

Capital Bikeshare Update

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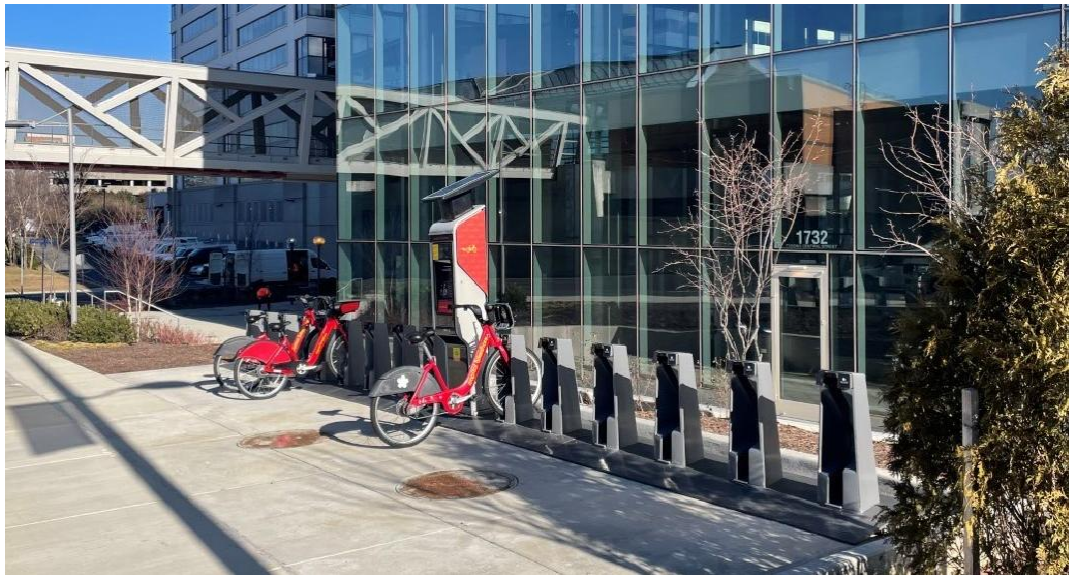
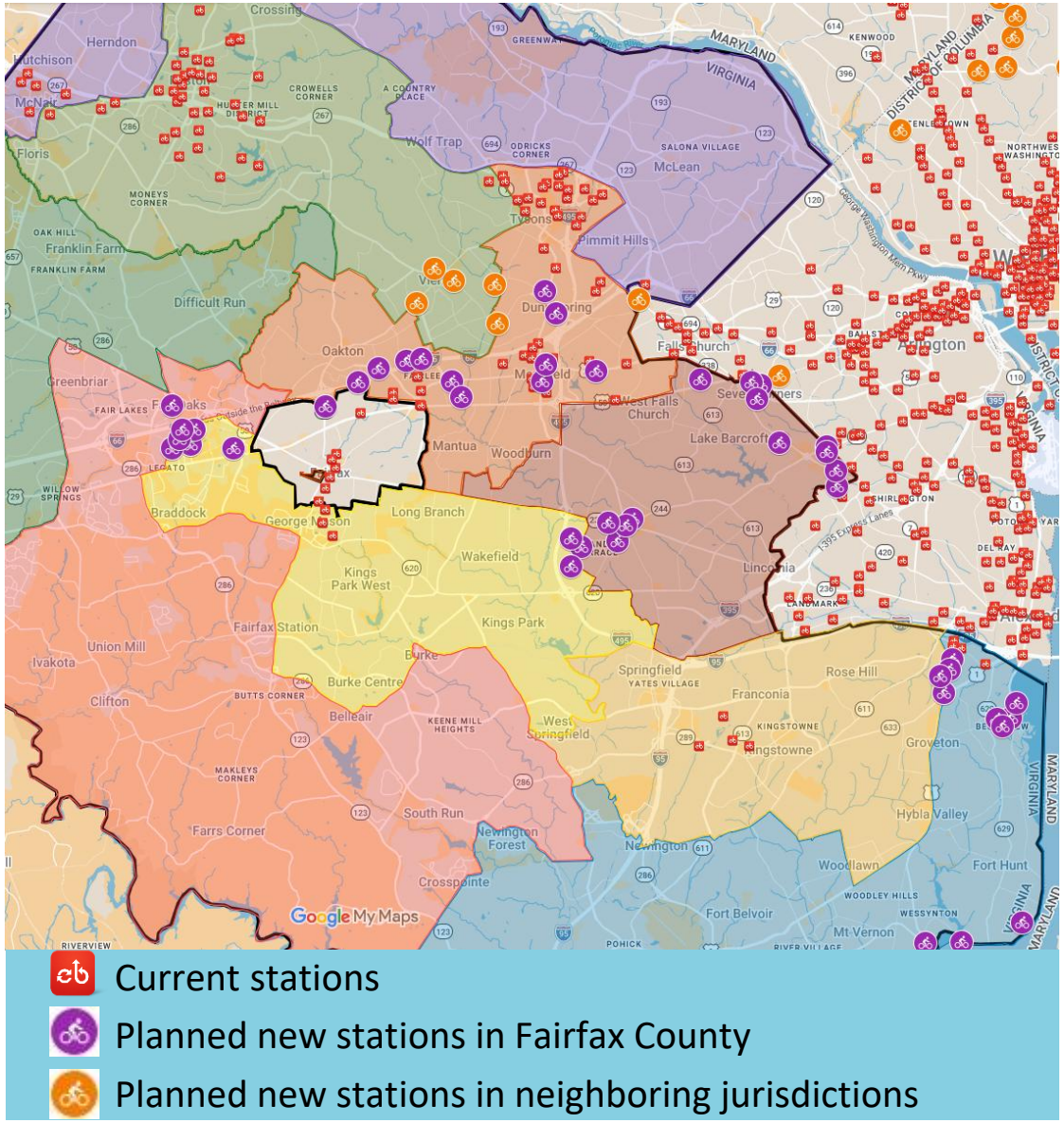
About Capital Bikeshare

