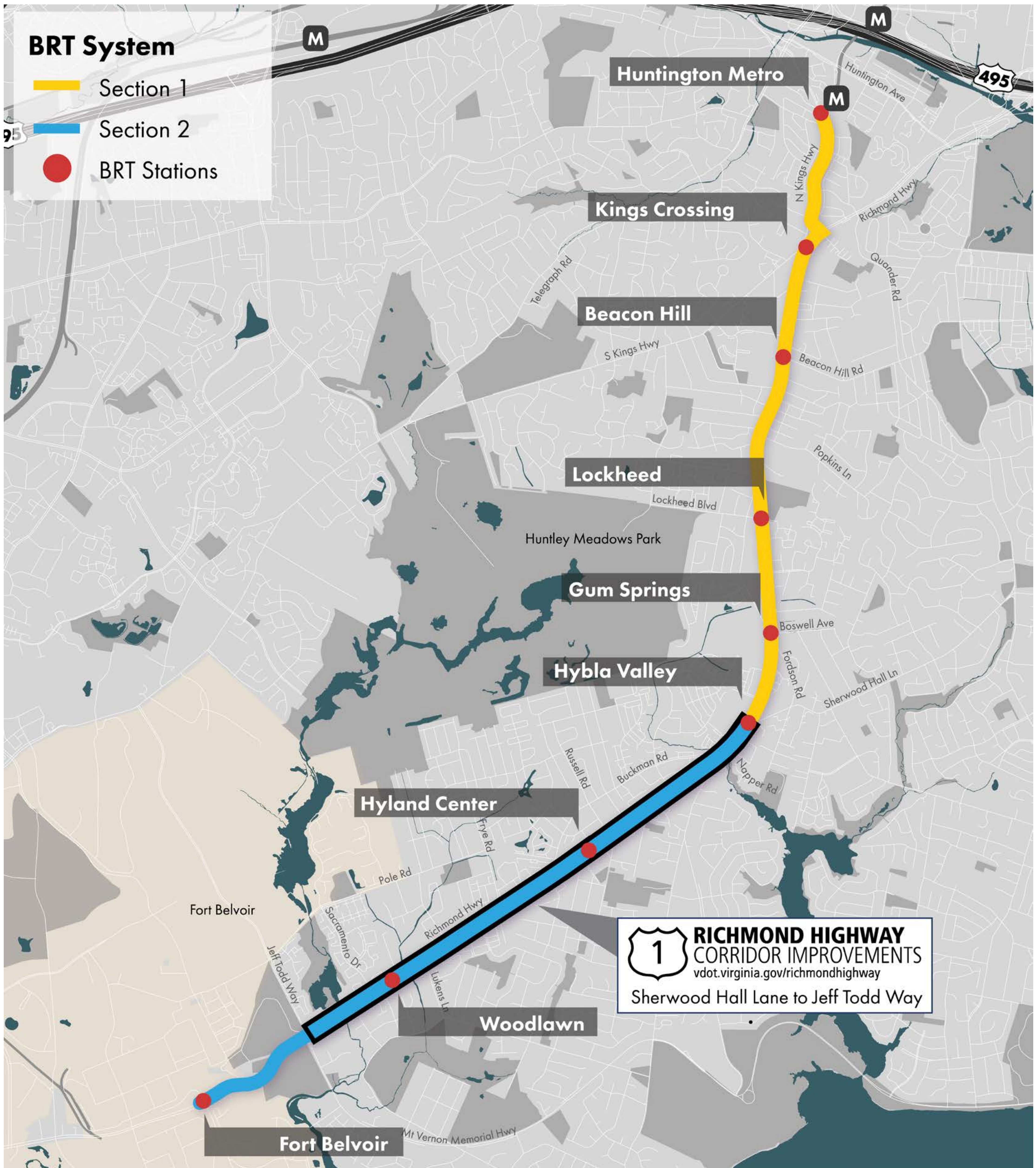
The Fairfax County Department of Planning & Development and ArtsFairfax conducted a "**Call for Artists**" for **BRT station windscreen art concepts** in August-September 2025. They received **52 applications**, and chose several artists to develop windscreen design concepts. More information can be found on the "Community Charm – Station Windscreen Artwork" board at this meeting.

