

MEETING WILL BEGIN SOON

ALEXANDRIA TRANSIT COMPANY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 8, 2023



CALLING OF THE ROLL



David Kaplan
Chair of the Board



Steve Klejst
Vice-Chair of the Board



Linda Bailey



Brandi Collins



Matt Harris



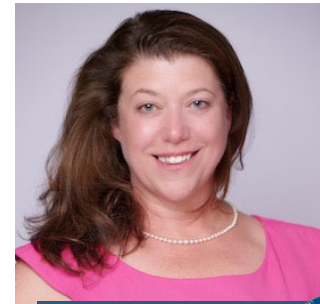
Jesse O'Connell



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Hillary Orr



Kendel Taylor



Ajashu Thomas

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Those wishing to speak during Hearing may pre-register at dashbus.com/ and join via Zoom.

Alternatively, attendees may use the “RAISE HAND” feature to be recognized for comment.

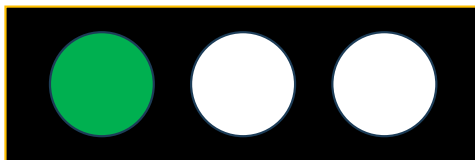


PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Each speaker is permitted 3 minutes for public comment.

When the **YELLOW** light appears, 1 minute remains.

When the **RED** light appears, you are out of time.



Time has expired
Speaker





APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consideration of approval of **Meeting Minutes from the February 8, 2023** meetings of the Alexandria Transit Company Board of Directors.

CHAIR'S REPORT

- Nominations of Officers



David Kaplan
Chair of the Board

T&ES REPORT



Hillary Orr
Deputy Director
T&ES – City of Alexandria

T&ES REPORT

City Budget

On February 28, City Manager James Parajon presented City Council with a proposed operating and capital budget for Fiscal Year (FY) 2024. The FY 2024 budget adoption is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3. The proposed budget includes a General Fund Base Operating Budget of \$881.1 million (beginning July 1), as well as a \$2.39 billion 10-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP) for FY 2024 – 2033.

As was the case in FY 2023, the budget focus aligns with those that have been in place for several years – strategies and policies that underscore financial management; strategic investments in current and future needs; and support for new, creative ways to deliver essential services to maintain the health, safety, and quality of life for all Alexandrians.

The project funding in the Transportation and Transit CIP section increased by \$0.4 million from the FY23-32 budget. The CIP budget includes \$4.8 million to support DASH Bus Fleet Replacement and Electrification for FY24, \$29.6 million for DASH operating through FY33, and \$100,000 to support the Department of Rail and Public Transit, Regional Envision Route 7 Planning Study.

T&ES REPORT

Safe Roads for All Grant

In June 2022, the City applied for the Safe Streets and Roads for All Program to perform safety audits and develop conceptual design alternatives at seven high-crash intersections around the City. Last month, the City was informed by the US Department of Transportation (USDOT) that the City's application was selected for award.

SS4A is a new program created by the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law that funds projects that prevent roadway deaths and severe injuries. Staff will be working with USDOT in the coming months to execute the grant agreement, establish expectations for project administration, and begin the project.

T&ES REPORT

Safe Roads for All Grant

The following intersections are included for improvements and are located along the DASH routes shown in parentheses:

- S Van Dorn St and S Pickett St (30, 32, 35)
- S Van Dorn St and Edsall Rd (30, 35)
- Seminary Rd and Mark Center Ave (35, 36AB)
- Seminary Rd and Kenmore Ave/Library Ln (36AB)
- King St and Dawes Ave
- King Street and 28th Street (31, 35)
- King Street and Park Center Drive (31, 35)

T&ES REPORT

COG Roadway Safety Grant Application

Earlier this month, Staff applied for the FY 2024 Regional Roadway Safety Program through MWCOG for up to \$80,000 in technical assistance to evaluate lighting needs to enhance pedestrian safety in key areas. The project will evaluate roadway lighting best practices, identify, and evaluate priority areas for lighting needs, and develop recommendations for lighting improvements. Recommendations are expected to be implemented through future safety projects. It is expected that areas near high-ridership transit stops will be prioritized for evaluation due to their pedestrian generation and safety needs.

