



Alexandria Transit Company

DASH

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Rider News Bulletin

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New Hybrid Trolleys hit King Street!

The brand new hybrid trolleys have hit the streets as the King Street Trolley, operated by Alexandria's own DASH bus company. The **FREE** trolley operates 365 days a year, every 15 minutes between the Potomac River waterfront and the King Street Metrorail Station from 11:30 a.m. to 10:15 p.m. For more information, visit dashbus.com/Trolley.

Earlier this month, DASH also started operating 10 new low-floor hybrid buses. Like the trolleys, the new buses feature a wider body and low-floor entry with no entrance steps for improving accessibility for persons with disabilities and senior citizens and passenger boarding and alighting, bike racks, and a simple, reliable low-maintenance wheelchair ramp instead of the older model hydraulic wheelchair lift. The 40-foot buses will operate on the AT8 route, where increases in ridership have led to overcrowding on a number of trips. The DASH buses operate on an environmentally-friendly mix of ultra-low sulfur diesel and electricity.

The 10 new buses were purchased with Commonwealth of Virginia State Road money that the City reallocated to transit. Not many places in the country spend their road money on buses and Alexandria is the only city in Virginia to do so. The five trolleys were purchased with American Reinvestment and Recovery Act (ARRA) Stimulus funds, which is part of an economic stimulus package enacted by Congress in February 2009 and signed into law by President Obama.

For more information on the King Street Trolley, visit dashbus.com/Trolley.

Summer Student Swag Tag – Unlimited **DASH** Rides!

Starting mid-May, Middle and High School Students can purchase the new **DASH Summer Swag Tag bus pass for the low-cost of \$65.00, with an early bird special before May 21 of \$50!** Students may use their Summer Swag Tag for unlimited rides on all DASH buses from May 21 through September 1, 2012.

Simply show your Summer Swag Tag to your driver and hop on board! Summer Swag Tags may be purchased at the Old Town Transit Shop located at 1775-C Duke Street and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., T.C. Williams High School, Minnie Howard Campus, Hammond Middle School, and the G.W. Middle School. For more information, visit dashbus.com.

Announcing the Electronic **DASH** Pass!

Great News! The DASH Pass is now
electronic and still only \$35!

Enjoy the same money-saving, economical DASH Pass without the paper. Simply load the DASH Pass directly onto your SmarTrip® Card!

About the electronic **DASH** Pass:

- Load your DASH Pass onto your SmarTrip® Card between the 1st and 15th of the month, and your Pass will be valid for the current calendar month.
- Load your DASH Pass onto your SmarTrip® Card between the 16th and 31st of the month, and your Pass will be valid for the following calendar month.
- Available only on SmarTrip® Cards and valid for unlimited rides on all DASH and Fairfax Connector buses during the calendar month.

For more information and sales locations, contact DASH Customer Service at (703) 746-DASH (3274) or visit dashbus.com/Fares.

DASH Bike-N-Roll



Take your bike with you when you ride DASH! Alexandria Transit supports and promotes the use of bicycles as an alternative and sustainable transportation option. Alexandria Transit now allows bicycles to travel on buses at no extra charge.

Brochures and details on how to safely transport your bicycle on DASH buses are available aboard all DASH buses and online at dashbus.com/Bikenroll.

** Currently the King Street Trolley and all new DASH buses are equipped with the bicycle racks. All DASH buses will be equipped with bicycle racks in the near future.*

Old Town Transit Shop

Remember to stop by the Old Town Transit Shop located across from the King Street Metro for all of your transit information and fare needs. You can pick up your DASH, Metro or VRE passes and SmarTrip® Cards, too!

The Old Town Transit Shop is located at 1775-C Duke Street and is open Monday thru Friday from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.