

ORDINANCE NO. 2707

AN ORDINANCE declaring the intention of the city to fund its annual obligation for the support of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and directing the city manager to make provision therefor in the annual budgetary process and accounting procedures of the city.

WHEREAS, the City of Alexandria desires to affirm its support of Metrorail and Metrobus as necessary and integral parts of the transportation facilities of this area and to take those actions that are necessary to maintain operation of these Metro facilities and to effect expansion of the same within the context of the adopted regional plans; and

WHEREAS, federal assistance is indispensable to implementation of the adopted regional system; and

WHEREAS, the National Capital Transportation Amendments of 1979 provide for such federal assistance, subject to the Secretary of Transportation's finding that the local participating governments have a stable and reliable source of revenue for funding their respective contributions to pay for transit expenses; and

WHEREAS, in partial fulfillment of this requirement for a stable and reliable source of revenue, an additional sales tax has been imposed on fuels in this city by section 58-730.5, et seq. of the Code of Virginia (1950), as amended, and the receipts therefrom and from other Commonwealth of Virginia sources have been allocated by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission in full satisfaction of the requirement to provide a stable and reliable funding source for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's share of its revenue bond debt service; and

WHEREAS, coordination has been effected between the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and this city so as to permit incorporation of Metro funding requirements, including projections and estimates thereof, in the established annual budget process; and

WHEREAS, this city since fiscal year 1973 to date has fully funded its share of transit expenses and considers this to be further evidence of its continued support and good faith efforts with regard to provision of transit service and funding thereof; now, therefore,

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ALEXANDRIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

Section 1. That the city declares its intent to fund on an annual basis any contractually agreed to contribution for the expenses of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

(WMATA) agreed to by written contract by the allocation of such stable and reliable revenues as are or may become available and does hereby designate the general revenues of this city as the source of funds which may be appropriated to pay for Metro transportation services for which this city has or may in the future contract with WMATA, it being understood that no money shall be drawn from the treasury nor any obligation for the expenditure of money be incurred except in pursuance of a legally adopted appropriation ordinance.

Section 2. That the city manager is hereby directed to continue close coordination with WMATA to ensure that any contractually agreed to contribution of this city for any expenses of WMATA, less the amount thereof covered by the relevant tax on fuels and other payments by the Commonwealth of Virginia, be included in the annual budget and appropriation ordinance submissions.

Section 3. That the title of and an informal memorandum explaining this ordinance shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation published in the city not later than five days following its introduction together with a notice containing the time and place for a public hearing. The city clerk shall have the full text of this ordinance printed in sufficient numbers to supply copies to meet request. The city clerk shall note the date of introduction and first reading, the date of publication, the date of the public hearing, and the date of the second reading and final passage in the minutes of the meeting. This ordinance shall become effective the date of its final passage.

CHARLES E. BEATLEY, JR.  
Mayor

Final Passage: June 22, 1982