- Publicly-owned and operated bicycle transit service spanning 819+ docking stations across eight jurisdictions



Greensboro Metro East



[Link](#) to live map

Timeline

2010
Capital Bikeshare began in Arlington and DC

2016
Began in Fairfax County in Reston and Tysons

2019
Merrifield

2021
Reston Expansion

2023
Vienna Metrorail
Merrifield Expansion
Tysons Expansion

2024
Franconia/ Springfield

2025
Huntington and Innovation Metrorail Stations and nearby neighborhoods

2026
Annandale, Baileys Crossroads, Belle View, Mt Vernon Trail, N Kings Hwy; I-66 in Merrifield and Fairfax Centre

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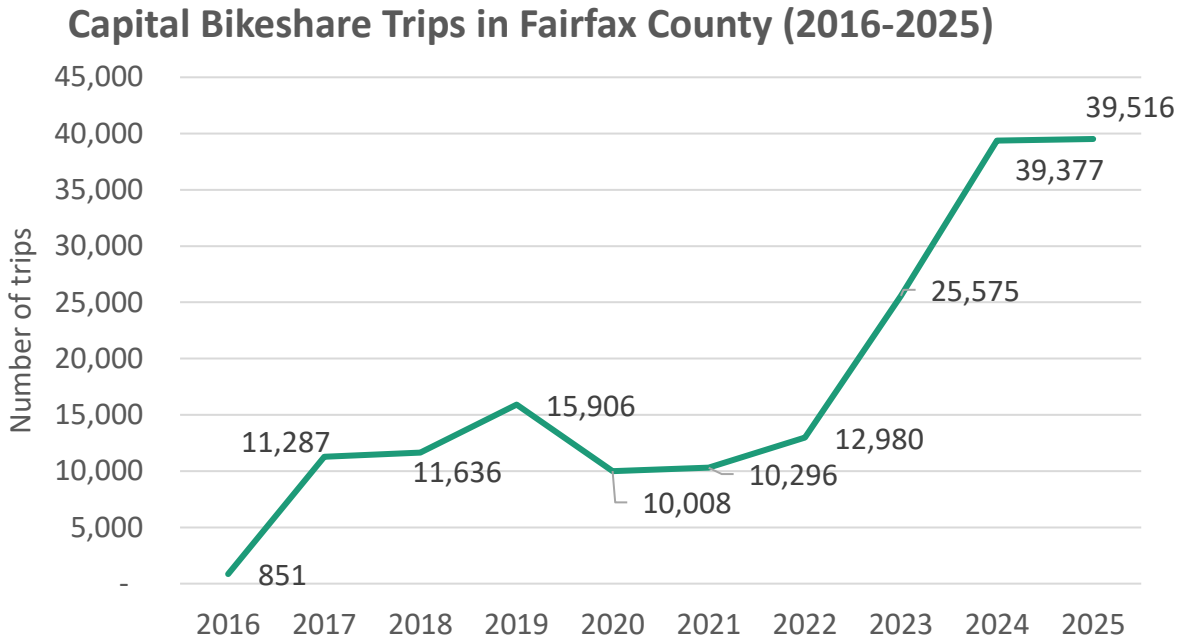
Year	Stations
2016	18
2017	25
2018	39
2019	34
2020	35
2021	54
2022	55
2023	77
2024	84
2025	94
2026	*126**