Duke Street in Motion

The next Duke Street In Motion Advisory Group will take place on Thursday, March 16th at 6:30PM at 3000 Business Center Drive (DASH Facility) to discuss the engagement plan, progress on busway designs, and the development of a recommendation from the Advisory Group.

T&ES REPORT

State Legislative Update

The regular 2023 Virginia Legislative Session adjourned on Saturday, February 25. Bills that may be of interest to the Board include:

HB 2330 Assault and battery; public transportation service vehicle operators

Makes it a Class 1 misdemeanor for a person to commit a battery against another knowing or having reason to know that such individual is an operator of a vehicle operated by a public transportation service who is engaged in the performance of his duties. The bill requires the sentence of such person, upon conviction, to include a term of confinement of 15 days in jail, two days of which is a mandatory minimum.

SB 1326/HB 2338 Transit Ridership Incentive Program

Directs CTB to use up to 30 percent of available funds of TRIP to support local, regional, and state entities in improving the accessibility of transit bus passenger facilities and transitioning public transit bus fleets and infrastructure to zero-emission bus fleets and infrastructure.

OTHER BOARD MEMBER REPORTS AND UPDATES



GENERAL MANAGERS REPORTS

- City Manager's FY24 Budget
- Trolley Bus Incident
- Electric Bus Recall
- Collective Bargaining
- Bus Advertising



Josh Baker
General Manager & CEO

CITY MANAGER'S FY 24 BUDGET

On February 28, 2023, City Manager Jim Parajon presented the Alexandria City Council with a proposed Fiscal Year (FY) 2024 General Fund Operating Budget of \$881.1 million, which represents an increase of 5.0% over the current year. The proposed budget includes \$258.7 million in operating funds for the Alexandria City Public Schools, a \$9.9 million (or 4.0%) increase over FY 2023 funding. The budget proposal also includes significant capital investments for stormwater management infrastructure; educational facilities; and maintenance of existing City assets and facilities, totaling \$2.40 billion over 10 years in Alexandria's Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

The revised GM's budget will be presented to the Board at the April 12, 2023, meeting.

CITY MANAGER'S FY 24 BUDGET

The following actions are recommended to the Board to ensure adequate opportunity for Council deliberations to any changes to the proposed budget:

1. Consider issuing a **letter of support and thanks to the City Manager and Council** for funding the core services of DASH and continuing to prioritize transit in Alexandria.
2. Request a **budget question be issued by Council** as to the costs associated with further implementation of New DASH Network improvements as called for in the Alexandria Transit Vision Plan.
3. It is recommended that based on the City's budget calendar, the **ATC Board consider the April meeting be moved up to April 5, 2023**, to allow adequate time for any subsequent communications to Council for the Add/Delete process.

OTHER GM REPORTS

- Trolley Bus Incident
- Electric Bus Recall
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FINANCIALS

As of January

ATC is projecting a year-end deficit of ~(\$940k)

Internal Options to Address the Projected Deficit:

DASH has identified a series of service cuts that would be necessary asked to address the forecasted deficit for FY23 without a City Supplemental Appropriation.

- If implemented, service cuts would catastrophically undercut the ATV/New DASH Network.
- Cuts would amount to an equivalent of an **annualized reduction of \$3,760,000**
- Service cuts would lead to a reduction in force of at least 21 full-time bus operators.
- Cuts of this magnitude could not be implemented until April 1st, 2023.

