



AARP® AARP Community Challenge Project – A New Look for a Community Bus Stop



OmniRide is proud to announce the completion of a new bus shelter artwork and revitalization project at the Prince William County Government A.J. Ferlazzo Building. Funded through a 2025 AARP Community Challenge grant, the project transformed an outdated bus stop into a welcoming, accessible, and vibrant community space.

The AARP Community Challenge is a grant program designed to make communities more livable for people of all ages through quick-action projects that create lasting improvements. This grant program supports innovative projects that enhance public spaces, transportation, housing, digital connectivity, community resilience, and more.

Working with AARP, OmniRide reimagined the existing bus shelter with a focus on accessibility and community connection. The revitalized shelter features new artwork that celebrates the local community and ADA-compliant amenities, creating a more inviting environment for everyone who uses the bus stop.

More than a place to wait for the bus, the newly renovated shelter is now a colorful community landmark that enhances the rider experience and shows how small improvements can make a meaningful difference in the places where people live, work, and travel.

In late September, OmniRide hosted a ribbon-cutting ceremony to celebrate the project's completion. Community members, representatives from the PRTC Board of Commissioners, AARP representatives, and OmniRide staff gathered to recognize the partnership and officially unveil the improved bus shelter.

The project reflects OmniRide's ongoing commitment to creating a transportation system that is accessible, welcoming, and connected to the communities it serves.



Q: How often do you use the bus stop and for how long?

A: Everyday, 2 months, Routes 52 & 53

Q: What was your first impression when you saw the updated bus stop?

A: I was impressed, looks much better than the old one.

Q: How has this improvement changed your experience using this bus stop?

A: Makes me feel like the community cares. I love art.

Tanya Bellfield
Woodbridge, VA

Resident voices on our community improvement project funded by an #AARPCommunityChallenge grant.

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Community Partner Feature – Northern Virginia Transportation Authority

From buses and rail to roads, bike lanes, pedestrian infrastructure, and transportation technology, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority (NVTA) plays an important role in planning and funding the region's transportation future.

NVTA's mission is straightforward: reduce congestion and improve mobility through multimodal transportation solutions that connect communities, support economic growth, and enhance quality of life across Northern Virginia.

In July, NVTA adopted its FY2026–2031 Six-Year Program, committing \$776 million to 21 transportation projects across Northern Virginia. The investments will support a range of improvements, including transit, roadway enhancements, bicycle and pedestrian infrastructure, technology, and intersection and interchange projects.

NVTA is also updating TransAction, the region's long-range multimodal transportation plan. Community input gathered through an online survey, 20 pop-up events, and a public open house will help identify transportation challenges and priorities for the years ahead.

NVTA is also looking toward the future of regional transit. Its Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Action Plan identifies up to 28 potential BRT routes designed to provide fast, frequent, and reliable all-day service. NVTA is already investing in five BRT routes totaling more than \$1 billion, expanding transportation choices and improving connections throughout Northern Virginia.

NVTA's commitment to multimodal transportation extends to its own workplace. The organization was recently recognized as a Best Workplace for Commuters and named a 2026 Commuter Connections Employer of the Year.

The organization intentionally selected an office location that employees and community members can access by Metro, car, bus, or bicycle—demonstrating that multimodal transportation is more than a planning priority; it's something NVTA embraces every day.

As Northern Virginia continues to grow, NVTA's regional investments will help communities stay connected, support local businesses, create economic opportunities, and give residents more ways to get where they need to go. Through planning, funding, and partnerships, NVTA is helping build a transportation network designed to serve Northern Virginia today and for generations to come.