Goals & Ridership

- Fairfax-Mason-Vienna Bikeshare Study outcomes mostly achieved
  - GMU, City of Fairfax and Fairfax County added stations, Town of Vienna in 2026
- Expanded to all 13 Metro stations in 2025
- Ridership slowed in late 2025
  - August 1 fare change resulted in 38% higher revenue through December
  - Mirrors regional trend
  - August ridership hit all-time County record (4,936)



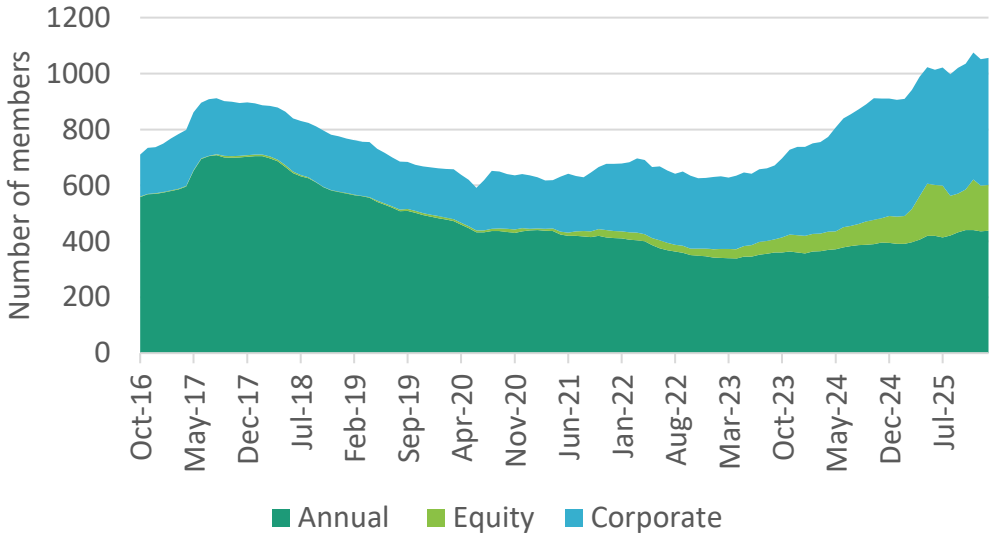


Innovation Metro South

Facts and figures

- Electric bikes highly popular
  - 49% of trips while making up 17% of fleet in 2025
  - Since 2022, 215 e-bikes and 39 classic bikes acquired
- Membership rising
  - 46% of rides taken by annual, corporate and equity members in 2025
  - 51% by casual riders (single trip)
  - 3% by casual riders (daypass)
- Average trip time in 2025
  - 19 minutes for classic bikes
  - 15 minutes for e-bikes

Membership type by month (FY17-present)

