



Fiscal Affairs Advisory Commission
Report to the County Board

FY 2024 Proposed Budget

Budget Area:	Department of Environmental Services Transit & Vision Zero
FAAC Reviewers:	Gillian Burgess, Jaime Marquez
Date of FAAC Action:	March 6, 2023
Presented By:	Gillian Burgess, FAAC Vice-Chairman

FAAC Opinion:

FAAC Recommendation #1			
FAAC recommends that the County Board adopt the County Manager’s proposed budget for Arlington Transit and related to Vision Zero, with additional funding to adjust Arlington Transit service to increase ridership and to work with APS to eliminate the need to run school buses for older students in certain areas and to better serve families getting to and from schools.			
Vote	Yes: 12	No: 0	Abstain: 0
Comments			

Future Considerations

1. FAAC encourages DES to continue its efforts to develop performance measures that go beyond measuring output or workload, and in particular to develop performance measures that align with applicable targets in the County's comprehensive plan elements and other related master planning documents. FAAC encourages DES to revise its performance measures to better reflect variables that are within DES's control, and to better describe or indicate where factors that are outside of DES's control (weather, cost of raw materials, demand, or consumption patterns, etc.) have impacted a particular performance measure. Additionally, FAAC encourages DES to include performance measures related to reduction in greenhouse gas emissions for Arlington Transit, similar to what is presented for Commuter Services.
2. FAAC encourages DES to work with Arlington Public Schools to more efficiently get students to schools, including expanding eligibility for and application of the APS Student No-Fare Program and the Low-Income No-Fare Program, as well as, adjusting ART routes and schedules to enable students to take transit to schools.

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3. FAAC looks forward to seeing more public data and analysis on the equity implications of DES services, including the Vision Zero dashboard and for transit.
4. FAAC encourages Arlington Transit to collect and analyze customer service data.

We would like to thank the County staff for their willingness to provide information and insights.