



AGENDA ITEM #5

TO: Chairman Zimmerman and NVTC Commissioners

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SUBJECT: Authorize Purchase of Mobile Data Terminals for Alexandria's Real-Time Bus Information Project

The commission is asked to authorize its executive director to spend \$37,288 of project funds to equip DASH buses with mobile data terminals.

NVTC is currently managing a contract with Strategic Mapping, Inc. to install a passenger information system on the Alexandria DASH bus system using a federal earmark. Alexandria DASH wishes to enhance this system with the addition of mobile data terminals on each of their 62 vehicles. These data terminals will allow the DASH drivers to better maintain schedules, monitor the passenger information system and will allow for the broadcasting of alerts and emergency notifications.

The total cost of the mobile data terminals is \$37,288, which will be paid out of existing project funds. At least forty-four percent of the additional funds will go to purchases from DBE firms.