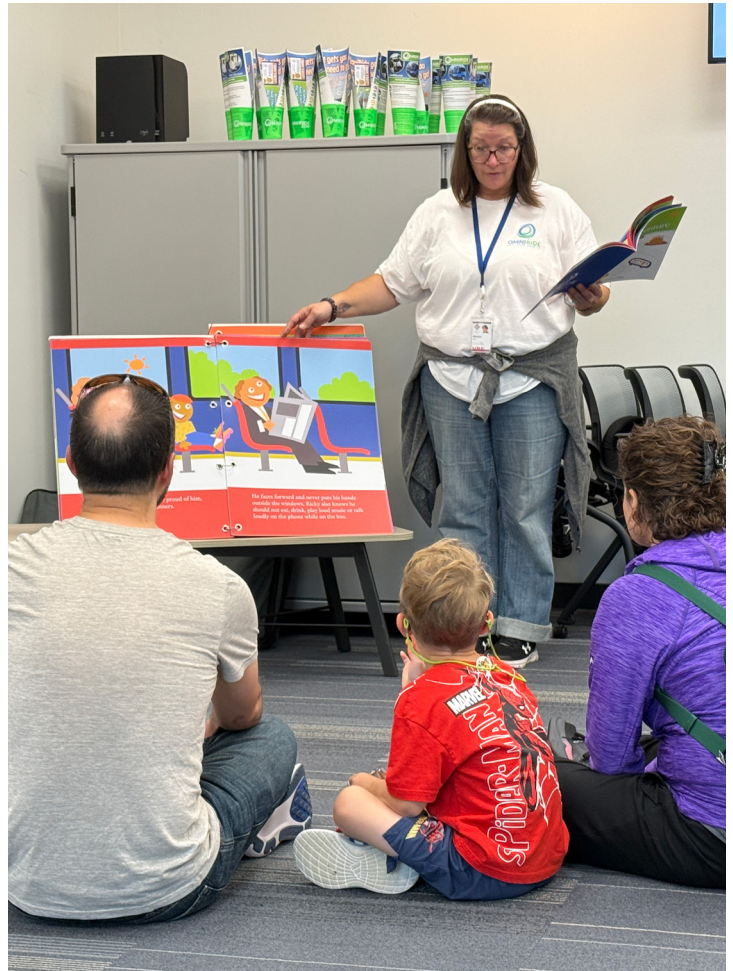
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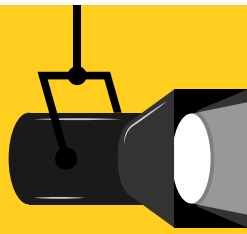
OmniRide is excited to celebrate its 40th anniversary this year! The first of two community open houses took place on Wednesday, September 23, at the OmniRide Transit Center in Woodbridge.

If you missed the September event, don't worry! You can join the celebration on Wednesday, October 14, from 4 to 8 p.m. at the OmniRide Western Facility in Manassas. This free, family-friendly community open house welcomes everyone to join in the festivities.

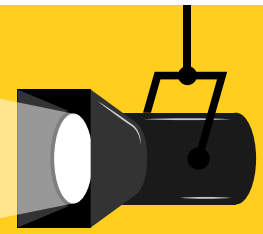
Join us for bus and facility tours, community vendor tables, children's activities, an OmniRide showcase, raffles, and more! We will also be collecting donations for Northern Virginia Food Rescue. Please help us fill their van with canned vegetables, beans, 1-pound bags of rice, pasta, soup, fruit snacks, and granola bars.

For more information, please visit our 40th anniversary webpage: [40th Anniversary Celebration](#)





Staff Spotlight



Meet Cleveland Daffin, Keolis Supervisor!



With more than six decades of combined public transportation experience, Mr. Daffin brings deep knowledge, leadership, and passion to the industry. As a Keolis Supervisor, he oversees the University Commuter Lot and other facilities and has been a valued member of the Keolis team for 14 years. Keolis has been the OmniRide contractor for the past 6 years. His transportation career also includes 40 years with DC Transit/WMATA and 10 years with First Transit, making him a true veteran of the field.

• **What do you enjoy most about your job?**

» For Mr. Daffin, the most rewarding part of the job is helping people and supporting the next generation of transit professionals.

"I enjoy teaching new operators and helping them succeed," he says. Whether mentoring employees, answering questions, or sharing lessons learned throughout his career, he takes pride in helping operators build the skills and confidence they need to provide safe, reliable service to riders."

• **What accomplishment are you most proud of?**

» One of his proudest achievements has been developing his own lesson plans and training materials for new operators.

Drawing on decades of hands-on experience, he created training resources designed to bridge the gap between classroom instruction and real-world operations. His focus has been on leadership development and ensuring that operators can successfully apply what they learn in training once they're out on the road.

His goal is simple: provide practical guidance that helps employees grow professionally and perform their jobs with confidence.

• **What do you like to do outside of work?**

» When he's not training and mentoring transit professionals, Mr. Daffin enjoys staying active by bowling, playing softball, and playing baseball. He also has a fun leadership distinction from his school days: he served as president of his high school class.

His lifelong commitment to leadership, teamwork, and helping others continues to make a positive impact both on and off the job.



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