

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 30, 2010

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER 

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO #95: DASH SMARTRIP REVENUE

As stated in Budget Memo #91, there is a funding gap of \$116,211 between the DASH subsidy amount budgeted in the FY 2011 Proposed Budget and the DASH approved budget with tier one budget reductions (AT4 Saturday elimination, AT4 weekday and evening off-peak elimination, and AT7 restructuring).

As part of the implementation of the regional Smartrip fare card, all of the participating transit providers, including WMATA and DASH, agreed to a regional flash pass revenue sharing plan in which DASH and the other local systems would be compensated by WMATA for lost revenues resulting from their acceptance of the WMATA flash pass as valid fare on the local systems.

The DASH FY 2011 approved budget does not include any regional flash pass revenue. The revenue distribution has been delayed at WMATA, but the City and DASH, along with the other regional partners, continue to push for its implementation in FY 2011. The DASH share of the regional flash pass revenue is approximately \$22,000 per month. DASH has indicated that if the revenue is realized in FY 2011, it will be used to close the \$116,211 funding gap and avoid further service reductions.