

**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 West End Transitway project, the second of three BRT projects planned by the City of Alexandria, will have 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 will also feature 2.7 miles of dedicated bus lanes, off-board fare collection at substantial stations, traffic signal priority, and real-time passenger information. The project will provide efficient, high frequency service to a busy corridor with future growth planned around the transit investments.

The City of Alexandria's current estimate of the capital costs for the West End Transitway is \$119 – \$140 million. They do not yet have an estimate for the amount of funding it will seek from the Small Starts Program. 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 City of Alexandria expects to complete the environmental review process with a Finding of No Significant Impact in August 2016, receive a Small Starts Grant Agreement in the first quarter of 2019, and begin revenue service in 2021.