

## Chapter 8

### TDP Monitoring and Evaluation

## 1.0 Introduction

As described in Chapter 1, this TDP serves as a “road map” for public transportation improvements in Alexandria, and covers all public transportation providers in the City. In order to forecast service and capital needs over the six year time frame of this TDP, certain financial and service expansion priority assumptions were made. These assumptions may change and therefore an ongoing review of the TDP will be required to determine where modifications may be required. The purpose of this Chapter is to outline the proposed review process as well as to outline additional proposed reviews and evaluations.

## 2.0 Co-ordination with Other Plans and Programs

Transit is a cornerstone of each of the many development and redevelopment projects that are either planned or underway in Alexandria. As described in Chapter 3, each of these redevelopment projects will result in increased densification in an already very dense Alexandria. The success of these projects as well as the health of the City overall will rely on a robust transit system that reflects the urban characteristics of Alexandria.

This proposal is simply that City land use planning and economic development staff continue their already rigorous co-ordination with transportation staff in order to ensure that the transit components necessary to support the ongoing redevelopment of the City are fully addressed.

## 3.0 Service Performance Monitoring

Chapter 2 identified proposed service standards for DASH related to productivity and cost-effectiveness. These standards are objective measurements that DASH can use to monitor transit performance and to assist in making performance-based service planning decisions. It is recommended that DASH monitor these proposed standards monthly and also develop trend analysis to determine if there are major changes in performance over time. These monthly reports can also be rolled up to annual report that can be included in the required annual TDP update (outlined below).

## 4.0 Annual TDP Monitoring

DRPT guidance currently requires that grantees submit an annual TDP update letter that describes the progress that has been made toward implementing the adopted TDP. If actual implementation of the TDP differs greatly from what has been outlined in the adopted plan, a more thorough update to the TDP than the simple update letter may be warranted.

The update letter to DRPT should document the implementation progress of the service expansion and service initiatives outlined in the TDP, and should also report the ridership impacts of any implemented projects.

The update letter should also describe any changes to system goals, objectives or service standards.

Finally, the letter should outline whether additional expansion projects have been added or removed based on changes in funding availability and the associated changes in the financial plan.