

SAFETY INITIATIVES *Did You Know?*

To increase pedestrian safety, a number of City crosswalks have been widened and paved. The City is using signs, including variable message boards, to alert motorists and pedestrians to upcoming projects, such as construction, alternate routing and special events. Along the King Street corridor, new blue and white signs help visitors identify the downtown area as a continuous pedestrian shopping and business area. New pedestrian crossing countdown clocks have been installed at many City intersections to help pedestrians cross busy streets.

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* New white on blue street name signs were installed in the lower King Street area.

* The City received a \$12,322 State Rehabilitative Services Incentive Fund Grant to install audible pedestrian signals to assist the hearing impaired cross streets near the Foxchase Shopping Center, INOVA Alexandria Hospital, and the Burke Library.



WOODROW WILSON BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION

In May, Woodrow Wilson Bridge construction began in Jones Point Park with clearing of the area for the footprint of the new replacement bridge and the driving of piles, which were completed in Jones Point Park in the fall. Work on the new Route 1 Interchange and the demolition of nearby buildings started in late 2002. The outer loop bridge is expected to open in December 2005. Demolition of the existing bridge and opening of the new inner loop bridge is scheduled for December 2007, with the Route 1 Interchange reconstruction proceeding at the same time.

Telegraph Road Interchange work is expected to begin in 2007 with completion in 2011, about 18 months later than in earlier projections.

TRANSIT

In 2001, the Alexandria Transit Company, operator of the City's DASH bus system, transported over 2.7 million passengers, 3.6% more than in 2000. Average weekday DASH ridership grew 1.8% to 9,308 passengers. In the last ten years, the fleet of 17 DASH buses purchased in 1984 has increased threefold, while total ridership is up by 88% overall.

OLD TOWN TRANSIT STORE

Alexandria's Old Town transit store, located on Diagonal Road across from the King Street Metro station, opened in March. The transit store sells transit passes and tokens as well as Smart Trip cards and provides bus and commuter rail schedules for all of the transit providers that serve Alexandria and neighboring areas.



EISENHOWER AVENUE MULTI-USE TRAIL *Did You Know?*

Last summer, the City was awarded \$372,000 in Federal funding from the Transportation Enhancement Program, for the first phase of the Eisenhower Avenue multi-use trail. Early in 2002 the City submitted a Federal grant for additional funding to complete the second phase of the Eisenhower Avenue Multi-use trail project. The first segment of this project is projected to begin in spring 2003.

* The City has begun replacing its 18-20 year-old parking meters with new digital meters. The first 500 meters between Washington Street and the Potomac River will be replaced by the end of the year, and the remaining meters will be replaced in spring of 2003.

POTOMAC YARD CORRIDOR TRANSIT STUDY

The Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation is conducting a study of transit alternatives in the five-mile corridor that begins in Arlington County near the Pentagon, continues south through Crystal City and the Potomac Yard development, and ends in the vicinity of the Braddock Road Metrorail Station in the City. The study is evaluating several transit and alignment options for the corridor.



* Alexandria's Transportation and Environmental Services Department has replaced the old metal street signs hanging over intersections on Duke Street west beginning at Callahan Drive with new 4-foot easy to see illuminated signs suspended from traffic signal arms. A photoelectric cell turns on the lights at sunset. Additional signs on Duke Street and Van Dorn Street will be replaced with illuminated signs in 2003.

KING STREET METRORAIL STATION

To reduce traffic congestion, improve pedestrian access and eliminate many of the pedestrian traffic conflicts in the King Street Metro Station area, several improvements are being made to the King Street Metrorail Station by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). A new entrance to the existing mezzanine on King Street, was completed in June. Other improvements include a new mezzanine at the intersection of Commonwealth Avenue and Cameron Street to increase pedestrian safety and accessibility, and a new station entrance at the north end of the existing platform, with an extension of the existing platform and canopy.

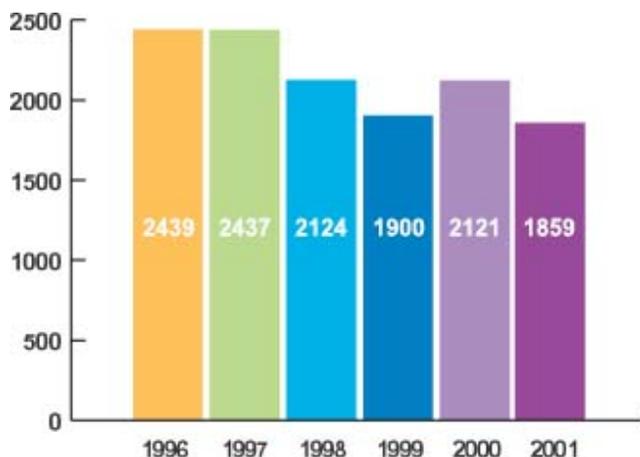
* The Office of Recycling collected more than 155 bicycles to be donated for reuse to Pedals for Progress, a program that ships bicycles abroad to needy individuals for transportation.



TRANSPORTATION FUNDING

On November 5, voters in the Northern Virginia region did not approve the proposed 1/2 cent increase in the sales tax for transportation initiatives. As a result, proposed mass transit

VEHICLE ACCIDENT RATES



projects and other transportation improvements in the City and throughout the region will not occur, or will be significantly delayed, unless new transportation funding sources are established by the Virginia General Assembly. The re-authorization of federal transportation programs, including funding to state and local governments, by Congress next year may address some of the transportation funding shortfalls.