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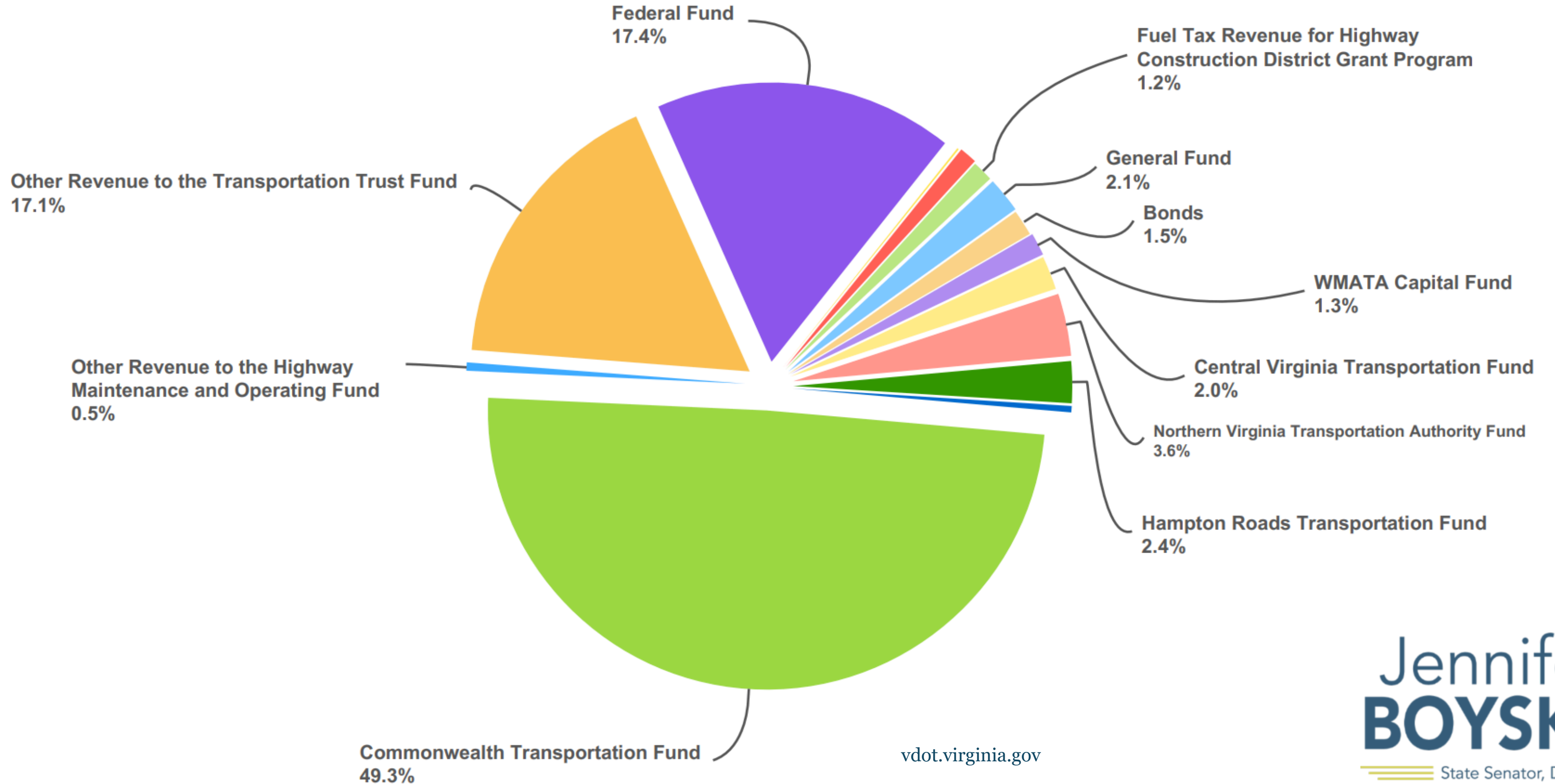
The Process and Path Forward for a Bipartisan Surface Transportation Bill

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Commonwealth Transportation Fund Total Revenues

for FY 2025 as of June 2024



Funding for Virginia's Roadways

- January 2022 – Federal Funding for Appalachian Development Highway System: \$19,962,161 in coordination with the Appalachian Regional Commission (ARC)
- December 2022 – Federal Grant for I-64 project in New Kent County, \$25,000,000 in federal funding for the expansion of I-64 in New Kent County. This funding will add a third lane to I-64 in each direction, widen shoulders, add rumble strips and, wider and flatter clear zones for an approximately 10-mile segment in New Kent County. This is part of the I-64 Gap Project that also received \$407 million in Virginia state general funds



