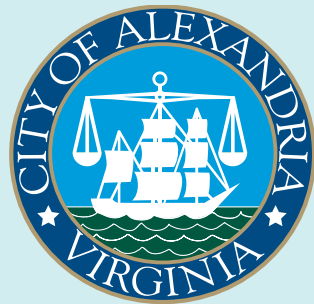




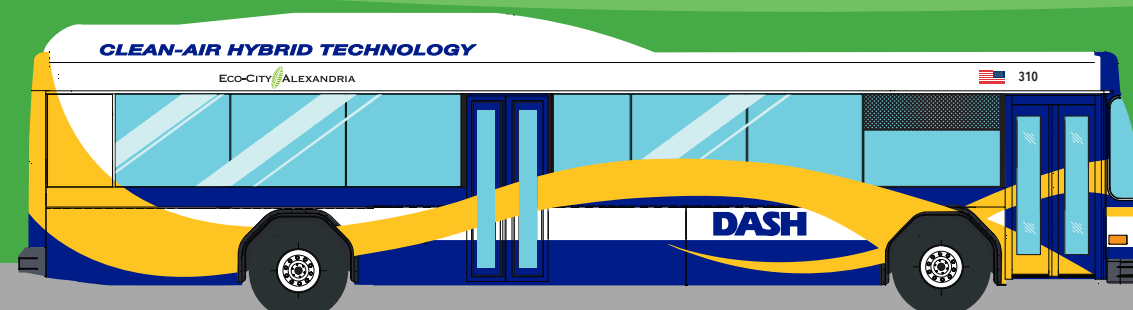
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SOLIDARITY

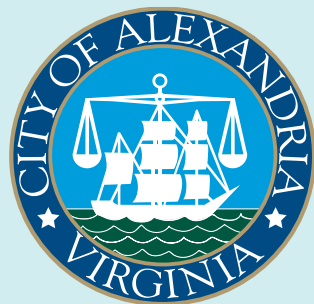
young girls squeal and hold each other
as the bus lurches forward
a mother soothes her baby
we exchange smiles
for these bumps in the road
we will endure together

- Nesima Aberra





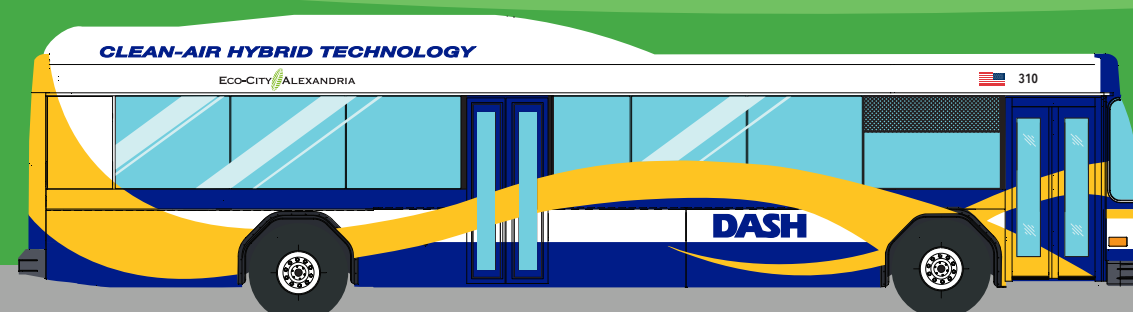
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LIKE PLANETS

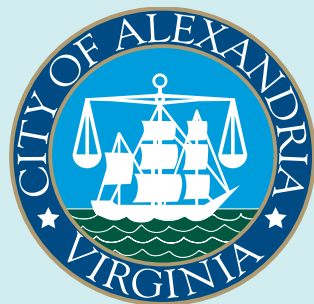
Like planets in their orbits,
worlds unto themselves,
buses and trolleys
make their way around
the inner space of the city,
circling its heart.

- Michelle Berberet





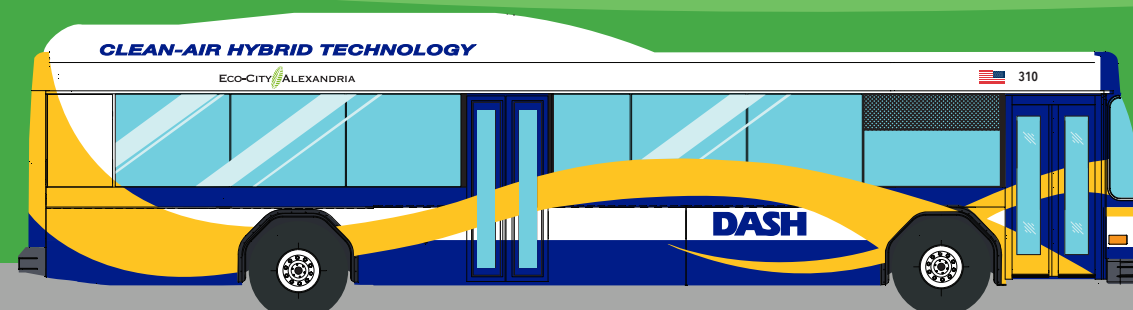
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THE COMMUTE

