


City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: MAY 26, 2010

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: RESOLUTION TO INCREASE THE DOT PASSENGER WITHIN- AND OUT-OF-CITY TRIP FARE

ISSUE: Increase the DOT fare for the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) service required inside the City and up to 5 miles outside of the City to \$3, and all trips out of City and over 5 miles to \$5.

RECOMMENDATION: That City Council adopt the Resolution.

DISCUSSION: The City of Alexandria provides two programs for paratransit residents, DOT and MetroAccess. DOT is a paratransit program provided by the City of Alexandria that complies with all the provisions of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990. The City provides the DOT program through contractors. Currently, the within-City DOT passenger fare is \$2.50 and the out-of-City fare is \$2.50. In the FY 2011 adopted budget, the assumed fares for trips outside the City were increased to \$4 for trips with a length of 6 to 10 miles, \$5 for 11 to 15 miles, and \$6 for 16 miles and over.

Upon further review and discussion with stakeholders a more manageable approach will be to increase the fare for trips within the City and up to 5 miles outside the City to \$3, and to increase the fare for all trips over 5 miles outside the City to \$5. A key reason for the modification is to have the within-City fare be equal to twice the fixed route fare of DASH which will be \$1.50 on July 1, 2010, as permitted by the ADA. Other reasons are that this fare will be equal to the MetroAccess currently recommended base fare, and that this fare proposal will simplify the management of zone-based, out-of-City pricing. The Alexandria Commission on Persons with Disabilities was actively involved in providing input on this decision and approves this recommendation.

FISCAL IMPACT: The increase in the within- and out-of-City fare will result in at least the same reduction of \$102,000 in the City subsidy for the paratransit program.

ATTACHMENT: Proposed Resolution

STAFF:

Bruce Johnson, Chief Financial Officer

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RESOLUTION NO. _____

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ADOPTED: June 8, 2010

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