2023 FTA GRANT RESOLUTIONS

- Low/No Emission Bus Program (5339c) and Bus & Bus Facilities Program (5339a)
- Project Scope
 - Infrastructure Upgrades (Up to 12 MW)
 - 15 Replacement Buses, including 5 Trolleys.
 - Conversion of up to 6 Expansion Buses
 - Workforce Development
- Total Request = Up to \$38 million

BOARD ACTION REQUESTED:

****ADOPT RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT****



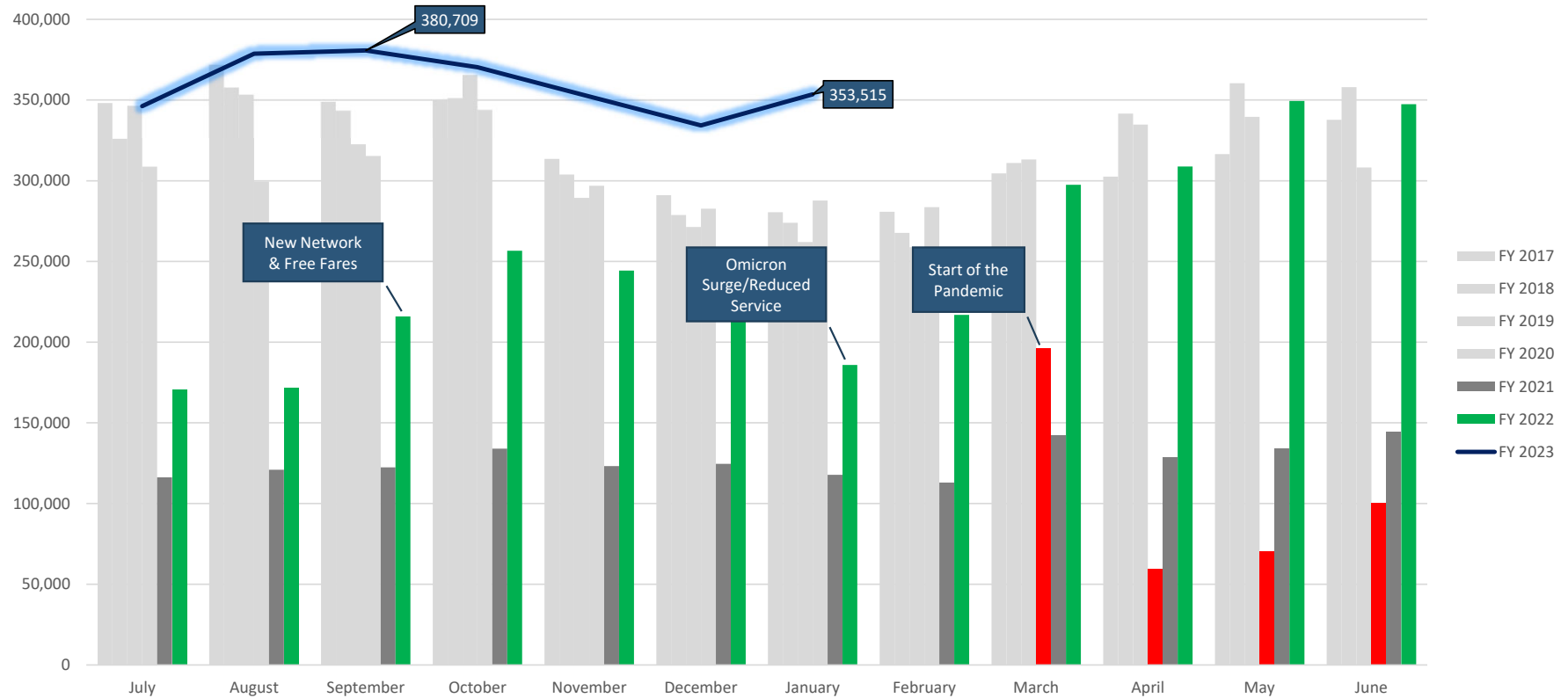
PLANNING DEPARTMENT REPORTS AND UPDATES



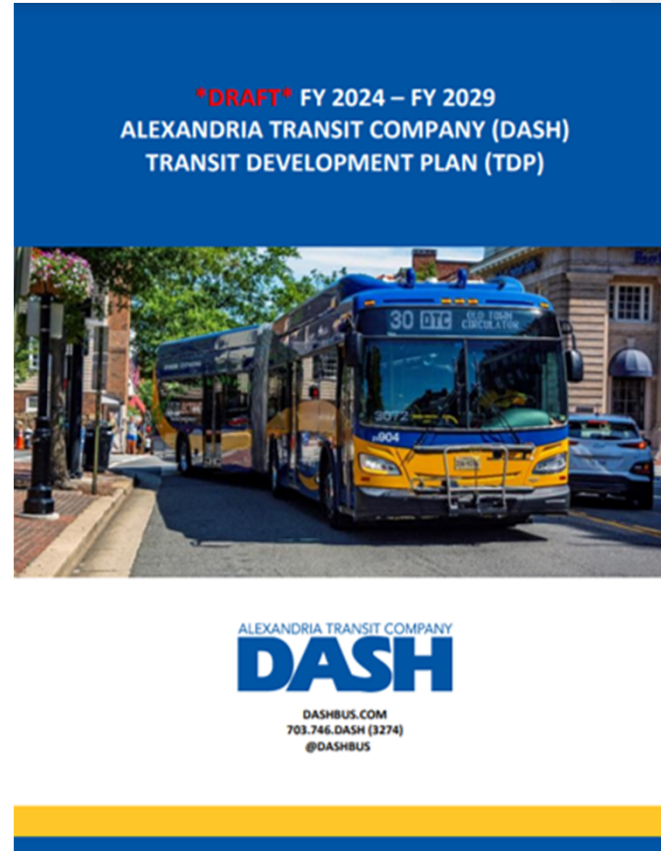
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MONTHLY DASH RIDERSHIP FY17 - CURRENT

DASH Total Monthly Ridership (FY2017-FY2023)



TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN FY 2024 DRAFT



TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN OVERVIEW

- Executive Summary
- System Overview & Performance Summary
- Service & Fare Change Recommendations
 - FY 2024 Service & Fare Change Proposals
 - FY 2025 – FY 2029 Service & Fare Change Proposals
- Capital Program Overview

TDP Website - www.dashbus.com/tdp

FY 2024 SERVICE & FARE CHANGES

- Baseline Scenario includes no service or fare changes
- Bus Stop Adjustments & Improvements
- Assumes continuation of I-395 Commuter Choice Funding for Lines 35 & 36A/B

