DASH & ACPS Student Pass Pilot Program



- Partnership enables ACPS high school students at T.C. Williams and Minnie Howard to ride DASH buses for free during the 2017-18 school year when they show their student ID.
- Provides students with an alternative mode of transportation who face significant transportation challenges when commuting from home to school, extra-curricular activities and work.
- Provides students the opportunity to travel around Alexandria in a safe, convenient and reliable manner.
- Gives students the independence they desire while providing an early opportunity to learn about the benefits of public transportation.
- Partnership will also focus on bus safety awareness training.

DASH DOT & MetroAccess Ride Free Program

- A partnership with the City of Alexandria to provide DOT (Paratransit) and MetroAccess registered residents <u>free</u> rides on DASH starting October 1.
- The program will provide additional mobility and transportation options for eligible residents to travel within the City of Alexandria for any trip purpose.
- Eligible residents will now have a free transportation option on short notice vs. paratransit trips that need to be scheduled several days in advance.
- The program is expected to save the City of Alexandria overall subsidy costs that it is now required to contribute for MetroAccess and DOT rides. (Each DOT ride costs the City approximately \$25 per person, while MetroAccess rides cost \$50 per person).
- DASH staff will promote the program while using the opportunity to provide travel training at key locations within the City.