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Bridge Repair Funding

- \$535 million over 5 years for bridge upgrades and long-term maintenance
- Extends the life cycle of existing bridges and improves degraded bridges
- Includes minor (1-2 years) resurfacing projects & longer term (3-5 years), more intensive bridge repairs such as bridge reconstruction
- \$18 million to replace Arthur Ashe Bridge in the City of Richmond, an 80-year-old degraded bridge over a CSX rail yard that connects neighborhoods currently experiencing transformational development



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Federal Funding from IIJA to Connect Communities

- February 2023 – Connecting Communities Grants
- Federal funding to reconnect communities by improving transportation infrastructure in Norfolk and Richmond. Supports planning grants, capital construction grants, and technical assistance to reconnect communities that were previously cut off from economic opportunity by transportation infrastructure.
- \$1,600,000 for the Norfolk I-264 Reconnecting Communities project
- \$1,350,000 for Richmond in Jackson Ward



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Federal Funding from IIJA for Multimodal Transportation Improvements

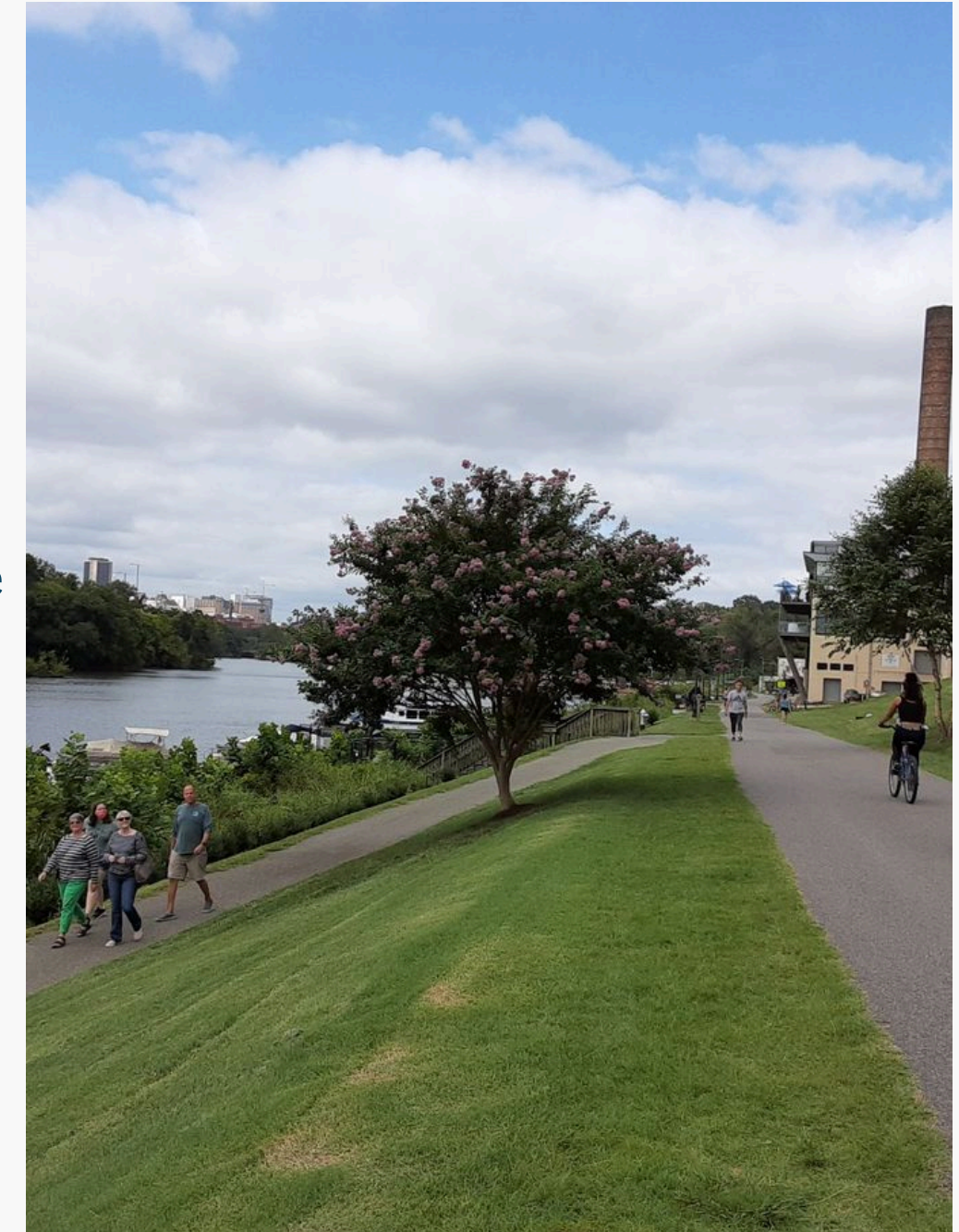
- June 2023 – Several Virginia Localities receive funds for non-vehicle transportation improvements
- \$23,251,485 is headed to Northampton and Accomack Counties to support the conversion of 16.8 miles of abandoned Bay Coast Railroad into a 10-foot-wide shared-use path that will connect the Town of Nassawadox with several historic towns on the way to the Town of Olney
- \$14,368,180 is headed to Harrisonburg to convert a lane of US-11 to a two-way separated bicycle area between the intersections of Main Street and Noll Drive and Grattan Street and Liberty Street. A shared-use path will also be constructed along Main Street between Grattan Street and Martin Luther King Jr. Way. The project will also include additional pedestrian, bicycle, and intersection improvements to improve safety for the community and will be transformative for the Liberty Street Corridor and Downtown
- \$720,000 is headed to Herndon to develop a plan to redevelop the town's land use and development policies, transportation network, and economic and housing development policies



