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CTE to Conduct Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Planning Study for Alexandria Transit Company (DASH)

Atlanta, GA, May 2019: The Center for Transportation and the Environment (CTE) was selected by the Alexandria Transit Company (DASH) in Alexandria, Virginia to perform a zero-emission bus fleet feasibility and planning study. Through this work, CTE will provide DASH with an understanding of the viability of deploying zero-emission bus technologies into DASH's revenue service and to identify elements and considerations for a future Zero Emission Fleet Implementation Plan scope.

DASH provides service to more than four million passengers annually within portions of the City of Alexandria and between the City and the Pentagon Metrorail station. DASH plays a key role within the implementation of the City Council's City Transportation Master Plan (TMP) and contributes to Eco-City efforts that provide an environmentally friendly alternative to the single occupant vehicle.

Prior to working with CTE, DASH has undertaken several initiatives to develop an understanding of the operational maintenance and infrastructure requirements associated with the deployment of ZEBs. CTE will work alongside DASH's Zero Emission Bus Working Group in order to collect data and construct a ZEB Framework for transitioning the agency's routes toward zero emission.

"DASH and the City of Alexandria have been very diligent in their consideration of zero-emission bus technologies as part of their fleet policy planning," said Joe Empert, Engineering Consultant at CTE. "CTE is excited to contribute to their overall effort by providing guidance through this feasibility and scoping study."

CTE offers ZEB planning services that holistically evaluate economic costs, risks, and performance expectations in order to develop strategic ZEB transition timelines based on an agency's current fleet management plan. CTE is in the process of developing plans for transit agencies like AC Transit, SolTrans, LA Metro, Ames Transit (CyRide), San Diego MTS, and Spokane Transit to name a few.

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ABOUT CTE

The Center for Transportation and the Environment is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization with a mission to improve the health of our climate and communities by bringing people together to develop and commercialize clean, efficient, and sustainable transportation technologies. CTE collaborates with federal, state, and local governments, fleets, and vehicle technology manufacturers to complete our mission. Learn more at www.cte.tv

ABOUT DASH

The Alexandria Transit Company's DASH system provides safe, reliable, and courteous bus service within the City of Alexandria, and connects with Metrobus, Metrorail, Virginia Railway Express, and all local bus systems. DASH serves all the Alexandria Metrorail Stations and the Pentagon Metrorail station during morning and evening peak periods.