



STARTING THE STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REPORT 2019

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Purpose

- The purpose of this report is to provide a succinct overview of the state of regional public transportation.
- The report includes transportation operations, customer, and financial facts, including recent accomplishments and upcoming activities.
- Data shown in the report comes from the 2017 National Transit Database, which was released in October 2018.
- Accomplishments, plans, and studies come from past Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee meetings and input from agency/organization representatives.



Review of 2018 SOPTR

- **Part I: Fixed Route Transit Services**
 - Profile sheets that include information on ridership, operational expenses, fleet size, and number of routes.
- **Part II: Other Public Transit Services**
 - Provides information on other transit services such as paratransit and commuter services.
- **Part III: Regional Public Transportation Organizations**
 - Information on organizations that operate, provide research, or project development for public transportation.
- **Part IV: Public Transportation Accomplishments**
 - Significant transportation projects or studies occurring during CY 2018.
- **Part V: Transportation Planning Board**
 - Information on how the TPB is assisting with regional public transportation.



Review of 2018 SOPTR



ALEXANDRIA TRANSIT COMPANY (DASH)

OVERVIEW

The Alexandria Transit Company's DASH system provides safe, reliable, and courteous bus service within the City of Alexandria, and connects with Metrobus, Metrorail, Virginia Railway Express, and all local bus systems. DASH serves all of the Alexandria Metrorail Stations and the Pentagon Metrorail station during morning and evening peak periods. DASH's name symbolizes our commitment to the citizens of Alexandria, Driving Alexandria Safely Home.



RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Alexandria Transit Vision Plan, is a bus network redesign project to improve relevance and usefulness of bus service in the Alexandria community, began in the spring and will continue through Summer 2019.
- DASH is also continuing its exploration of zero-emission bus technology and has initiated a Feasibility Review that will help DASH identify its specific fleet needs in preparation for an Implementation Plan.
- DASH has also played an integral role in the planning and final start of the King Street Metro Access Improvements Project, which broke ground in November and will be completed in early 2020.

SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

Vehicle Fleet: 64 Buses

Service Type: Fixed Route

PROVIDER DATA



NTD FY 2017



NTD FY 2017

SOURCES OF FUNDING

In FY 2017, DASH operating revenues came from the following sources: Fares 19.6%, Local Funding 73.1%, State Funding 2.8%, Other 4.5%

PRIORITY

11,500 bus
is the sixth
1,500 buses



facility at Andrews Federal
and maintenance facility. This
modern Leadership in Energy and
services.

Annual Ridership



2013 2014 2015 2016 2017

following sources:
assistance 11.9%, Other 6.9%



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nd departure information.

Annual Ridership



2014 2015 2016 2017

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Review of 2018 SOPTR

- **Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee (RPTS)**
 - The objective to provide a permanent process for the coordination of bus planning throughout the Washington region, and for incorporating regional bus plans into the long-range transportation plan.
- **Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP)**
 - The development of regional targets. Transit asset management (TAM) is a strategic and systematic process of operating, maintaining, and improving public transportation capital assets effectively through the life cycle of such assets.
- **Long-Range Plan (Visualize 2045)**
 - TPB's long-range plan which includes a set of aspirational initiatives that the board identified for their potential to address some of the region's biggest transportation challenges in the future.



Review of 2018 SOPTR

- WMATA
 - The delivery of the new 7000-series rail cars. Construction of Silver Line Phase II.
- DC Circulator
 - The addition of electric buses to the existing fleet. Free Wi-Fi on fleet.
- RideOn
 - Solar powered bus shelters. Awarded grant to purchase electric buses.
- OmniRide
 - The delivery of new motor coaches to replace the existing fleet.
- VRE
 - New York Avenue Midday Storage Facility. Multiple station improvements.
- NVTC
 - Envision Route 7 Phase III. I-66 Commuter Choice Program



The 2019 SOPTR

- The 2019 will still contain a majority of the information from the 2018 report, however it will be updated.
 - Primary data source will be from the NTD.
 - Accomplishments, plans, and studies come from past Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee meetings and input from agency/organization representatives.
- What's new for the 2019 report?
 - More outreach and coordination efforts with agencies/entities that may have had a small contribution to the report.
 - Possible section dedicated to the paratransit services offered regionally.
 - Start collecting responses from public transit providers early (Feb. 2020) for a final report (June 2020)
 - Taking additional input for items to be added into the report that were not covered last year.



Next Steps

- Work on updating the questionnaire that was used last year to get information from public transit providers.
- Compile data from the NTD to update ridership numbers, operating costs, fleet sizes, etc.
- Provide regular updates on the progress of the 2019 SOPTR.
- Provide drafts for input, questions, or comments.
- Presentation to Tech.
- Final report by June 2020.

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