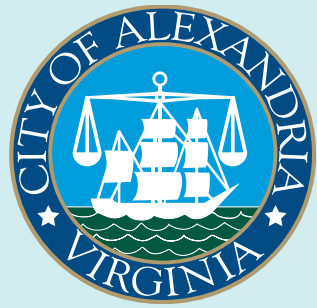
From old town to landmark
to landmarks and old sights,
The local motion of a community
no locomotion, but the trolley delights,
Roads intersecting, connecting our lives
from work to where we lay,
Bus, metro, or train
connecting everyone as we DASH about our day

- Jonathan Fritsch





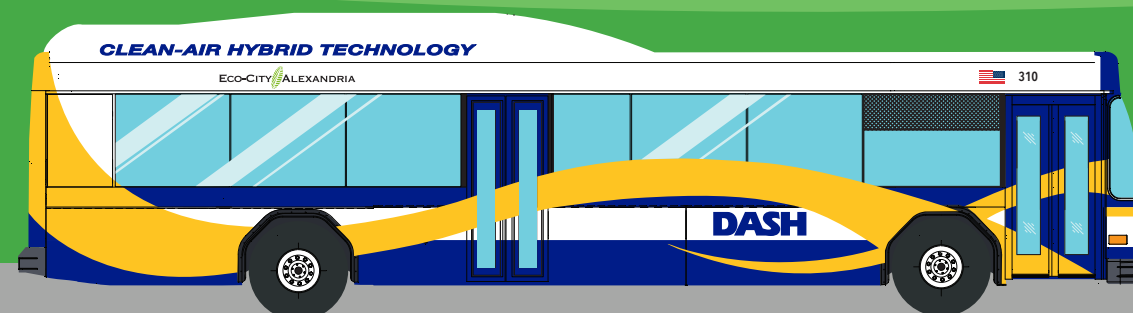
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THE DRIVER

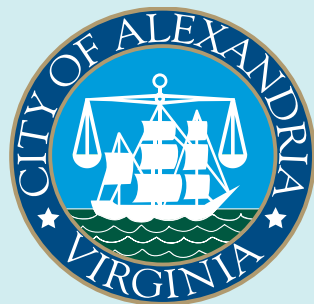
She overlooks King Street like a royal surveying her domain.
Behind the bulwark of her windshield, she wields a wheel against the world.
Storefront-glass reflections hail her:
Queen of the Road, Empress of the Commute.

- Justin Jacques





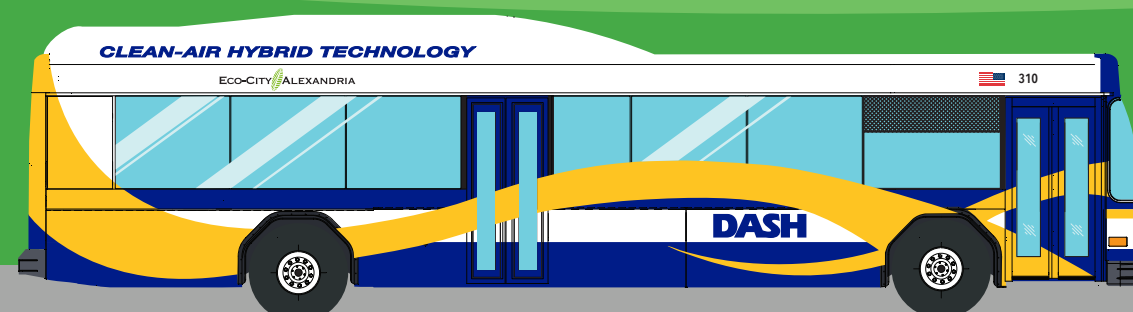
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ON TIME

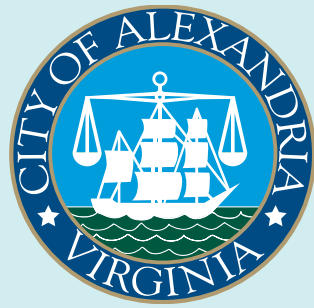
A beautiful day I will to create
I had to DASH; I was running late
I shouted to the bus driver, "Wait, please!"
The doors opened; I was relieved
A beautiful day I will create
Thanks to the bus driver, I am no longer late

