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My name is Nicole Davies. I live in Alexandria and I would like to comment on the FY2011 DASH budget.

The Alexandria Transit Company has proposed several ways to close the budget gap. These options include fare increases and/or service reductions. I do not want the fares or service levels to change. However, since there is a budget shortfall, I believe that the following solutions will have the least negative impact on the residents of Alexandria.

- 1.) Up to a 25 cent increase in fares
- 2.) Increase in the price of the DASH Pass
- 3.) And after that, if there is still a budget gap then DASH should restructure the AT-2 and AT-5 service in Old Town. They should cut every other AT-2 and AT-5 trip from weekday midday service in Old Town. This will minimally impact the riders since the two lines are so close to each other and the buses will still service the area approximately once an hour.

I hope that you take my comments into consideration when finalizing the FY2011 DASH Budget. Public transportation is important to our community and I hope that DASH will be able to balance the budget and continue to provide Alexandria with low cost quality service.

Thank you for your time.