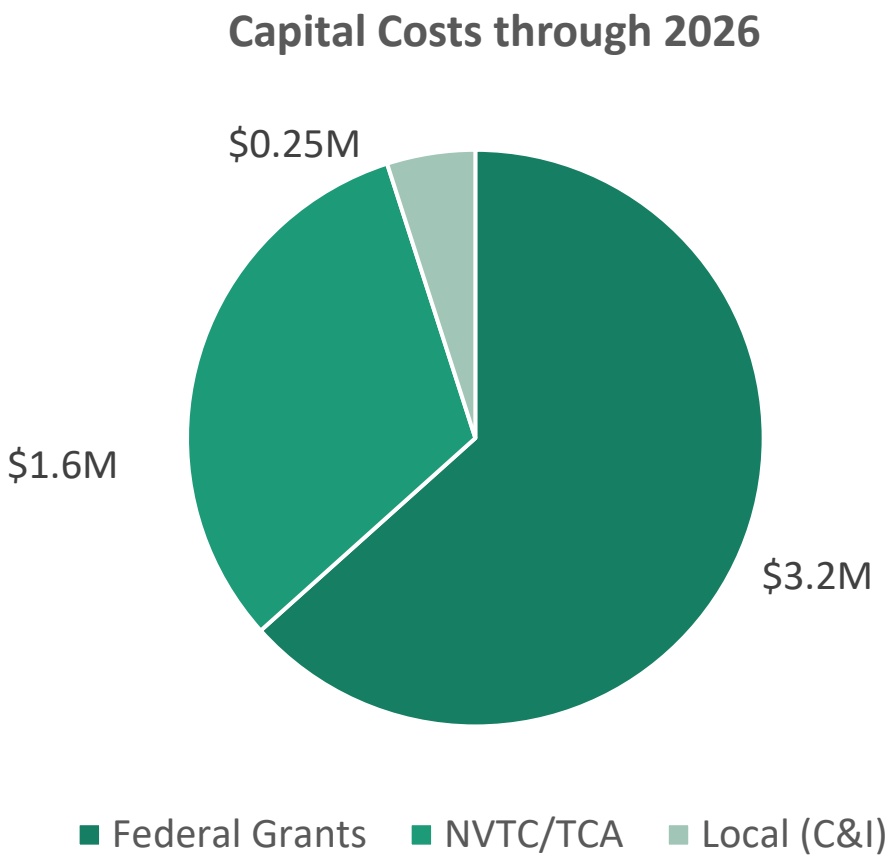


Ten busiest stations in 2025

STATION NAME	# OF TRIPS
Dunn Loring Metro	1,977
Reston Town Center Metro North	1,536
Vienna Metro South	1,276
Tysons Metro North	878
W&OD Trail & Explorer St/Reston Bus Station	859
District Ave & Strawberry Ln/Mosaic Market Garage	796
W&OD Trail/Sunset Hills Rd & Isaac Newton Sq	707
Market St & St Francis St	653
Library St & Freedom Dr	623
Merrifield Cinema & Merrifield Town Center	597

Facts and figures

- Operating and maintenance currently covered by Commercial and Industrial fund
- FY 2025
  - $1.27M operating and maintenance cost
  - $0.22M fare revenue
  - 17% farebox recovery ratio
- Higher fare revenue from August fare changes likely increase farebox recovery ratio to +20%
- Additional operating cost for electric bikes covered by rider supplemental charge



Station Siting and Equity

- Station locations identified using technical and programmatic criteria
- Capital Bikeshare for All provides $5 memberships for qualifying low-income riders
- Equity in station locations
  - Capital Bikeshare for Underserved Areas Earmark
  - 66 Parallel Trail/Fairfax Centre
    - Included a low-income apartment building
- Stations with low ridership move to new locations (ongoing)
  - Equity considered



Reston Town Center Metrorail Station

OCTOBER 2025	
Number of stations	Typology name
18	Mixed-Use Apartments
10	Office
3	Recreational
43	Residential
5	Retail
15	Transit

Future of Capital Bikeshare

- Begun drafting Capital Bikeshare Development Plan to guide expansion and investment for next 5-10 years
  - Neighborhoods where higher density housing is planned, equity and transit expansion
    - The ONE (Richmond Highway BRT)
  - Incorporate lessons learned from 2026 expansion
  - Identify funding for new equipment and to replace old equipment
    - Almost all equipment previously funded by federal grants, NVTC and Tysons Partnership
- Public outreach to support plan development later this year



New Pillar-type docking station in Arlington County





Current electric bike (left) and new classic bike models (right)

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Feedback Requested from the Board

What specific factors should we consider for our next 5-10 years of expansion?

Are there sources of funding or partnerships we should consider to cover future operations and capital requirements of Capital Bikeshare?

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