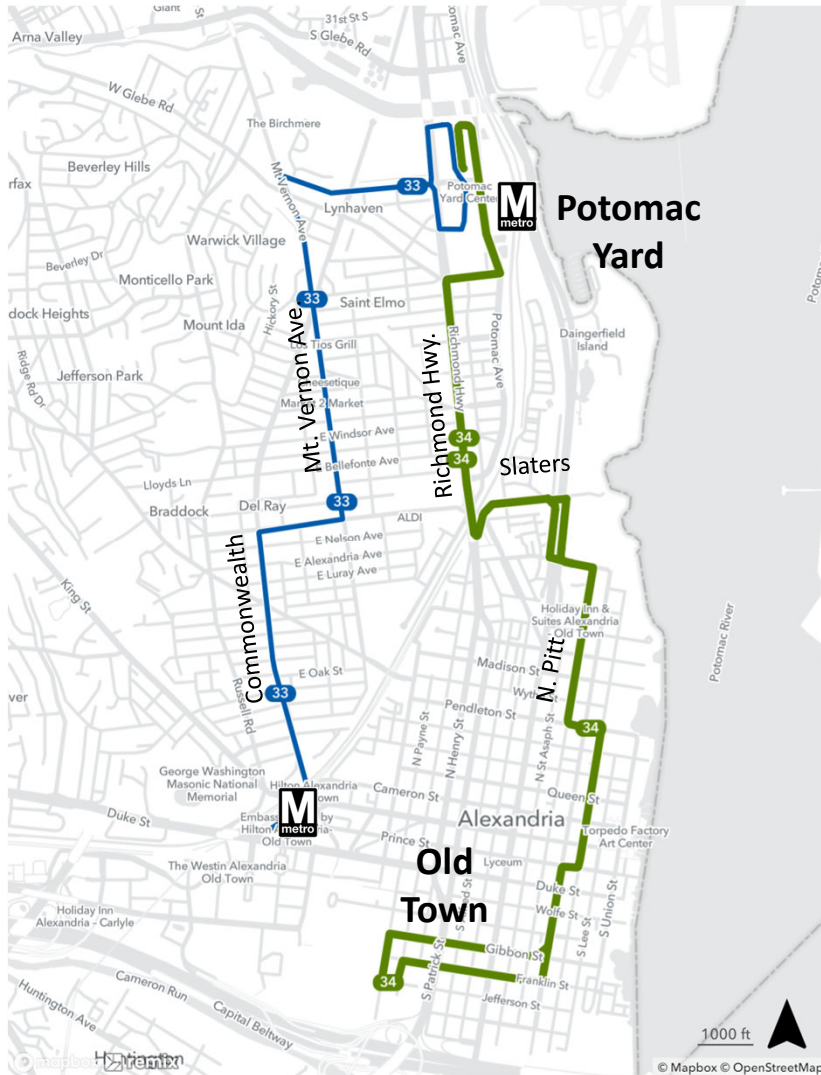


FY 2024 UNFUNDED ATV IMPROVEMENTS

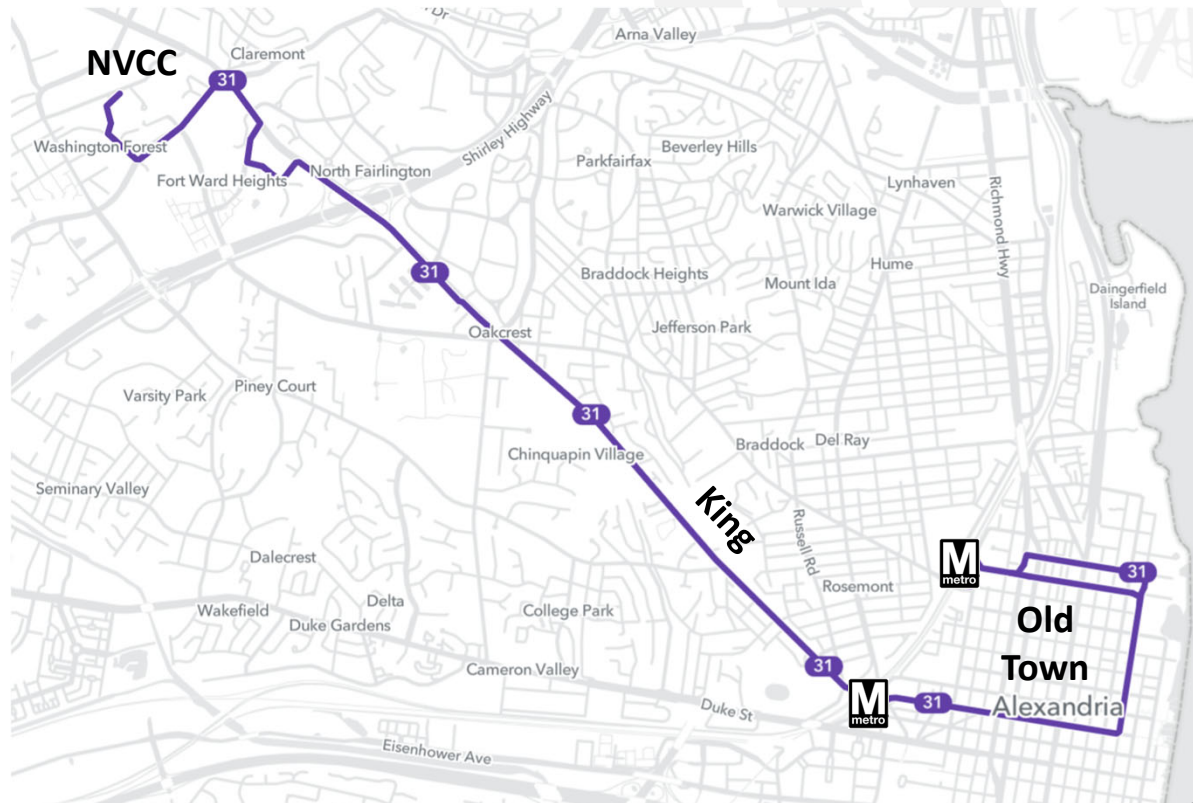
1. Line 33 – Sunday service improved from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes (Potomac Yard).
2. Line 34 – Sunday service improved from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes (Potomac Yard).
3. Line 31 – Off-peak service improved so all trips operate to/from Braddock Road Metro
4. Line 32 – Midday, evening and weekend service improved from every 60 min. to every 30 min.