**- KaNikki Jakarta, Poet Laureate,
City of Alexandria**





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SIMPLE JOYS

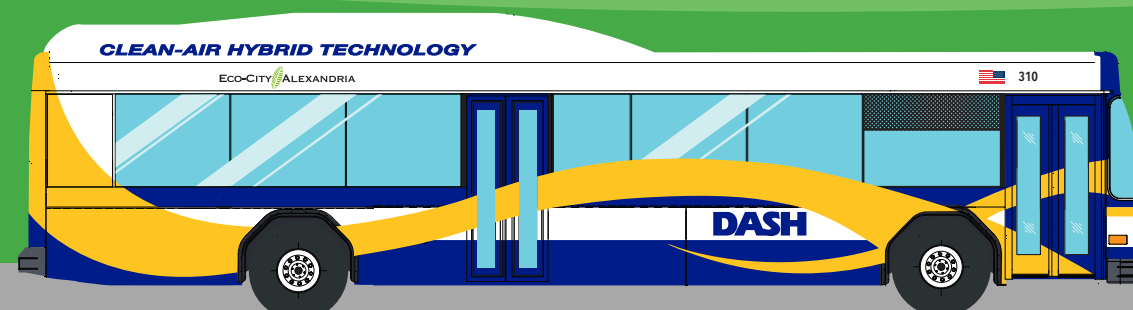
A newborn cries

An old man gives his seat to a tired mother

Apologies exchanged for a heartfelt smile

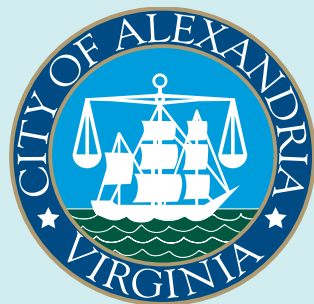
The fare has already been paid

- Emily Lynch





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STEP, TAP, REPEAT

Step up
Tap card
"Good morning"

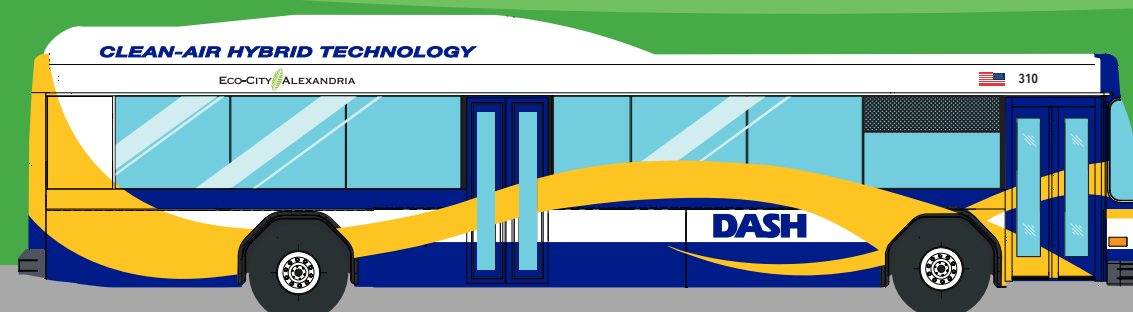
Step down
Chin up
To work

Step up
Tap card
"Good evening"

Step down
Breath in
Release

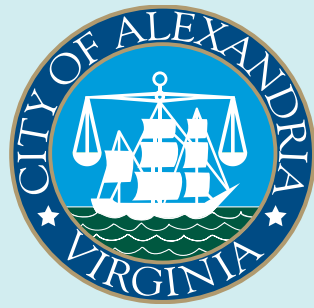
Repeat

- Sarah Mc Lewin





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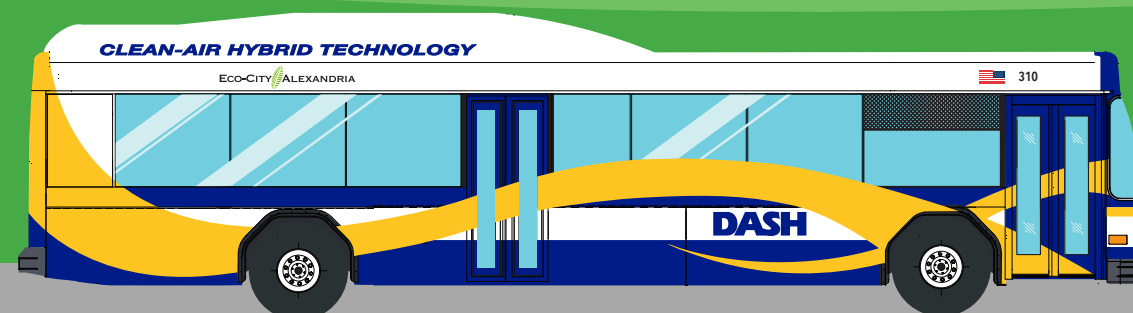


STARTING YOUNG

A cheer from the playground -
BUS!

The thrill of spotting our community chariot.
To the library, rec center, metro, and trolley!
A valuable resource, appreciated anew
through children’s eyes.

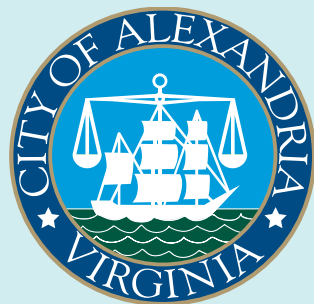
- Katie Niersbach



ON A BUS



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Sitting amid
A mosaic
Of ethnicities,
Ages and destinations
Conversations
Paint pictures
in our silence.
Scenes
flash by
as we
commit strangers' stories
to memory,
waiting
for our stop

- Grace Rufus

