



Alexandria Transportation Commission  
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Honorable Mayor Gaskins and Members of City Council  
City Hall  
301 King Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314  
December 17, 2025

Re: Endorsement of the FY 2027 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 Gaskins and Members of City Council:

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

**DRPT Operating Assistance**

Up to \$42.5 million to offset the City's operating expenses for FY 2027 and provide greater support for DASH and DOT Paratransit.

**DRPT Capital Assistance**

Up to \$12,500,000 to submit for reimbursement for the purchase and replacement of buses. Reimbursements are typically funded between 60% and 68%.

**Public Transportation Workforce Development Program**

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

**MERIT Minor Enhancement Program**

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

**Transit Rider Incentive Program**

Up to \$1,025,000 for a Metrobus fare free program for middle school and high school students.  
This requires a \$527,500 local match.

**Commuter Assistance Program**

Up to \$350,000 to fund two staff and programming.  
This requires a \$70,000 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 2027 DRPT Grant requests.

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

Sincerely,

Matthew McManus  
Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

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