PLANNED EVENTS AND MILESTONES FOR 2026

- **Design:** Complete the roadway/transitway design.
- **Community Charm Station Artwork:** Share updated artwork options for all stations in spring 2026 to get feedback.
- **Agreements/Coordination:** Complete all VDOT and other critical third-party agreements and continue coordination with FTA.
- **Outreach:** Hold multiple pop-up engagement events throughout the year.
- **Utility Relocation:** Run an outreach campaign and begin relocation. Sign up on the email list to receive a notification when more information is available.
- **Other Items:** Continue with right of way acquisition and maintenance facility design.



Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project Map



The purpose of the Richmond Highway Bus Rapid Transit System is to provide higher quality transit service on US Route 1 / Richmond Highway from Huntington Metrorail Station to Fort Belvoir. The project will provide improved transit reliability, speed, choice, user experience, and community connectivity.



What is Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)?

BRT is a high-quality public transportation system designed to be fast, reliable, and more convenient than traditional bus routes. It operates much like rail service, on a dedicated transit way, but with the flexibility and lower cost of bus vehicles. System features for Richmond Highway BRT will include:

Note: Photos on the right represent other BRT systems nationwide.

- **Service Plans & Frequencies** that prioritize reliable, frequent, and efficient service.
- **Dedicated Lanes & Traffic Signal Priority** that allow free-flow travel, minimize traffic-related delays, reduce overall travel times, and enhance reliability.
- **Stations** offering easier boarding to improve accessibility, off-board fare collection to expedite boarding, and improved pedestrian connectivity to enhance safety and access.
- **Buses** designed for improved passenger comfort and additional passenger capacity.
- **Information Technology Systems** with features such as real-time bus tracking, innovative fare collection, and more.
- **System-Wide Branding** to establish a unique and recognizable identity for the system.



Emerald Express (Eugene, Oregon)



CTfastrak (Hartford, Connecticut)



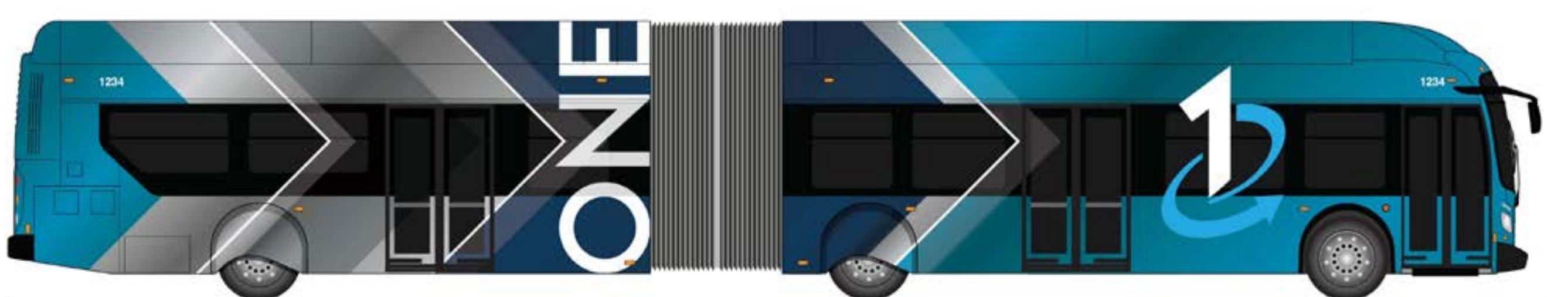
Healthline (Cleveland, OH)



sbX (San Bernardino, CA)



Strip & Downtown Express (Clark County, Nevada)



The One (Fairfax County, Virginia)

