



Notice of Public Hearings

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Docket B15-03: Proposed Metrobus Service and Tariff Changes

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on the docket mentioned above as follows:

Hearing No. 606
Thursday, September 17, 2015
Metro Headquarters Building
600 5th Street, NW
Washington, DC

Information Session at 6 p.m. – Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.

Please note that this date is subject to the facility's cancellation policy.

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HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK – All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the docket will be afforded the opportunity to present their views and make supporting statements and to offer alternative proposals. In order to establish a witness list, individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to be heard at these public hearings are requested to furnish in writing their name and organization affiliation, if any, via email to speak@wmata.com. The request may also be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, or can be made by calling 202-962-2511. Please submit only one speaker's name per letter. Lists of speakers will not be accepted. Please note that all comments received are releasable to the public upon request, and may be posted on WMATA's website, without change, including any personal information provided. Public officials will be heard first and will be allowed five minutes each to make their presentations. All others will be allowed three minutes each. Relinquishing of time by one speaker to another will not be permitted.



HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS – Written statements and exhibits must be received by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 by the Office of the Secretary and may be emailed to writtentestimony@wmata.com. They may also be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Please reference Docket B15-03 in your submission. Please note that all comments received are releasable to the public upon request, and may be posted on WMATA’s website, without change, including any personal information provided.

SURVEY – Additionally, if you wish to participate in a survey on this project, please go to www.wmata.com/betterbus. The survey will open by 9 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2015 and will close on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at 5 p.m. You will be asked to provide feedback on the proposal and related service changes, as well as some demographic questions. The information collected through the survey will be maintained anonymously. This option is in addition to your ability to speak at a public hearing and to submit a written statement. The survey results, along with written statements and public hearing comments, will be presented to the Board and will be part of the official public hearing record.

BACKGROUND –In order to serve the greatest number of customers as efficiently and effectively as possible, Metro periodically adjusts bus service to match commuting patterns, as well as changes in discretionary travel destinations and ridership demands in communities we serve.

PROPOSAL – Overall, the bus service changes in this proposal aim to increase the effectiveness of Metrobus by removing service with very few riders; eliminating trips or sections of routes where other bus service is available; and terminating select routes that do not meet performance criteria.

The savings realized from reducing the less productive service will be used to add buses on crowded routes; change schedules in response to current traffic conditions; add service to areas with the greatest demand; and restructure certain routes to simplify travel.

Routes with bus service change proposals are as shown on the accompanying chart.

Additionally, there are three tariff proposals:

- Allow customers transferring to/from the Q line to ride Metrorail between Wheaton and Silver Spring Stations at no additional charge.
- Allow customers transferring to/from certain bus lines to ride between Addison Road and Capitol Heights at no additional charge.
- Require Transit Link Card (TLC) customers to purchase a new SmarTrip® card each month at the retail price of a SmaTrip® card (currently \$2.00), with the purchase of the TLC pass.

The proposed package of service realignments does not increase budgeted operating costs, but the changes will improve overall on-time performance and customer satisfaction, increase ridership, and improve cost recovery.

By adjusting Metrobus service to maintain a state of good operations, the proportion of passengers who will see improvements to their service greatly outnumbers passengers using the less productive service that will be reduced.

The specific proposals are as follows:

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Line Number</u>	<u>Line Name</u>	<u>Description</u>
DC	5A	DC - Dulles	Eliminate all service.
	34	Pennsylvania Avenue	Eliminate route 34 on evenings and weekends. Alternate service is available on routes 32, 36, 30N, 30S.
	54	14th Street	Shorten route by eliminating segment between McPherson Square and L'Enfant Plaza. Other routes provide overlapping service. Route 52 will still connect 14th Street to L'Enfant Plaza. Improve frequency between 14th & Colorado and Takoma Station.
	63	Takoma-Petworth	Add one AM peak trip to reduce crowding.
	64	Fort Totten-Petworth	Add one AM peak trip and one PM peak trip to reduce crowding.
	64	Fort Totten-Petworth	Increase weekday running time for improved schedule reliability.
	79	Georgia Avenue Limited	Add four AM peak trips and four PM peak trips to reduce crowding.
	80	North Capitol Street	Shorten route by eliminating service between McPherson Square and Kennedy Center. See D4 below for replacement service.
	81	College Park	Convert current route 81 trips to route 83 trips and eliminate route 81 designation. (Contingent upon adding Sunday service on the revised C2 line.)
	82	College Park	Eliminate two AM and three PM trips. Routes 83 and 86 still provide coverage.
	93	U Street - Garfield	Eliminate entire route 93; currently operates early morning and late night only. Add trips on routes 90, 92 and 94 as needed for capacity. Some existing trips may require transfers.
	97	East Capitol St.-Cardozo	Add one AM peak trip to reduce crowding.
	A8	Anacostia-Congress Hts.	Add one PM peak trip to reduce crowding.
	A42, A46, A48	Anacostia - Congress Heights	Eliminate routes; currently operate early morning and late night only. Replace with additional trips on routes A2, A6, A8 and P6 as necessary for capacity.
	B8, B9	Fort Lincoln Shuttle	Eliminate all service. Coverage would still be provided by route H6 to Brookland Station. Some existing trips may require transfers.

