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**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

**Virginia Transit Association honors  
Bill Hurd  
for leadership on behalf of Public Transportation**

**The Virginia Transit Association hosted its 2005 Awards Luncheon on May 10<sup>th</sup> in Williamsburg, VA to recognize the individuals, organizations, and programs contributing to high quality public transportation service in Virginia.**

**Richmond, Virginia** - The 2005 VTA Awards Luncheon honored the contributions and leadership of individuals and successful innovative public transit programs in Virginia. This award was presented by Chris Zimmerman, President of VTA and Vice-Chairman of the Arlington County Board, and Sandy Modell, General Manager of the Alexandria Transit Company.

**Bill Hurd**, Chairman of Board of Alexandria Transit Company (DASH), received the **2005 Public Transportation Lifetime Achievement Award**.

In describing Mr. Hurd, Sandy Modell stated, "He played a key role in the establishment of federal transit programs. During the last 10 years of his career he served as a top administrator with the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) and its predecessor organization, the Office of Transportation."

She went on to say, "His legacy lies in the hundreds of millions of dollars of transit improvements—buses, railcars, maintenance, and other physical facilities, computer systems, etc.—which are a direct result of his administration of funding programs during the critical formative years of the federal transit program."

After retiring from federal service in 1972, Mr. Hurd helped create the Alexandria Transit Company or DASH and has served as its Chairman since that time. Additionally, he has served as a consultant to transit systems throughout Virginia and the nation.

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