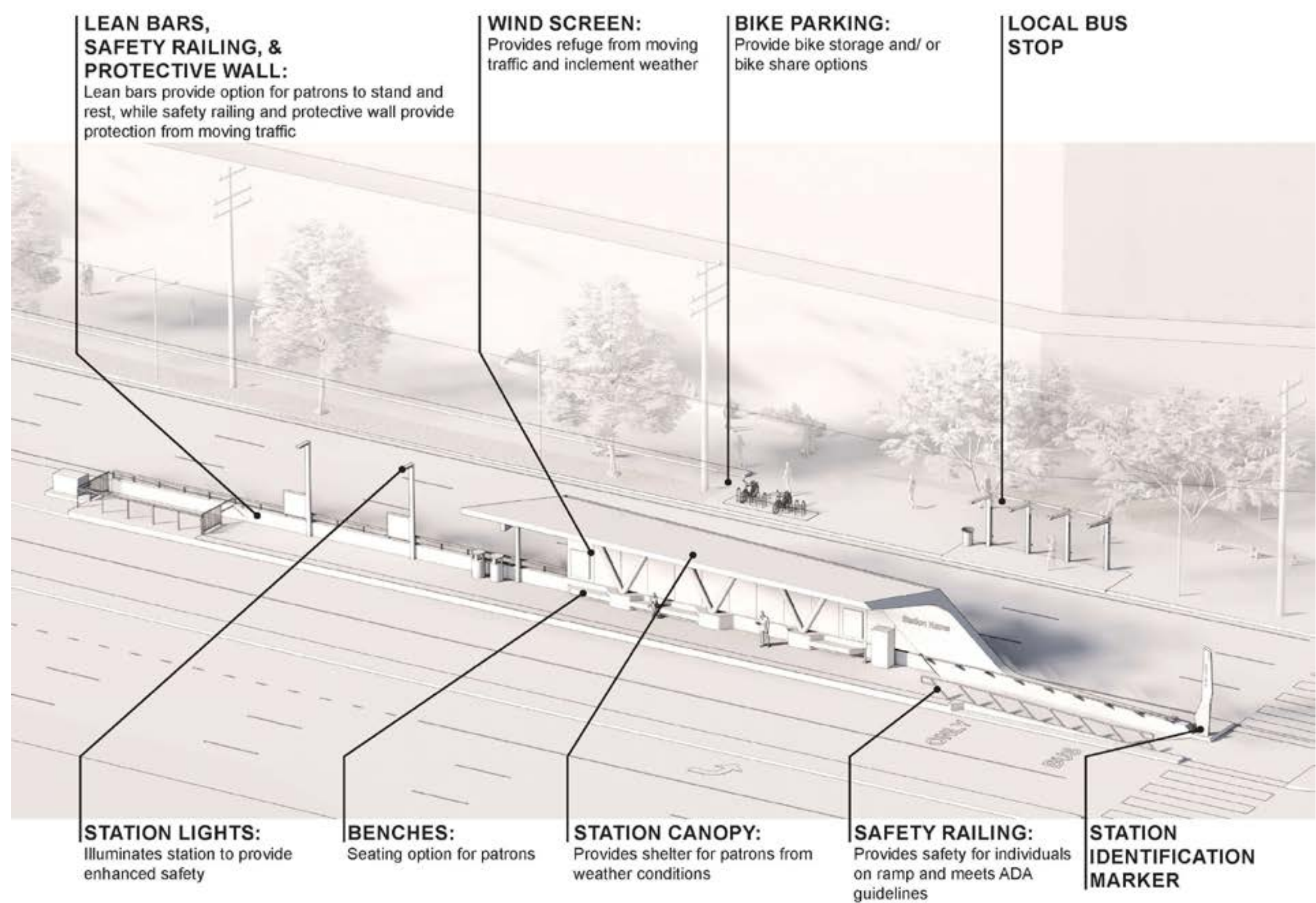
Take a deeper dive into the concept by viewing the November 4 & 5, 2020, meeting materials under "Project Materials" > "Community Meeting Materials" on the project webpage. See what FCDOT heard from the community by viewing the April 16, 2021, meeting materials under "Project Materials" > "BRT Executive Committee Materials".





