

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 24, 2009

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 121 : WMATA SERVICE REDUCTIONS IN THE  
FY 2010 PROPOSED BUDGET

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Because the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) budget process is ongoing and will not be concluded until after Council adopts the City budget, Budget Memos #29 and #111 are attached as reminders of the Metrobus service reductions that will be required in FY 2010 if WMATA does not increase fares or use economic stimulus funding to cover their budget shortfalls.

The City's FY 2010 Proposed Budget (and Council's add/delete list) assumes no increase in the WMATA operating subsidy. The original budget presentation by WMATA required an \$895,867 increase in the City subsidy. The bus service reductions identified in the attached memos are proposed to reduce the increase by \$738,188 to \$157,679. The remaining \$157,679 City subsidy increase is proposed to be funded from State aid and motor fuel sales tax revenues at the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission (NVTC). Some or all of the reductions may not be required if WMATA increases fares or uses economic stimulus funding in their final budget.

If some or all of the bus service reductions are needed to balance the City's share of the WMATA budget, WMATA will be requesting a letter from the City supporting these reductions. As a result, City staff will seek to docket authorization to send this letter for a future Council meeting.

Attachments