

Alexandria Transit Company Board of Directors Meeting

Zoom Webinar/Facebook Live
January 13, 2021

Those wishing to give public comment must join via Zoom and may submit a Q&A/Chat request through the Zoom System.

Electronic Meeting Notice

Due to the COVID-19 Pandemic emergency, this meeting of the Alexandria Transit Company Board of Directors is being held electronically pursuant to Virginia Code Section 2.2-3708.2(A)(3), the Continuity of Government ordinance adopted by the City Council on June 20, 2020 or Section 4-0.01(g) in HB29 and HB30, enacted by the 2020 Virginia General Assembly (Virginia Acts of Assembly Ch. 1283 and 1289), to undertake essential business.

All of the members of the Board and staff are participating from remote locations through a Zoom meeting. This meeting is being held electronically, unless a determination is made that it is safe enough to be held in person at the Alexandria Transit Company Board Room, 3000 Business Center Drive, Alexandria, VA.

Electronic access will be provided in either event. The meeting can be accessed by the public via Zoom and Facebook. Public comment may be made if participating via Zoom. A Zoom registration link is available on the DASH website and requests for public comment can be made using the Q&A or Chat feature.

This meeting is being recorded.

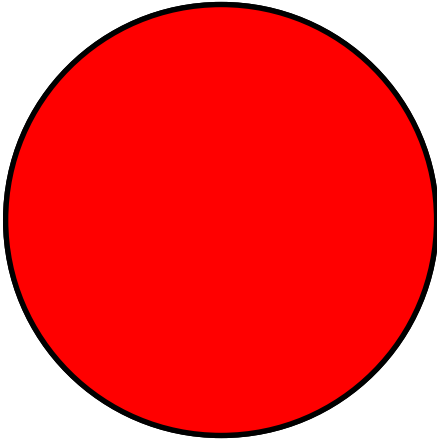


Public Comments

- 3 minutes per speaker
- Must connect via Zoom
- You may use the Q&A Feature to request to speak

3 Minute Timer

Announcement will sound automatically when time is up



Review and Consideration of Approval: Meeting Minutes

December 9, 2020 Minutes

Chairman's Report and Announcements

T&ES Report

ATC Board Update - January 13, 2021

WMATA Budget

The General Manager's proposed budget was presented at the Finance Committee of the WMATA board on Thursday, December 4, 2020. Since that budget was released, the U/S. Congress passed a Covid-19 relief bill that does include \$14 billion to fund mass transportation throughout the nation. WMATA is studying this impact of this bill to determine how much it will receive and the impact on its budget.

DRPT & I-395 Funding Applications

Council is considering the DRPT and I-395 funding applications at their January 12 meeting. Staff will provide an oral update on these approvals during the meeting.

Other Board Member Announcements & Reports



General Manager's Reports

Josh Baker, General Manager

General Manager's Reports

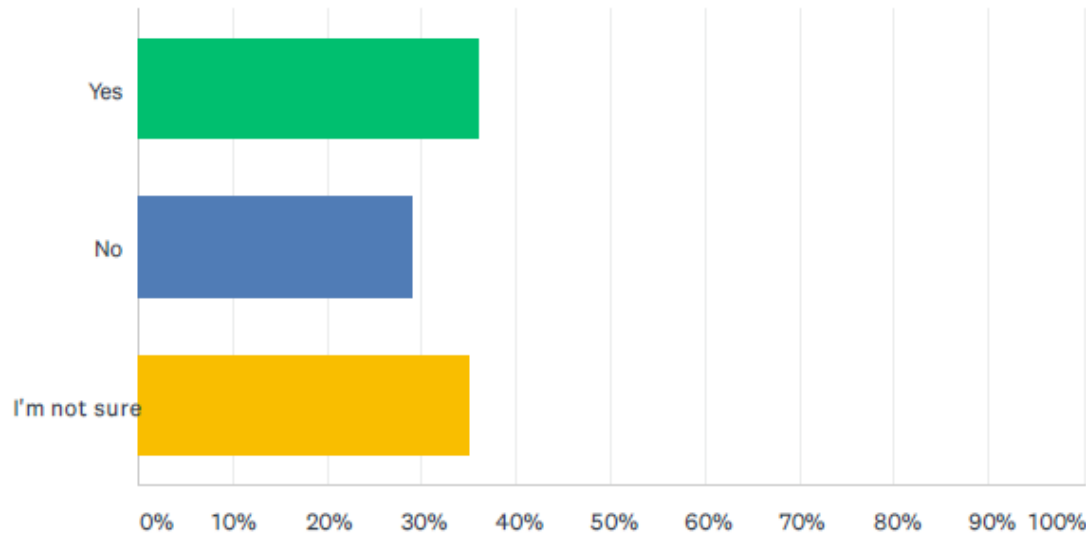
- COVID-19 Service Update
- VTA Awards
 - Outstanding Community Program Award (Blue Line Shuttle)
 - Transit Employee Unsung Hero Award (Tristan Cunningham)
- City Staff Free Rides Program