Station Design

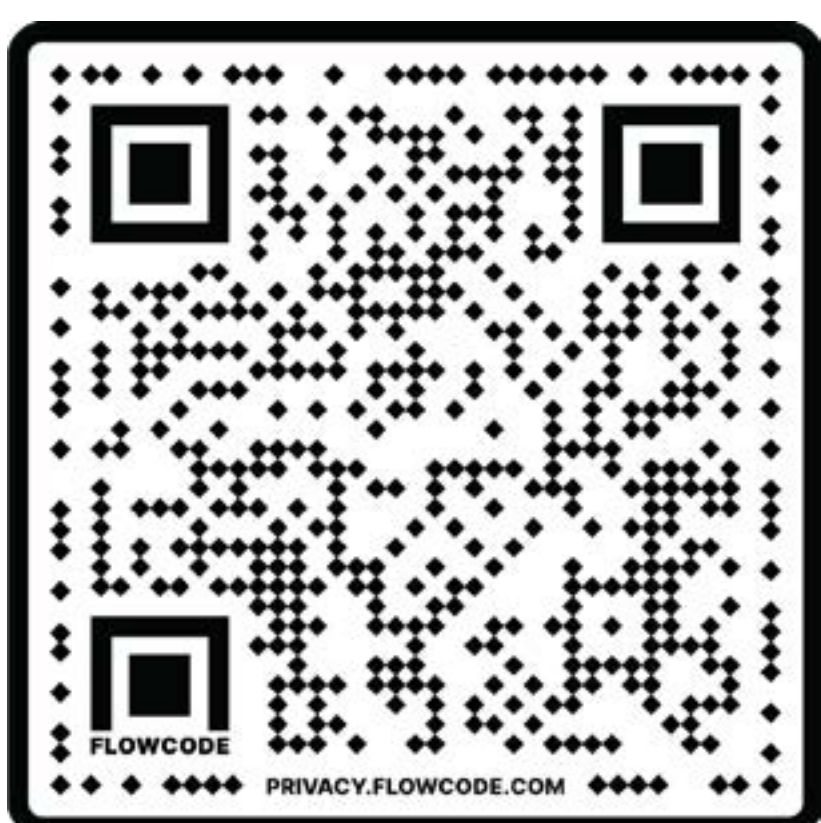
- The station's design is inspired by the corridor's ecology and its connection to early aviation history. The light, open structure mimics a wing leaning toward the direction of travel, suggesting a sense of movement and flight.
- This design shown here will be used at most Richmond Highway BRT stations. A different design will be used for the two terminus stations: Ft. Belvoir and Huntington.
- Graphics do not show all station area components that will be included in the final design.



In most cases, the stations for northbound and southbound buses will be on opposite sides of the intersection.



Scan below or visit www.vimeo.com/474859308 to view a flythrough video of the station design!



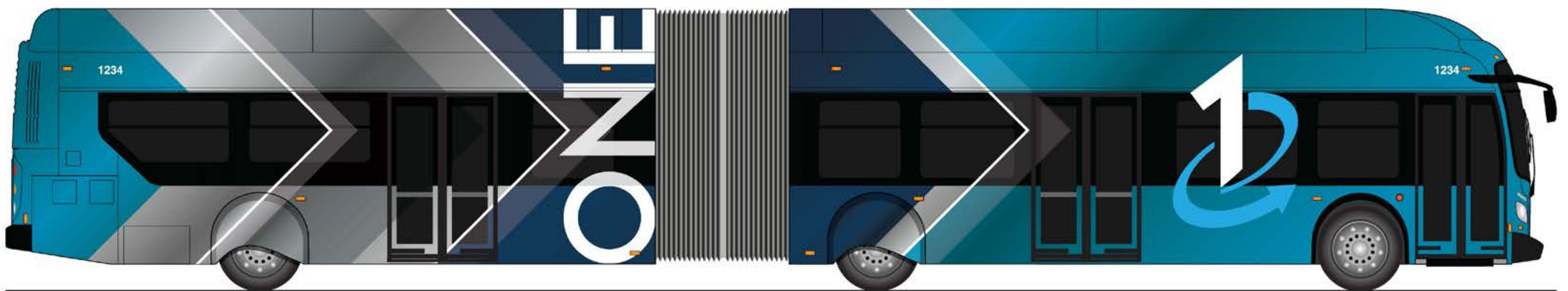
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Have You Met “The One”?

