

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 6, 2010
TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL
FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 
SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF RELEASE OF FUNDS FROM FY 2010 CITY COUNCIL CONTINGENT RESERVE ACCOUNT TO ALEXANDRIA TRANSIT COMPANY FOR DASH BUS OPERATIONS

ISSUE: Consideration of release of funds in the amount \$200,000 from FY 2010 Council Contingent Reserves for the Alexandria Transit Company (ATC) operating budget.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council approve the release of \$200,000 from FY 2010 City Council Contingent Reserves account to Alexandria Transit Company for DASH Bus operations.

DISCUSSION: In the FY 2010 budget, City Council added \$200,000 in Non-Departmental Contingent Reserves to fund WMATA or DASH service during the fiscal year pending further study of transit needs and Council appropriation of the funds. Following the adoption of the budget by City Council, the Alexandria Transit Company (DASH) Board of Directors adopted a budget that included the \$200,000 as part of the City's General Fund subsidy to DASH. The \$200,000 would be used to enable DASH to avoid the service reductions as detailed on Attachment II. Funds budgeted in Contingent Reserves require City Council appropriation.

FISCAL IMPACT: This will appropriate all funds, \$200,000, Council added to the Non-Departmental Contingent Reserves to fund WMATA or DASH service improvements. DASH had proposed \$200,000 in service cuts.

ATTACHMENT:
Proposed Cuts in DASH service

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ATTACHMENT

\$200,000 in DASH Service Cuts

<u>Service</u>	<u>Annual Passengers Directly Affected</u>	<u>Annual Net Operating Expense Reduction</u>
Eliminate Saturday AT4 Eliminates service to Slaters' Lane, South Old Town and the Lee Center – Affects primarily transit dependent riders	3,100	\$19,000
Eliminate Midday AT4 Eliminates service to Slaters' Lane – Affects primarily transit dependent riders and commuters going to work after 10 a.m. and returning before 3 p.m.	6,500	\$30,000
Eliminate Weekday Evening AT4 Eliminates service to Slaters' Lane – Affects primarily transit dependent riders and commuters returning home after 7:45 p.m.	2,500	\$10,000
AT7 Realignment Realigns the eastern segment of the route to provide a one way loop between King St. Metro, the Lee Center, and South Old Town – Affects commuters and transit dependent riders with destinations directly on King St in Old Town.	15,000	\$80,000
Restructure Saturday Old Town between King St. Metro and City Hall Eliminates the AT 2 between King St. Metro and City Hall and the connection to North Old Town, Second St., Pitt St., Bashford Ln., and Powhatan St.	22,000	\$61,000
Total:	49,100	\$200,000