General Manager's Reports

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Employee Survey

Q2 Would you be willing to take the FDA approved COVID-19 vaccine if it's generally available at local pharmacies?

Answered: 100 Skipped: 1



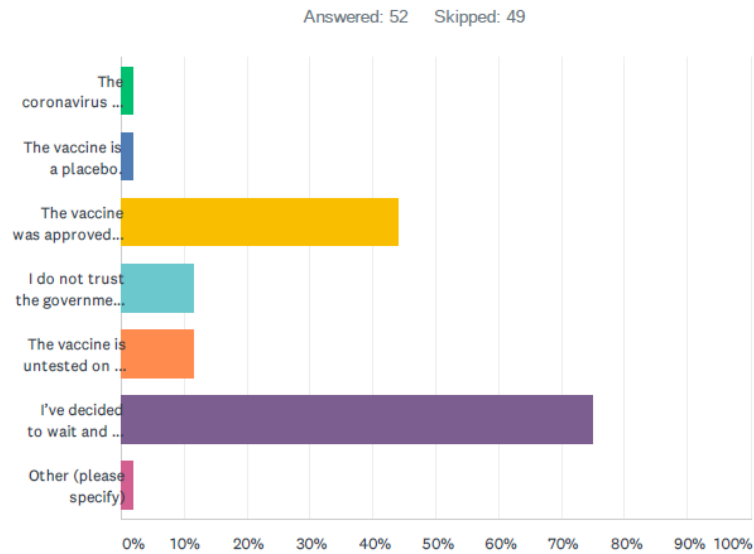
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
Yes	36.00% 36
No	29.00% 29
I'm not sure	35.00% 35
TOTAL	100

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General Manager's Reports

COVID-19 Vaccine Distribution and Employee Survey

Q4 Please choose why you selected "no" or "I'm not sure" on the previous question(s) from the list of options below (Select all that apply).



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
The coronavirus is not real, so a vaccine isn't necessary.	1.92%	1
The vaccine is a placebo.	1.92%	1
The vaccine was approved too quickly to properly complete medical trials.	44.23%	23
I do not trust the government that helped facilitate the vaccine.	11.54%	6
The vaccine is untested on the minority population.	11.54%	6
I've decided to wait and see how the vaccine side effects impact recipients.	75.00%	39
Other (please specify)	1.92%	1
Total Respondents: 52		

#	OTHER (PLEASE SPECIFY)	DATE
1	Just do feel Comfortable, worried about side effects	12/21/2020 1:06 PM

General Manager's Reports

Driver Barriers and Fare re-implementation

Kits on Site:	84
Installation Training:	Scheduled for January 19, 2021
Anticipated Installs:	January 19 ~ February 19, 2021 <i>(at completion 84 out of 100 vehicles will be equipped)</i>
Kits Missing:	26, no estimated shipping date or arrival date provided
Ready Fare Collection:	TBD

General Manager's Reports

ZEB Implementation Study

- DASH had selected WSP as consultant for this study. Project team consists of WSP, DASH, and City staff.
- Project Kickoff Meeting held December 8, 2020.
- As of January 11th, the project team is concluding Task 2: Compilation of known data.
- Tasks to be completed throughout the Spring of 2021:
 - Task 3: Facilities Assessment
 - Task 4: Short Range Infrastructure & Equipment Needs
 - Task 5: Analysis of Charger Location/Facility Layout
- Final report expected to be completed by end of May 2021.

