



ARLINGTON COUNTY, VIRGINIA

**County Board Agenda Item
Meeting of October 18, 2008**

DATE: October 1, 2008

SUBJECT: Approval of Master Agreement Between the County Board and the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation (“DRPT”) For Use of Commonwealth Transportation Funds

C. M. RECOMMENDATION:

Approve a Master Agreement for Use of Commonwealth Transportation Funds between the Department of Rail and Public Transportation (“DRPT”) and the County Board, in the form attached hereto, and authorize the County Manager to execute the Agreement and Amendment No. 1 thereto, subject to approval of the Agreement and Amendment as to form by the County Attorney.

ISSUES: Additional State and Federal funds cannot be accepted and appropriated for specified activities until this new Master Agreement and Amendment No. 1 are executed.

BACKGROUND: The Arlington County Commuter Services (“ACCS”) program is funded primarily using State and Federal transportation funds. In order to receive these funds, the County Board has to enter into a Master Agreement for use of Commonwealth Transportation Funds (“Master Agreement”) with the DRPT. The County Board approved the current Master Agreement on April 20, 2002 and a new Agreement, with Amendment No. 1, needs to be executed to reflect the new rules and regulations for receiving Federal and State transportation funds.

DISCUSSION: The attached Master Agreement dated July 1, 2008, and Amendment No. 1 dated August 1, 2008, define the current purpose and source of funds, allowable costs, acceptable payments procedures, maintenance of records for audit purposes, and other State and Federal grant guidelines. Amendment No. 1 requires bid guarantees, performance bonds, and payment bonds for construction or facility improvements contracts that receives State and Federal funds exceeding \$100,000.

FISCAL IMPACT: The new Master Agreement enables Arlington to receive State and Federal funds to reimburse its ACCS expenses for FY 2009 and future fiscal years.

County Manager: _____

County Attorney: _____

Staff: Paul E. Culver, Dept. of Environmental Services – Transportation Division