

# City of Alexandria, Virginia

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## MEMORANDUM

DATE: APRIL 16, 2009

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF CITY COUNCIL

FROM: JAMES K. HARTMANN, CITY MANAGER

SUBJECT: BUDGET MEMO # 109 : COST TO INCREASE KING STREET  
TROLLEY HOURS

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This memorandum is in response to Councilman Krupicka's request for the cost to increase King Street Trolley hours, which is now from 11:30 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. with 20 minute headways.

The table on the following page illustrates the cost to operate the King Street Trolley in FY 2010 in multiple scenarios depending on the frequency and duration of service. Since the FY 2010 proposed budget includes \$700,000 to operate the trolley, the amount of additional funding need to operate in each scenario is provided in parentheses. The contract to operate the trolley is eligible for an inflationary adjustment during FY 2010. A 2.5% rate has been assumed. Each 2.5% of inflation is worth approximately \$6,800 in the lowest cost scenario and \$10,300 in the highest cost scenario. If trolley hours were extended, staff would first recommend running the trolley until 12:00 midnight on Friday and Saturday nights (and Sundays when there is a federal holiday on Monday) when the patronage would be higher than 10:00 AM on a weekday.

**Frequency of Service**

**Hours of Operation**

	15 minutes	20 minutes
10:00 AM- 10:00 PM	\$1,012,000 (\$312,000)	\$888,000 (\$188,000)
11:30 AM- 10:00 PM	\$764,000 (\$64,000)	\$671,000 (funded)
11:30 AM- 10:00 PM Weekdays/ 11:30 AM- 12:00 Midnight Fri & Sat	\$788,000 (\$88,000)	\$689,000 (funded)