General Manager's Reports

ZEB Implementation Study

- All six depot chargers have been completed and approved by City inspection. Proterra charger commissioning will coincide with the delivery of the Proterra buses.
- Three New Flyer Zero Emissions Buses are currently in regular service
- Early data reports that the buses are consuming approximately 3.0-3.4 kwh per mile in the current cold weather, with upwards of 35% of the energy being consumed for cabin heat.
- First Proterra bus is currently nearing end of production and is being prepared for inspections. The first unit is expected to be delivered towards the end of the month.

General Manager's Reports

- **Stockholders Meeting**
 - February 9, 2021 time TBA.
 - Meeting to take place via Zoom
 - Members will receive Zoom Panelist links
 - Still determining if City or DASH will host the Zoom

Financial Reports

Evan Davis, Director of Finance

FY 2021 Projection

- **ATC is on track through one-third of FY21.**
 - CARES Act revenue transfers occurred in Dec.
 - Working closely with partners in the City's Finance Department and OMB.
- **GM now recommending return to fare collection in March 2021, meaning about \$220k in additional CARES Act funds projected to be used in FY21 vs. FY22.**
- **CARES Act will ensure we end the year even at our current reduced service pattern.**

Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2021

- Recent relief legislation includes \$14 billion for transit nationwide.
 - This includes roughly \$700 million for WMATA
 - It appears a portion will be shared with local bus operators, like CARES Act
- Final amount to be determined
- City may need to use funds for WMATA

Planning Reports

Martin Barna,
Director of Planning & Scheduling

Service Planning Framework

Board is asked to consider for adoption the Service Planning Decision-Making Framework that is included in Board Packet.

- Proposed framework will be applied to future service decisions, including any FY22 reductions, for improved transparency.
- Ridership impact is the most important factor, followed by equity, presence of transit alternatives, and cost efficiency.
- Staff will provide metrics for key decision factors, as shown in sample table in packet.

Service Planning Framework

1. Ridership Impact
2. Equitable Access
3. Transit Alternatives
4. Cost Efficiency
5. Coverage
6. Customer Feedback
7. Staff Judgment

Service Planning Framework

SERVICE CHANGE PROPOSAL TEMPLATE FOR DEMONSTRATION ONLY / NOT REAL

					DASH Service-Planning Decision Framework Factors							
					(1) Ridership			(2) Equity		(3) Transit Alternatives	(4) Cost Efficiency	Priority Order (1 = first cut to be made)
Line # (ATV/New DASH Network)	Areas Served	Proposed Reduction	Net Annual Platform Hours	Net Annual Cost Savings	Riders Impacted	Net Daily Boardings Lost	Overall Ridership Impact (Post-COVID)	% Low Income in Area	% Minority in Area	Description of Impact & Alternate Routes	Annual Cost Savings/ Rider Lost (Post-COVID)	Priority Order (1 = first cut to be made)
Line X	Stadium Plaza, Kaplan Town Center	Reduce Saturday service from every 20 minutes to every 30 minutes.	-2,900	(\$200,000)	400	-120	Minor	11.0%	24.0%	Longer wait times on Saturdays	\$30	1
Line Y	Eastville, ABCU Campus	Reduce weekday evening service from every 30 minutes to every 60 minutes	-2,900	(\$200,000)	200	-80	Moderate	7.0%	28.0%	Much longer wait times on weekdays after 8:00 PM.	\$10	2
Line Z	West Town, Kaplan Town Center, South City Metro Station	Eliminate Sunday service	-2,900	(\$200,000)	250	-250	Major	14.0%	39.0%	No Sunday service; some passengers near KTC may use Line Y as alternate	\$14	3
Total Reductions			-8,700	(\$600,000)								

FY 2022 DRPT Grants

Board is asked to adopt three (3) resolutions in support of DASH FY22 DRPT grant applications:

1. **DASH Zero-Emission Bus Implementation Plan (Phase II) - \$125,000**
2. **State Bus Roadeo - \$85,000**
3. **DASH Transit Intern - \$40,000**

Wrap-Up & Consideration of Adjournment

Next ATC Board of Directors Meeting:
Wednesday, February 10, 2021 @ 5:30pm