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Federal Funding from IIJA - Multimodal Projects

- August 2022 – RAISE Grants \$64,207,045 in federal funding for Virginia infrastructure projects; the funding was awarded through the Department of Transportation’s Rebuilding American Infrastructure Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) discretionary grant program that helps communities plan and carry out projects with local or regional impact.
 - \$19,300,000 for High Street Innovation in the City of Portsmouth for converting the existing four-lane undivided arterial to a two-lane divided road section allowing for road integration of vehicles, pedestrians, cyclists, and transit users
 - \$3,000,000 for the I-95/Route 1 Revitalizations Planning Project in Spotsylvania County for the planning of a project that will provide multimodal improvements along the US Route 1 corridor from I-95/Exit 126 to Route 208/Lafayette Boulevard
 - \$2,007,045 for the Three Notched Trail Shared Use Path Plan in Albemarle County for the planning of a project that will develop a shared use path between the City of Charlottesville, the community of Crozet, and Western Albemarle and Nelson County.
 - \$1,500,000 for Community Connectivity and Mobility in Essex County for the planning to conduct a multimodal assessment and develop a master plan that will propose projects and cost estimates for future projects



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Funding for Pedestrian Safety Improvements

- \$14,900,000 for the Virginia Beach Trail project to address unsafe pedestrian conditions in the Hampton Roads area and create an active transportation link between downtown Norfolk and the Virginia Beach Town Center. The shared-use path will have over three miles of pedestrian and bicycle trails completely separated from vehicles and move people who walk or bike off a busy road. The trail will link multiple universities, businesses, and employment opportunities to underserved communities along the corridor. The project also includes a pedestrian bridge over the 10-lane road, high-visibility crosswalks, and improved lighting
- \$10,768,909 for Richmond to address safety issues at 13 different corridors across the city. About 40% of the killed or seriously injured traffic incidents in Richmond occur on 3% of the street network, and many occur at intersections (26 projects)



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Federal \$ Funds Railway Improvements

- October 2024 – Federal funding for passenger rail infrastructure as follows:
 - \$3.2 million in federal funding to improve four railroad crossings in rural Virginia.
 - \$6,000,000 for the Buckingham Branch Railroad Company to replace old rail tracks and ties across central Virginia. The project will make freight rail service more resilient, efficient, and secure and reduce the risk of derailments by resurfacing approximately 83 miles of track and seven grade crossings.
 - \$5,836,000 for the Virginia Passenger Rail Authority to improve the Richmond Staples Mill Amtrak Station by upgrading two platforms, adding one platform canopy, and promoting accessibility. This will make the station ADA-compliant and will create a better and safer passenger experience. It will also support Staples Mill’s addition of 10 Amtrak trains per day, rapidly scaling up the number of passenger rail options available to Richmonders.
 - \$1,481,000 for the Town of Bedford to develop plans for a new intercity passenger rail station. This funding will allow for initial engineering and environmental work on the proposed station, which could connect Bedford to passenger rail service for the first time in several decades



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Long Bridge Expansion & Bike Path

