

PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, William B. "Bill" Hurd, has served as Chairman of the Alexandria Transit Company (ATC) Board of Directors for the past 21 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurd's knowledge and experience in the transportation and transit industries has provided valuable guidance to the City of Alexandria and the City's of Richmond, Roanoke, and Lynchburg in the establishment, organization, and financing of their public bus systems; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership and direction of Mr. Hurd, DASH has become a vital part of Alexandria's transit network providing clean, safe, affordable and reliable service every day to thousands of commuters, city residents, and visitors, providing over 3.2 million passenger trips annually; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurd's contributions to the City of Alexandria span over 40 years serving as a member and leader in such key organizations as the Alexandria Transportation Planning Board, the Alexandria Planning Commission, the Alexandria School Board, the Northern Virginia Regional Planning District Commission, and the Woodrow Wilson Bridge Design Committee; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurd had an illustrious and long career as a federal service employee between 1938 and 1972, and for ten years was a key member in the establishment of the federal transit programs, serving as a first associate administrator of the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA), now the Federal Transit Administration (FTA), and its predecessor organization, the Office of Transportation, and the Department of Housing and Urban Development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurd's leadership, guidance, and commitment to high quality transit in Virginia has helped shape a number of transit systems throughout the Commonwealth, and his tireless efforts and accomplishments have lead to the successful development of numerous transit programs within Virginia and throughout the country; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Hurd was recently recognized by the Virginia Transit Association (VTA), for being an extraordinary individual who has selflessly dedicated most of his adult life to the advancement and improvement of public transportation, and presented with the Public Transportation Lifetime Achievement Award;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, WILLIAM D. EUILLE, Mayor of the City of Alexandria, Virginia, and on behalf of the Alexandria City Council, do hereby recognize and commend:

"MR. WILLIAM B. 'BILL' HURD"

for his leadership and support of transit programs and activities in the City of Alexandria, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and throughout the country, touching the lives of many people and transit professionals and leaving his mark and his legacy on a number of successful transit systems, including our very own DASH system..

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of the City of Alexandria to be affixed this 25th day of May 2005.

WILLIAM D. EUILLE MAYOR
*On behalf of the City Council
of Alexandria, Virginia*

ATTEST:

Jacqueline M. Henderson, CMC City Clerk