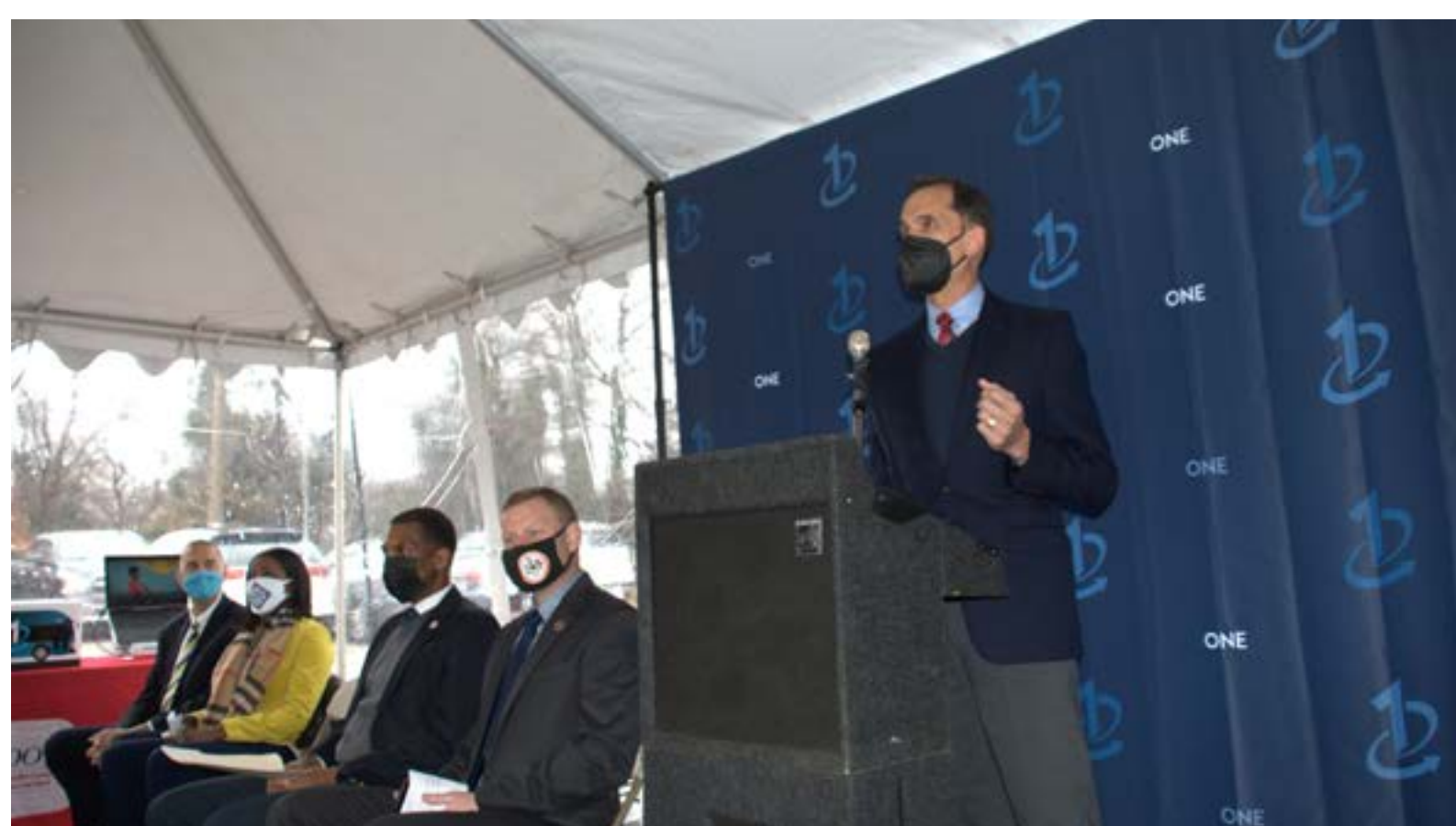
On February 25, 2022, Fairfax County officials launched the brand identity for the BRT system, developed with input from community members and stakeholders over three years. And the name is: **The One!**

This name, colors, and logo will be used at BRT stations and on the buses, to help people recognize and remember the new bus service.



There are a few reasons this is the best brand for the forthcoming BRT service:

- **The One** is a short and simple name, so it's easy to learn and recall.
- **The One** refers to the place that the buses will run – up and down Route 1 – so everyone in the community can understand its location.
- The name speaks to the uniqueness of the service. If you're looking for a fast, frequent, traffic-free way to travel along the Richmond Highway Corridor, this is **The One** way to do it!

