

Line 31 / Old Town Circulator (OTC)

(a.k.a. “Line N4” in 2022 ATV Plan)

Route Description: NVCC-Alexandria to Braddock Metro via King Street
Route(s) Replaced: AT-5, AT-6, AT-9 (King Street, Park Center, NVCC)
Corridor(s) Served: King Street, Old Town Circulator
Major Destination(s): NVCC-Alexandria, Park Center, Bradlee Shopping Center, TC Williams, King Street Metro, Old Town, City Hall, Braddock Road Metro

Residents within ¼ Mile: **37,777 residents**
Low Income Residents: 3,513 (9.3 percent)
Minority Residents: 14,393 (38.1 percent)
Senior Residents: 5,818 (15.4 percent)
Jobs within ¼ Mile: **31,994 jobs**

Proposed Service Levels:

	Frequency	Span (Approx.)
Weekday		5am – 12:30am
<i>AM/PM Peak</i>	10 min.	
<i>Midday</i>	15 - 30 min.	
<i>Evening</i>	30 min.	
Saturday	15 - 30 min.	6am – 12:30am
Sunday	15 - 30 min.	6am – 10:30pm

**Line 31 to run every 15 minutes from NVCC to King Street Metro during off-peaks and weekends. Old Town segment would potentially operate with 30-minute service during these times, but would be coordinated with Old Town Circulator and King Street Trolley to ensure 8-15 minute headways on King Street in Old Town.*

The proposed **Line 31** route alignment follows the entire King Street corridor from the NVCC-Alexandria campus and Beauregard Street to City Hall. It will effectively replacing the existing DASH AT-6 route, and a large portion of the DASH AT-5 route. **From the King Street Metro to Braddock Road Metro, Line 31 trips will be run as part of the “Old Town Circulator” (OTC) service. These OTC trips will be offset with Line 30 trips to provide extremely frequent service running every 5-15 minutes in the heart of Old Town. Buses will display both “Line 31” and “Old Town Circulator” on headsigns along this segment.**

This route is proposed to operate as part of the “Frequent Network” with buses running every 10 minutes during peak periods, and every 15 minutes during middays and weekends. This high frequency service will provide a short, convenient transfer for passengers traveling from West Alexandria into Old Town. These passengers could transfer between Lines 31 and 35 at Park Center on Ford Avenue.

As part of the Final Recommendations of the 2030 ATV Plan, this route would be extended from NVCC-Alexandria to Carlin Springs Road in Baileys Crossroads via Seminary Road. This future improvement will introduce a new regional connection from the King Street corridor to the Columbia Pike corridor in Arlington via the Metrobus. This connection was one of the major missing network connections that was identifying during ATV planning and analyses. Finally, although the King Street corridor is not identified as one of the city’s high-intensity bus corridors, it would benefit greatly from street and stop improvements that help prioritize fast and reliable transit service, particularly in Old Town.

Figure 5-4 - Line 31 (NVCC-Alexandria to Braddock Road Metro via King Street)

