



Alexandria Transportation Commission
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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council
 City Hall
 301 King Street
 Alexandria, VA 22314

November 20, 2024

Re: Endorsement of the FY 2026 DRPT Operating and Capital Assistance State Aid Applications, the Commuter Assistance Program Operations Grant Applications, and the Transit Rider Incentive Program, and Approval of Required Matching Funds

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council,

At its November 20 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the staff recommended funded requests through six DRPT grant programs:

DRPT Operating Assistance

- Up to \$40 million to offset the City's operating expenses for FY 2024 and provide greater support for DASH

DRPT Capital Assistance

- Up to \$24,200,000 to submit for reimbursement for the purchase and replacement of spare parts for hybrid and electric buses, replacement buses, and for major expansion and replacement of the roof deck. Reimbursements are typically funded between 60% and 68%

Commuter Assistance Program

- Up to \$200,000 to fund two staff and programming (requires a \$40,000 local match)

Demonstration Project Assistance Program

- Up to \$100,000 for Digital Mirror Technology (requires a \$32,000 local match)

Public Transportation Workforce Development Program

- Up to \$110,000 to fund DASH professional development program (requires a \$22,000 local match)

Transit Rider Incentive Program

- Up to \$500,000 for bus stop amenities (requires a \$160,000 local match)
- Up to \$150,000 for free fares on WMATA for middle and high school students (requires a \$48,000 local match)

Technical Assistance Grant

- Up to \$100,000 for CAP Strategic Plan and Baseline Data Collection for the Transportation Management Program (TMP) (requires a \$50,000 local match, could use GO Alex funds)

These requests support goals in the Alexandria Mobility Plan including supporting multimodal transportation and reducing single occupancy vehicle trips. The Transportation Commission appreciates the opportunity to review staff recommendations for the FY 2026 DRPT Grant requests. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



Melissa McMahon

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

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