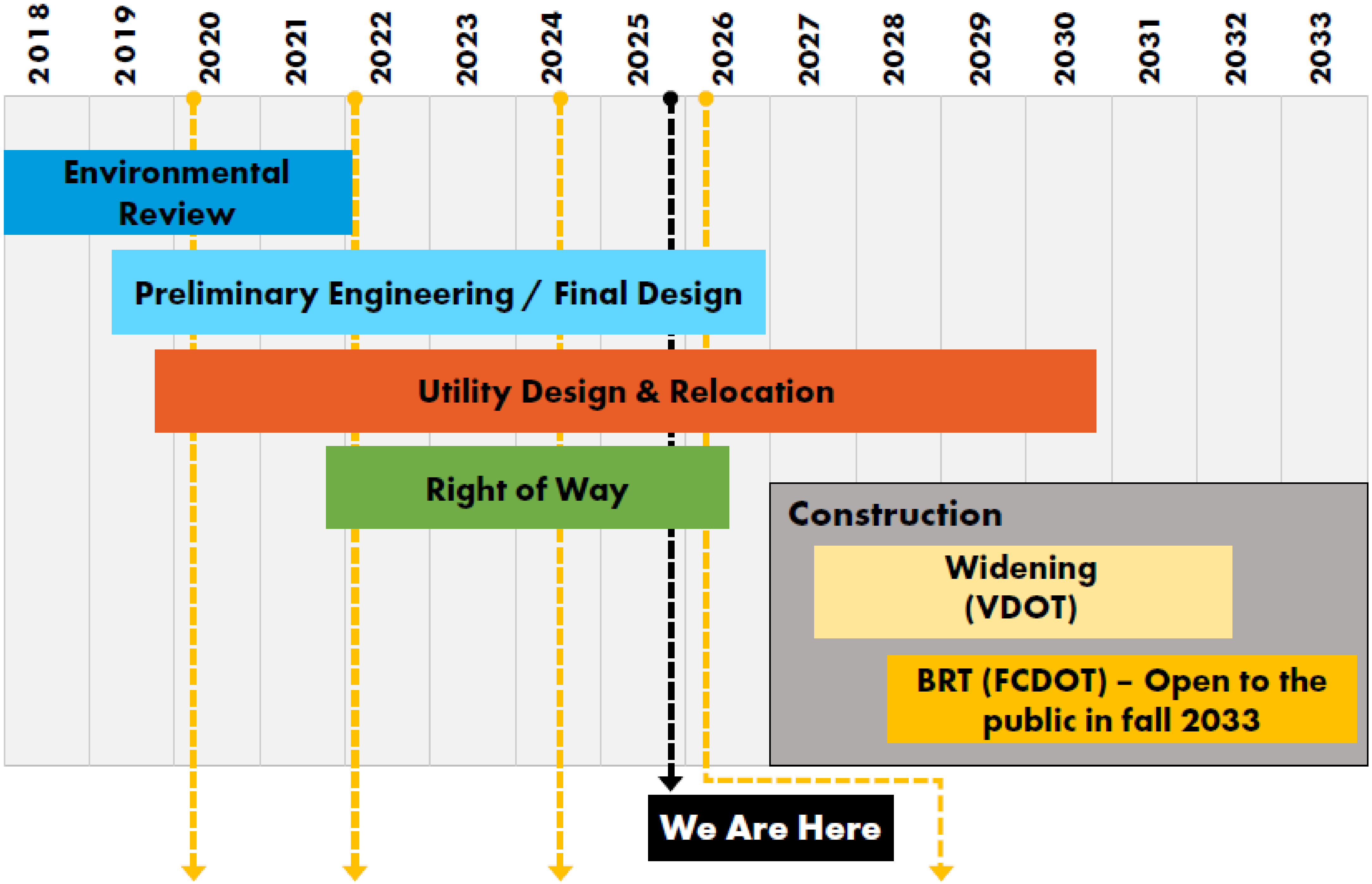


Take a deeper dive on the branding by viewing the April 28, 2022, meeting materials under “Project Materials” > “Community Meeting Materials” on the website.



Project Timeline

Project Timeline (as of December 2025)



In March 2020, the project entered Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) New Starts Project Development phase.

In January 2022, FTA determined that the project met the criteria for a Categorical Exclusion, as defined in the agency regulations of the National Environmental Policy Act.

In June 2024, the project received approval to enter the Engineering Phase of the FTA Capital Investment Grants (CIG) Program.

Utility relocations are planned to begin in early 2026. More information will be shared on the project website.