**(1) IMPROVE
SUNDAY SERVICE
ON LINES 33
(UNFUNDED)**

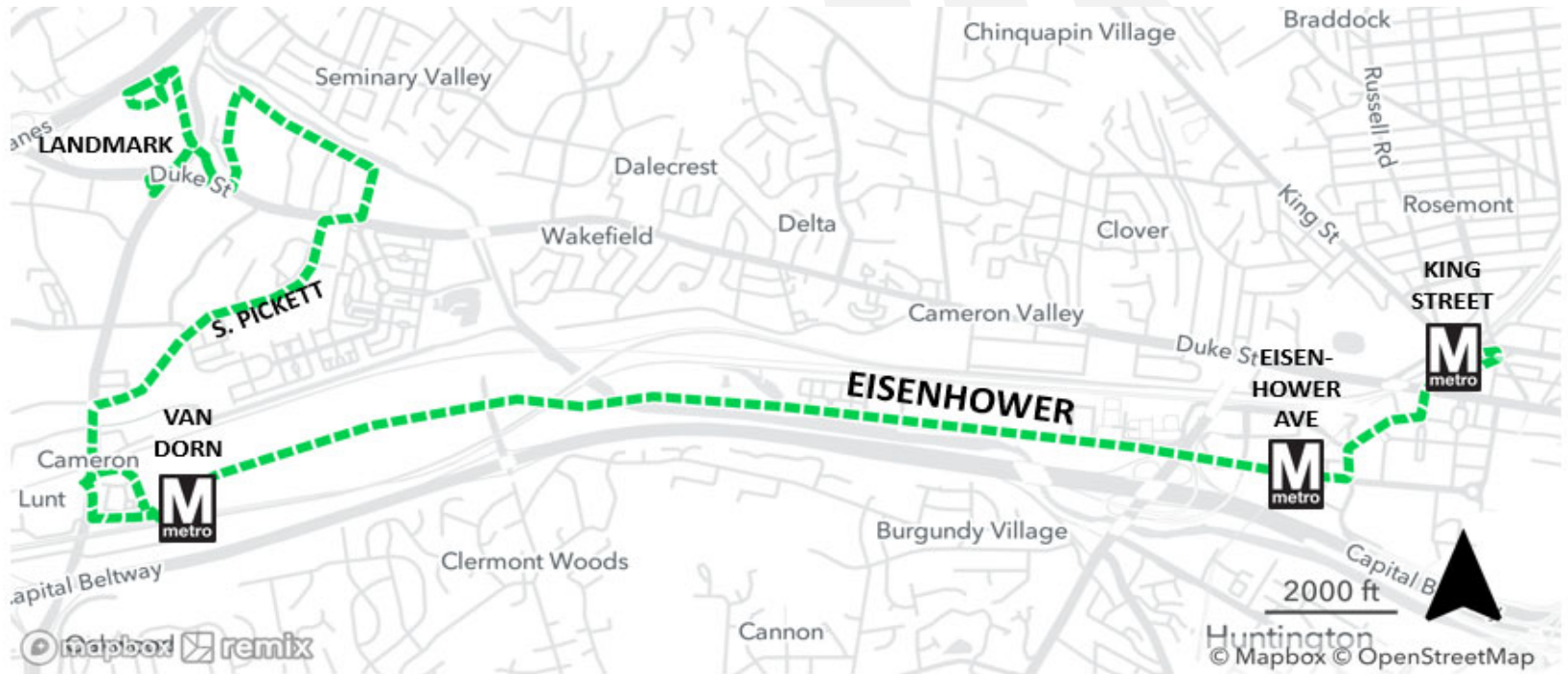
**(2) IMPROVE
SUNDAY SERVICE
ON LINE 34
(UNFUNDED)**



