RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT PROPOSED APPLICATION FOR THE TRANSIT RIDERSHIP INCENTIVE PROGRAM

RESOLUTION # 24-05

WHEREAS, as part of HB 1414 the 2020 Virginia General Assembly established the Transit Ridership Incentive Program (TRIP), the purpose of which is to provide funding to transit agencies to improve the regional connectivity of urban areas and increase statewide ridership by supporting the development of zero and subsidized fare programs; and

WHEREAS, in 2023, the General Assembly approved HB2338/SB1325 identifying two new eligible project categories: TRIP Public Safety and TRIP Passenger Amenities.

WHEREAS, the purpose of TRIP's Passenger Amenities component is to increase a transit system's ridership, accessibility, and equity by deploying improved passenger amenities.

WHEREAS, if awarded the full amount up to $500,000 through the TRIP program, the City of Alexandria commits up to $160,000 in local support in FY 2025.

WHEREAS, this application advances Strategy 4 in the Alexandria Mobility Plan Transit Chapter to "Improve the rider experience from trip planning, to accessing the stop, riding the bus, and arriving at the destination."

WHEREAS, the City recently established a Transportation Management Program fund, funded by private development, that could be a potential source of funding for the required local match.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE ALEXANDRIA TRANSIT COMPANY:

1. The Board of Directors of the Alexandria Transit Company hereby supports the application by the City of Alexandria for an allocation of up to $500,000 for passenger amenities through the Transit Ridership Incentive Program,

David Kaplan, Chair
Alexandria Transit Company

ATTEST:

Beth Reveles, Secretary of the Board
Alexandria Transit Company
1/10/2024

Alexandria Transportation Commission

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Honorable Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council
City Hall
301 King Street
Alexandria, VA 22314
January 17, 2024

Re: <u>Endorsement of the FY 2025 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.</u>

Dear Mayor Wilson and Members of City Council:

At its January 17 meeting, the Transportation Commission voted to endorse the staff
recommended funded requests through six DRPT grant programs:

DRPT Operating Assistance

- Up to $37 million to offset the City's operating expenses for FY 2024 and provide
  greater support for DASH

DRPT Capital Assistance

- Up to $400,000 to submit for reimbursement for the purchase and replacement of
  batteries and powertrain Components for hybrid and electric buses. Reimbursements
  are typically funded between 60% and 68%.

Commuter Assistance Program

- Up to $350,000 to fund two staff and programming.
  - This requires a $70,000 local match

Demonstration Project Assistance Program

- Up to $200,000 for a DASH Onboard Passenger Information Screen Pilot
  - This requires a $40,000 local match
- Up to $100,000 for a DASH Thru Vision Blindspot Camera Pilot

       o This requires a $20,000 local match

Public Transportation Workforce Development Program

- Up to $110,000 to fund DASH professional development program.
  - This requires a $22,000 local match

Transit Rider Incentive Program

- Up to $500,000 for bus stop amenities
  - This requires a $160,000 local match

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 2025 DRPT Grant requests.

If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Melissa McMahon

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Alexandria Transportation Commission
        City Manager James Parajon
        Adriana Castañeda, Director, T&ES
        Josh Baker, General Manager, DASH
        Hillary Orr, Deputy Director of Transportation, T&ES