Community Charm – Station Windscreen Artwork

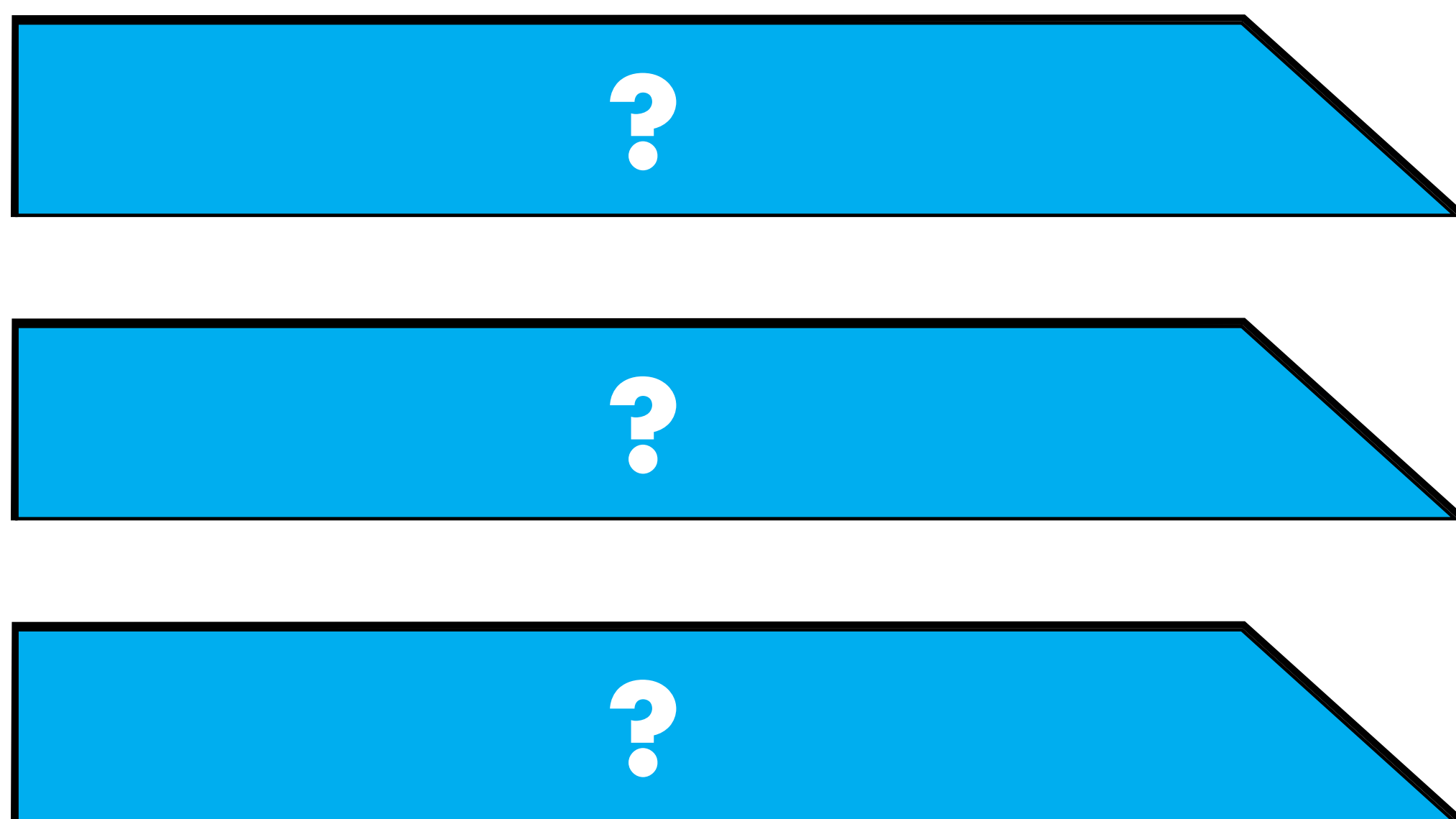
The "Community Charm" initiative is focused on integrating artwork into each BRT station to reflect the history, identity, and character of the neighborhoods surrounding each station area.

New artwork options are under development for all stations.

A design competition was issued to develop additional artwork options for all stations. Artists are utilizing previously-defined community themes and past public feedback as a starting point.



The final windscreen designs will be semi-permanent, and they may evolve or change over time.



There will be up to three designs shared per station for community feedback.

These will include the previously-reviewed student options, shown at the bottom of this board.

FCDOT expects to share draft artwork options for all stations in 2026.

After community feedback is reviewed, the Executive Committee will make final design decisions for each station.

Previously-developed student artwork will remain a design option.

- FCDOT previously worked with local students to develop artwork to inspire windscreen designs.
- In April 2023, the Executive Committee chose student artwork to inspire windscreen designs for four of the nine future BRT stations.

Lockheed Station



Hybla Valley Station



Woodlawn Station



Fort Belvoir Station





Right-of-Way Acquisition

Right-of-way acquisition and demolition of surplus buildings is underway and will continue through 2026. If you have concerns specific to your property, including the timing of the acquisition process, please contact FCDOT.

