

# Columbia Pike Transit Initiative

## Glossary

**ART** - Arlington Transit. This bus service operates within Arlington County, Virginia. The service supplements Metrobus with smaller, neighborhood-friendly vehicles, and provides access to Metrorail and Virginia Railway Express (VRE).

For more information visit <http://www.arlingtontransit.com/>.

**AA** - Alternatives Analysis. To qualify for Federal funding, projects must undertake an Alternatives Analysis (also known as Major Investment Study or Multimodal Corridor Analysis). The AA evaluates several mode and alignment options for addressing mobility in a specific corridor. The AA provides information to local officials and the community on the benefits, costs, and impacts of alternative transportation investments. The process involves a wide range of stakeholders. The Federal Transit Administration (FTA) sets guidelines for Alternatives Analysis studies for major transit investments.

For more information visit [http://www.fta.dot.gov/printer\\_friendly/planning\\_environment\\_218.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/printer_friendly/planning_environment_218.html) , and [http://www.fta.dot.gov/printer\\_friendly/planning\\_environment\\_233.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/printer_friendly/planning_environment_233.html).

**CCC** - Community Coordination Committee. The CCC for the Columbia Pike Transit Initiative meets at least semi-annually and is composed of citizens, commercial and business interests along the corridor, as well as representatives of official advisory groups. The project team engages and coordinates with the CCC regarding project activities, particularly at key milestones. CCC members are encouraged to provide feedback to the Project Management Team (PMT) and communicate what they learn about the project to their constituencies.

**CIP**- Capital Improvement Program. This is a short-range plan, usually four to six years, which identifies capital projects, provides a planning schedule, and identifies options for financing the plan.

For more information regarding the Arlington County CIP visit

<http://www.co.arlington.va.us/departments/ManagementAndFinance/CapitalImprovementProgram/page24108.aspx>

For more information regarding the Fairfax County CIP visit

[http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2011/adopted/fy11\\_adopted\\_cip.htm](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dmb/fy2011/adopted/fy11_adopted_cip.htm)

**CLRP** - Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan. The Financially Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan is a regional plan that includes transportation projects and programs that the region anticipates implementing over the next 25 years. Transportation projects that expect to receive federal funding must be included in the CLRP and Transportation Improvement Program (TIP). The CLRP is developed and approved by the Transportation Planning Board (TPB).

For more information visit <http://www.mwcog.org/clrp/>.

**CPRO** - Columbia Pike Revitalization Organization. CPRO is a coalition of businesses, civic associations, property owners, and individuals working with Arlington County Government. The organization provides direction and support to a variety of initiatives that aim to improve and revitalize Columbia Pike and its adjacent neighborhoods.

For more information visit <http://www.columbiapikepartnership.com/index.html>.

**DRPT** - Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. This is the agency under the Virginia Secretary of Transportation that provides technical and financial assistance for public transit in Virginia.

For more information visit <http://www.drpt.virginia.gov/>.

**FTA**- Federal Transit Administration. FTA falls under the US Department of Transportation and oversees federal programs to support a variety of locally planned, constructed, and operated public transportation systems throughout the United States.

For more information visit <http://www.fta.dot.gov/>.

**Mixed-Use Development** - A type of development that includes more than one type of use in a building or set of buildings. This may mean some combination of residential, commercial, industrial, office, institutional, or other land uses.

**Multimodal** - A term used to refer to the availability of multiple forms of transportation within a system or corridor. Forms of transportation include the automobile, transit, bicycle and walking.

**MPO** - Metropolitan Planning Organization. Federal law requires the establishment of an MPO in every urban area of the US with a population over 50,000. In the Washington metropolitan area our MPO is the Transportation Planning Board. As our MPO, the TPB is responsible for meeting Federal metropolitan planning regulations for transportation.

For more information visit <http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/tpb/>.

**MWCOG** - Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG). COG is a regional organization of Washington area local governments. COG is comprised of 21 local governments surrounding our nation's capital, plus area members of the Maryland and Virginia legislatures, the U.S. Senate, and the U.S. House of Representatives. COG provides a focus for action and develops regional responses to such issues as the environment, affordable housing, economic development, health and family concerns, human services, population growth, public safety, and transportation.

