DASH Transit Briefing for City Council

I. DASH History and Operating Statistics

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IV. FY 2012 Accomplishments and Current Projects

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VI. 6-10 Year Improvements and Expansion
NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING

The Annual Meeting of the stockholders will be held on February 28, 2012 at 5:30 P.M., at City Hall, for the following purposes and to review the following items:

**Action Items:**
1. Election of members of the Board of Directors.
2. Selection of an independent outside auditor.

**Information Items:**
3. DASH Presentation
4. Such other business as may come before the meeting.

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MEMORANDUM for the Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council.

There are 7 members of the Board of Directors, who are elected for one-year terms. The present members are:

Paul Abramson
Rich Baier
David Kaplan
Geralyn McNally
Sandra Wiener
David Max Williamson
Justin Wilson

All members have agreed to serve another term.

OUTSIDE AUDITOR

By agreement with the City of Alexandria, ATC accounts are maintained by the City’s Department of Finance and are audited as a part of the City’s annual audit. If the City’s outside auditor is also ATC’s outside auditor, the ATC audit can be done without duplication of effort or cost.

It is therefore recommended that the City’s outside auditor, when it is selected, be designated ATC’s outside auditor.

2013 TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (TDP)

The ATC 2013 Transit Development Program, which you have received, was adopted by the Board of Directors on February 23, 2012.

Paul R. Abramson
Chairman
Later today, you will be meeting to discuss DASH. I will be there, too. The EPC discussed the issue last night and felt very strongly about maintaining the progress in converting to hybrid buses.

The EPC is very much aware that life is always a compromise, especially for elected officials dealing with limited resources. Yes, hybrid buses are more expensive, even over a ten year cost analysis, but a couple of issues around that assessment should be mentioned. There is the investment already made in training crews and mechanics in dealing with the new fleet and there is the image of the city to be protected. What would one think if one was to read "Boulder drops environmentally friendly Hop, Skip and Jump buses"?

Alexandria is a tourist center and needs to sell itself: a center for history and a center for sustainability. Moving backwards from Eco-City Alexandria might save money in the short term but it could do longer financial harm.
And then there is the CO2 threat. Discernible effects are already being measured and science is making it clear that the situation is going to get worse. It is not an issue for this November's elections or even, possibly, the next round of elections, but we all have a duty to protect our progeny out into the distant future.

In the vast scope of world activity,

buying hybrid buses is but a drop in the ocean, but it is a positive drop.

The purchase of alternative 'clean' low emission diesels would be another tap of the hammer on the coffin for the human race.