**(3) EXTEND LINE
31 TRIPS IN OLD
TOWN DURING
MIDDAYS, EVES
& WEEKENDS
(UNFUNDED)**



**(4)
IMPROVE
MIDDAY,
EVENING &
WEEKEND
SERVICE ON
LINE 32
(UNFUNDED)**



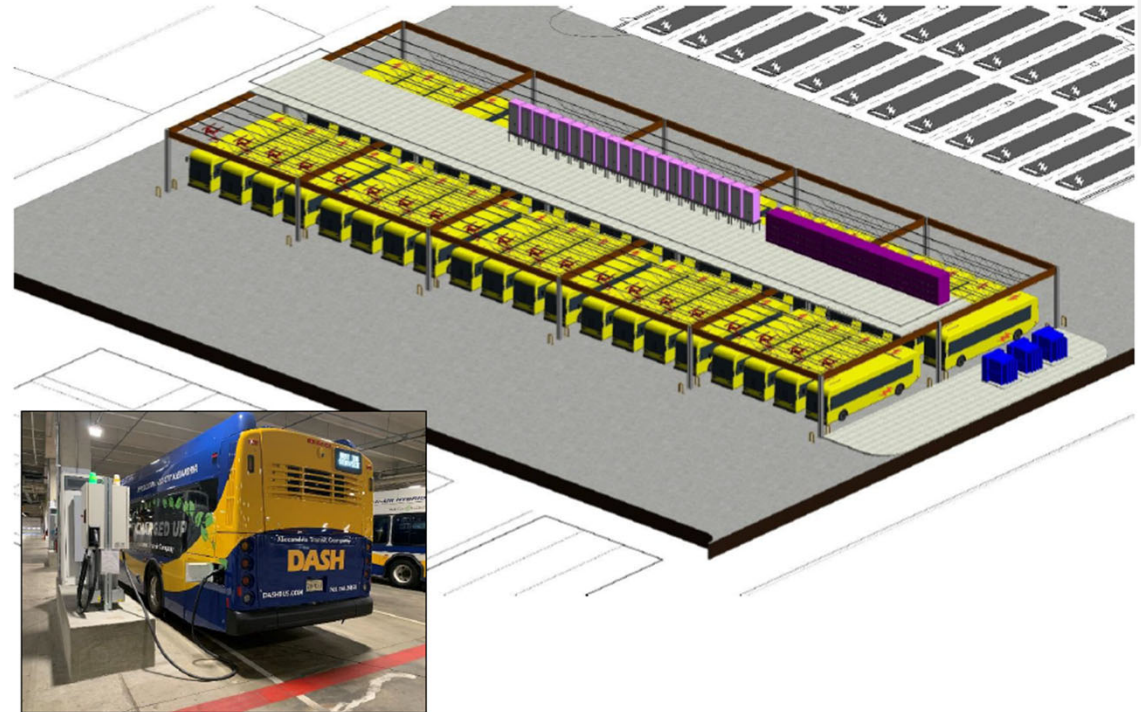
<u>Priority Order</u> (1 = top priority)	<u>Line #</u>	<u>Areas Served</u>	<u>Proposed Improvement</u>	<u>Net Annual Platform Hours</u>	<u>Net Annual Cost</u>
FY 2024 DASH Supplemental Requests					
1	Line 33	Del Ray, Arlandria, Potomac Yard	Sunday service improved to run every 30 minutes instead of every 60 minutes to provide better connectivity to new Potomac Yard Metro	945	\$120,000
2	Line 34	Potomac Yard, Old Town North, City Hall, Lee Center	Sunday service improved to run every 30 minutes instead of every 60 minutes to provide better connectivity to new Potomac Yard Metro	963	\$120,000
3	Line 31	NVCC, King Street, Old Town	Extend offpeak/weekend short trips from King Street Metro to Braddock Road Metro for 15 minute service in Old Town; extend weekday evening hours.	7,196	\$880,000
4	Line 32	Eisenhower Valley, Landmark Mall, Van Dorn Metro, Carlyle	Improve midday, evening and weekend service from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes.	<u>3,989</u>	<u>\$490,000</u>
FY 2024 DASH Supplemental Requests				13,093	\$1,610,000