For more information visit <http://www.mwcog.org/>.

**New Starts/Small Starts** - The Federal Transit Administration's New Starts program (49 USC §5309) is the primary funding resource for supporting locally planned, implemented, and operated transit guideway capital investments. Small Starts projects are major transit capital projects costing less than \$250 million and requiring less than \$75 million in Small Starts resources.

For more information visit [http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/planning\\_environment\\_5221.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/planning_environment_5221.html) or [http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/newstarts/planning\\_environment\\_222.html](http://www.fta.dot.gov/planning/newstarts/planning_environment_222.html)

**PC** - Policy Committee. The PC for the Columbia Pike Transit Initiative meets semi-annually or as project activities require. The committee is composed of elected officials and executive staff of state and local agencies. Their role is to advise the Project Management Team (PMT) and provide policy direction. The co-chairs are from the Arlington County Board and Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, Mason District.

**PE** - Preliminary Engineering. Preliminary Engineering is analysis and design work to produce construction plans, specifications, and cost estimates. Within the New Starts program, FTA defines Preliminary Engineering as a specific phase in a project's advancement toward construction and operation. To gain FTA permission to enter this phase, a project sponsor must complete an Alternatives Analysis study, submit New Starts criteria templates and certifications, and complete a project financial plan, among other requirements. Upon successful completion of Preliminary Engineering, FTA allows projects to enter the Final Design phase.

**Pike Ride** - Pike Ride refers to the Metrobus 16 Line routes and ART routes that serve Columbia Pike. The two services are coordinated to provide frequent, convenient service along the Pike.

For more information visit <http://www.commuterpage.com/pikeride/index.htm>.

**PMT** - Project Management Team. The PMT for the Columbia Pike Transit Initiative meets monthly and is responsible for providing guidance and direction regarding project work activities and study products. The PMT participates in briefings with the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and other appropriate agencies. Members include representatives from Arlington County, Fairfax County, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the Consultant team, and the Columbia Pike Multimodal Study.

**Project Development** - For Small Starts projects, preliminary engineering and final design work are combined into one phase referred to as "Project Development."

**ROW** - Right-of-Way. The right-of-way is an area of land over which people or goods have the right to travel. On urban streets, this typically includes the roadway, sidewalk, curb, and gutter. It may include other land on either side of the roadway.

**Super Stops** - These are improved shelters and waiting areas which include ample seating, enhanced lighting, better security, and real-time passenger information. Arlington County has prepared designs for "Super Stops," and plans to install prototypes at three locations along Columbia Pike.

For more information visit <http://www.washingtonpost.com/wp-dyn/content/article/2008/07/23/AR2008072301189.html>

**TAC** - Technical Advisory Committee. The TAC for the Columbia Pike Transit Initiative meets quarterly and is composed of representatives from Federal, state, and local government agencies. Their role is to provide staff recommendations and technical advice.

**TIP** - Transportation Improvement Program. The TIP is a list of projects and programs that will be implemented over the next six years. Transportation projects that want to receive federal funding must be included in the TIP and the Financially Constrained Long Range Transportation Plan (CLRP).

For more information visit <http://www.mwcog.org/clrp/projects/tip/>.

**TPB** - Transportation Planning Board of the National Capital Region. The TPB includes local officials, state transportation agency representatives, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), state legislators, and other executives. Key decision makers on the TPB coordinate planning and funding for the region's transportation system. The TPB is our region's Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO).

For more information visit <http://www.mwcog.org/transportation/tpb/>.

**VDOT** - Virginia Department of Transportation. VDOT is the state department of transportation and has authority over public roads.

For more information visit [http://www.virginiadot.org/default\\_noflash.asp](http://www.virginiadot.org/default_noflash.asp).

**WMATA** - Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority also known as "Metro." WMATA is the public transit agency that operates Metro bus and rail. WMATA is conducting the Columbia Pike Transit Initiative on behalf of Arlington County and Fairfax County.

For more information visit <http://www.wmata.com/>.