



CITY OF ALEXANDRIA

Attachment 3

FY 2027 Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (DRPT) State Aid Program Grants

Alexandria City Council
January 27, 2026





Summary

Request: City & DASH submission for funding

Council Action:

- Approve submission of grants
- Allow City Manager to enter into grant agreements

Key Elements of the Proposal:

- Reimbursement for funds spent on transit (\$58.5m)
- Grant applications (\$2.71m) to support:
 - Staffing costs
 - Bus stop improvements
 - Free fares for students
 - DASH non-revenue vehicle replacements
 - Facility related large capital item replacements





DRPT State Aid Requests

Operating Assistance (up to \$42.5M)

- State reimbursement for general operating expenses for DASH & Paratransit
 - Typically, 20-30% reimbursement
 - Avg: \$6.8M Annually

Capital Assistance (up to \$16M)

- Bus Replacement
- Typically, 60-68% reimbursement





DRPT State Aid Requests

Workforce Development (up to \$110K)

- 2 Interns/apprentices
- 20% local match required

MERIT Minor Enhancement Program (Up to \$500,000)

- Improving bus stops with shelters, benches, ADA improvements, etc.
- 32% local match required





DRPT State Aid Requests

Merit State of Good Repair Program (Up to \$725,000)

- Addresses replacements needed in the DASH non-revenue vehicle fleet (\$350,000)
- Replaces facility related items in critical need of replacement (\$375,000)
- 32% local match required





DRPT State Aid Requests

TRIP (up to \$1,025,000)

- **Free WMATA Student fares**
- **\$527,500 local match required FY27-FY31**

Commuter Assistance Program (CAP) - (up to \$350K)

- GO Alex staffing and programming
- 20% local match required



Sweet ways to get around, all in one place.



City Council Request

- Support the applications for State Aid up to \$61,210,000 and eligible expenses through the DRPT and NVTC for the State Aid Grant Programs, and
- Include funds for its local match up to \$10,954,000 for DRPT and NVTC for the State Aid Grant Programs, if awarded, in its FY 2027 Operating Budget, up to \$100,000 its FY28 Operating Budget; up to \$157,500 its FY29 Operating Budget, and up to \$200,000 its FY30 Operating Budget; and
- Grant authority for the City Manager to enter into any necessary agreements with the DASH General Manager, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and/or NVTC and to execute all necessary documents that may be required under this program to accept and implement the grants.