1. Email: DOTBRT@fairfaxcounty.gov (Please add "Right of Way" in the subject line)
2. Phone: 703-877-5600, TTY 711
3. Mail: FCDOT, Richmond Highway BRT, Project Manager, 4050 Legato Rd, Suite 400, Fairfax, VA 22033

Property Impact Overview

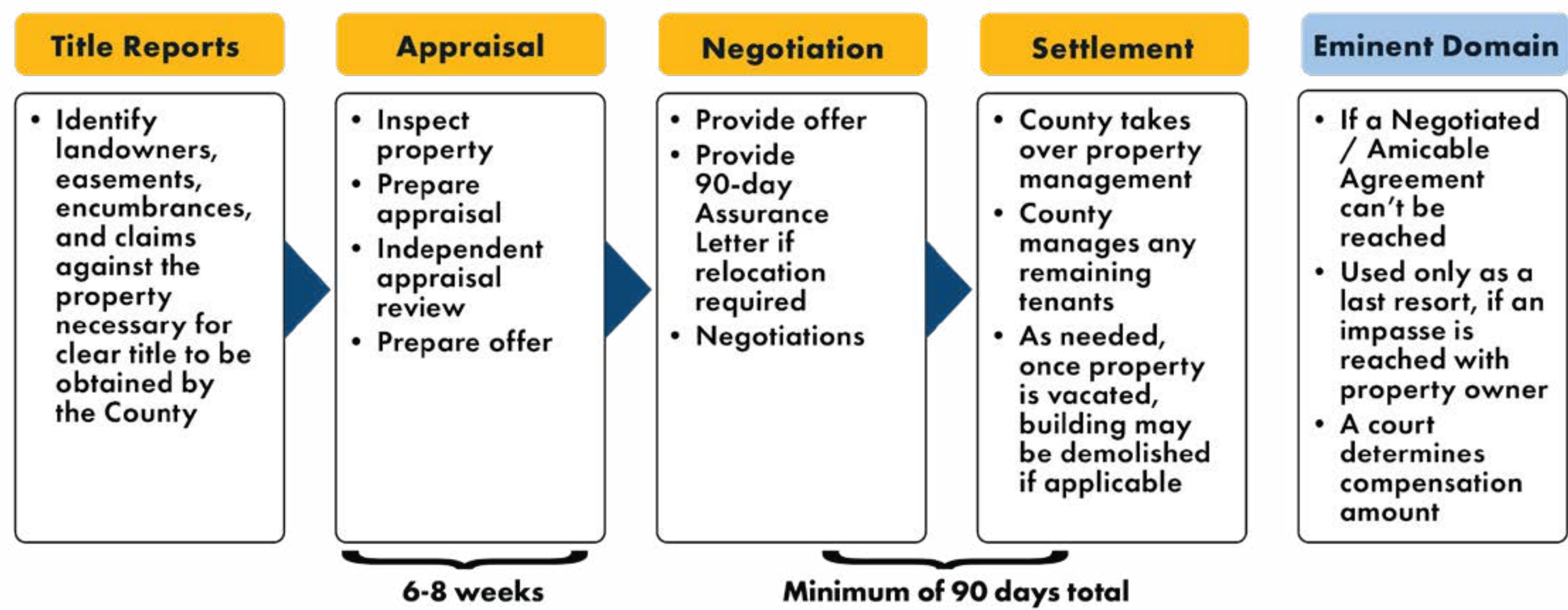
To expand transportation facilities for the Richmond Highway BRT system, the County will need to acquire land, or rights of way (ROW), from private property owners.

- Private property rights are protected by both the Virginia and United States Constitutions.
- Land may be acquired only after careful study and "just compensation" for the owner.
- FCDOT is following county, state, and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) procedures which ensure property owners are treated fairly and respectfully.
- Each property impact has been carefully considered to minimize the need for acquisition.

Services for Affected Property Owners and Occupants

If FCDOT needs to acquire a property for the Richmond Highway BRT project, owners and occupants may be eligible for the benefits shown in the graphic to the right.

Steps in the Whole Parcel Acquisition Process



General Outline of Relocation Process



Residential Relocation Assistance

- Moving cost expenses
- Replacement housing supplement
- Assistance locating replacement housing

Rental Assistance for Displaced Owner Occupants or Tenants

- Up to 42 months of rent assistance for higher rents

Businesses and Nonprofit Organizations

- Moving cost expenses
- Replacement property supplement
- Reestablishment expenses

More details can be found in A Guide for Property Owners and Tenants, a County publication which will be included in the offer package.



Take a deeper dive by visiting the right-of-way page on the project website: fairfaxcounty.gov/transportation/richmond-hwy-brt/right-of-way