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### **DASH Announces No Major Service Cuts or Fare Increase**

(Alexandria, VA) The Alexandria Transit Company (ATC) Board of Directors voted to make up the \$327,000 shortfall in City transit subsidy in its FY 2010 operating budget by approving a list of non-service related budget cost savings and making only minor modifications to a small list of trip segments that have virtually no ridership. Although the shortfall prompted this action, the restoration by the City Council of \$200,000 in the DASH transit subsidy has prevented deeper cuts and a possible fare increase which was under consideration by the Board. The City of Alexandria provides approximately 70% of the funding for the system, with the remaining 30% covered by passenger revenues.

“Starting an early morning route from point B instead of point A, if there is no ridership between points A and B, saves money and makes the system more efficient,” said Sandy Modell, ATC General Manager. “Our customers are very pleased that the potential cuts and fare increase is off the table for now.”

The revised DASH schedules reflecting these minor adjustments will take effect on August 30, 2009 and will be available to the public mid-August.

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