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Private Sector Public Transit in Alexandria

- ❑ The primary place where the City of Alexandria has transit services being provided by the private sector is in the area of ADA paratransit service, with its DOT service. The City provides ADA complementary service to people living in the City who have to go to destinations in the City and to Arlington County, Fairfax County, the City of Falls Church, and the City of Fairfax.
 - ADA van service is provided by Robbie Werth's company Diamond Transportation.
 - ADA taxi service is provided by White Top Cab.
 - The City also uses Senior Services of Alexandria, a non-profit corporation, which provides call intake and some monitoring for us.

- ❑ Since the last private sector public transit forum, the City of Alexandria decided to initiate a new service, the King Street Trolley, which has been contracted to the Martz Group. It provides seven day a week free transportation from the King Street Metro Station to the Waterfront every 15 minutes from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM and has been very successful.

- ❑ The primary service contracts do not represent an immediate opportunity for new private sector business, since renewal options for the contracts can be extended for several years, if they are providing adequate service.

- ❑ The City has promulgated new taxi regulations, which require that any taxicab provider in Alexandria must provide service to people with disabilities and senior citizens

- ❑ The City also requires large developments to provide transit incentives as a condition of their site plan, under its Transportation Management Plan ordinance. Some developments have elected to provide shuttle services to Metro stops, which may be a business opportunity for the private sector