FY25 – FY29 SERVICE & FARE CHANGES

- Continued implementation of 2022 & 2030 Alexandria Transit Vision Plan Recommendations
 - FY25 improvements to Lines 30, 32, 103 & 104
 - Trolley Extension to Eisenhower Metro by FY26
 - West End Transitway (Opening TBD)
 - Duke Street BRT (Opening TBD)
- No fare changes proposed

FY24 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

- CIP Projects
 - Fleet Replacement
 - Fleet Expansion
 - Facility Expansion & Electrification
 - On-Route Bus Chargers
 - DASH Technology
- Major FY24 Grants
 - FY24 DRPT Demo Grants
 - FY24 FTA Grant (Low/No or BBF)



FY 24 TDP/BUDGET CALENDAR

	ATC Staff	ATC Board	City Staff/OMB/Council
October	Staff submits current budget to OMB	Draft FY24 budget presented to ATC Board for input	City Manager releases priorities and instructions
November	Staff submit suppl. requests and reductions to OMB	BOARD ACTION to approve or amend proposed budget	Suppl. requests and reductions due to OMB.
December	N/A	N/A	Focus Area Teams meet
January	Staff meet with OMB and City Manager	N/A	City Manager finalizes budget
February	Staff receives subsidy level from OMB, revises budget	N/A	Manager releases proposed budget/CIP to City Council
March	Proposed TDP & Budget completed; outreach begins	Proposed TDP & Budget presented to Board for input	City Council Budget Work Sessions
April	Staff present budget to Council, conduct public outreach	Board holds Public Hearing for Proposed FY24 TDP & Budget	City Council Budget Work Sessions
May	Staff develops final TDP/Budget based on input	BOARD ACTION to adopt revised FY24 TDP and Budget	City Council adopts FY24 Budget and Capital Imp. Program (CIP)
June	Prepare for implementation of any July service/fare changes	N/A	N/A

FY24 TDP OUTREACH

- Virtual Meetings & Public Hearing
 - Tuesday (3/28) – Community Meeting #1 (5:30 – 7:00 PM)
 - Thursday (4/6) – Community Meeting #2 (7:00 – 8:30 PM)
 - Wednesday (4/12) - Public Hearing at Board Meeting (5:30 PM)
- Onboard engagements, onboard audio, bus posters
- Pop-up events in key locations
- Online engagement – Website, Social Media, E-Blast
- TDP Website - www.dashbus.com/tdp



QUESTIONS & DISCUSSION

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WRAP-UP & CONSIDERATION OF ADJOURNMENT

Next ATC Board of Directors Meeting:

April: 12, 2023

Alexandria Transit Company HQ

3000 Business Center Drive, Alexandria, VA

5:30pm



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Next ATC Board of Directors Meeting:

April: 5, 2023

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