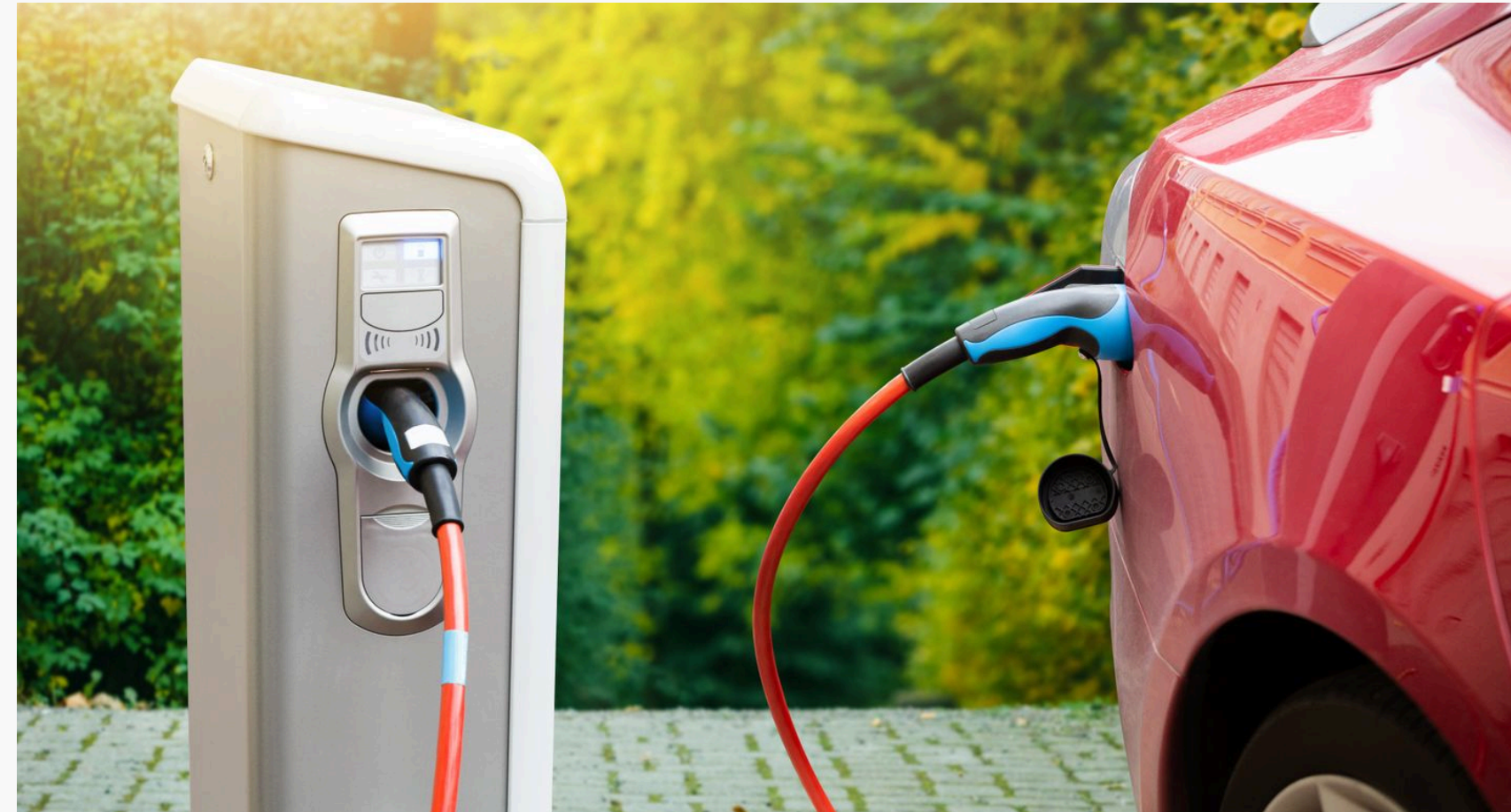
- \$20,000,000 for the Long Bridge Bicycle and Pedestrian Crossing Project, the creation of a new bicycle-pedestrian bridge that crosses the Potomac River between Long Bridge Park in Arlington, VA and East and West Potomac Parks in Washington, DC.
- 2023 – Funding for Long Bridge Project: \$729 million awarded from IIJA for the Long Bridge Project – this enables the project to move forward



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Funds for Electric transit vehicle purchasing assistance and charging Infrastructure

- \$10 million for the purchase of low and zero emissions buses by the Greater Richmond Transit Company
- \$11.3 million in federal funds from the IIJA have been used by the Virginia Department of Transportation to invest in building a network of electric vehicle chargers along interstates to fill the gaps in existing charging infrastructure (NEVI grant)
- In the process of filling in electric vehicle charging gaps along state primary roads
- July 2024 – Grant to Fairfax County for Clean Fuel Buses - \$50,591,220 in federal funding for Fairfax County to purchase new low-emission diesel-electric hybrid buses under the county's fleet replacement plan



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Federal Funding from IIJA for Virginia's Transit Systems

- The effects of climate change are already upon us, such as excessive heat, sea/estuarial level rise, and inland flooding, such as that experienced in SW Virginia in Fall 2024.
- August 2022 – Transit Grants to Virginia Localities
 - Modernizing and electrifying buses and vehicle storage totaling \$11,549,192
- Announced January 2025: \$10,797,461 in federal funding for the Virginia Department of Energy to build 392 electric vehicle (EV) charging ports at urban and rural tourism destinations across Virginia. Over half of the 392 chargers will be installed in disadvantaged communities across the Commonwealth to increase EV accessibility for all Virginians
- June 2023 – Federal Funding for Loudoun for Clean Fuel Transit: \$13.9 million in funding to upgrade Loudoun Transit buses to low- or no-emission vehicles



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Thank you

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