DC	D1	Glover Park - Federal Triangle	Shorten route by eliminating segment between Franklin Square and Federal Triangle. Reduce span.
	D3	Ivy City - Dupont Circle	Eliminate entire D3 route (operates weekday peak only.) D4 and D8 will still provide coverage, some existing trips may require transfers.
	D4	Ivy City - Franklin Square	Extend route D4 from Franklin Square to the Kennedy Center to replace 80.
	E2	Ivy City - Fort Totten	Increase weekday, Saturday and Sunday running time for improved schedule reliability.
	E4	Military Road-Crosstown	Increase weekday, Saturday and Sunday running time for improved schedule reliability.
	G8	Rhode Island Avenue	Add three AM peak trips, shorten some AM peak trips to start at Brookland Station. Add some PM peak trips between Brookland Station and Avondale to reduce crowding.
	G8	Rhode Island Avenue	Increase weekday running time for improved schedule reliability.
	H6	Brookland-Fort Lincoln	Reroute in Fort Lincoln via Costco.
	N3	Massachusetts Avenue	Eliminate entire N3 route (operates weekday peak only.) N4 still provides coverage, some existing trips may require transfers.
	S9	16th Street Limited	Add two AM peak trips and one PM peak trip to reduce crowding
	U8	Benning Heights	Extend some peak trips to Congress Heights. Reduce peak trips on the W4 route. Combined U8/W4 frequency between East Capitol & Benning and Congress Heights improved from 10 minutes to 7.5 minutes to reduce crowding.
	W4	Deanwood-Alabama Ave	Increase weekday running time for improved schedule reliability.
	X1,3	Benning Road	Increase weekday running time for improved schedule reliability.
	X3	Benning Road	Shorten route to end at Duke Ellington Bridge. Route 96 still provides coverage to Tenleytown.
	X8	Maryland Avenue	Add one AM and PM weekday round trip; add one PM Saturday and one PM Sunday round trip.
X9	Benning Rd-H St Limited	Increase weekday running time for improved schedule reliability.	
X9	Benning Rd - H St Limited	Add two AM peak trips and two PM peak trips to reduce crowding.	

MD	81	College Park	Convert current route 81 trips to route 83 trips and eliminate route 81 designation. (Contingent upon adding Sunday service on the revised C2 line.)
	B31	Crofton - New Carrollton	Convert existing B31 trips to B29 short trips between New Carrollton Station and Bowie Park and Ride.
	C2, C4	Greenbelt - Twinbrook	Restructure service. Operate C2 at reduced frequency between Greenbelt Station and Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center. Add additional C4 trips to provide adequate capacity and to reduce crowding on University Blvd. Some existing trips may require transfers.
	C2	Greenbelt-Twinbrook	Add Sunday service on route C2 - Greenbelt Station to Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center.
	F4	New Carrollton - Silver Spring	Improve Saturday schedule reliability. (Sunday run times were adjusted in December 2014.)
	G12, G13, G14, G16	Greenbelt - New Carrollton	Convert current route G16 trips to G14 trips and eliminate G16 designation. Eliminate route G14 service on Aerospace Road due to low ridership. Eliminate G13 designation (G13 trips become G14 trips) to simplify service.
	G12, G13, G14, G16	Greenbelt - New Carrollton	Add Sunday service on routes G12 and G14.
	K11	Forestville	Convert current route K11 trips to K12 trips and eliminate K11 route designation.
	J13	Marlboro Pike	Convert current route J13 trips to route J12 trips and eliminate J13 route designation.
	Q1, Q2, Q4	Veirs Mill Road	Discontinue route segment between Wheaton and Silver Spring stations during Metrorail operating hours. Overlapping service provided by Y lines. Some existing trips may require transfers. (Special rail fare discount between Wheaton, Forest Glen and Silver Spring Stations would also reduce the number of bus trips needed on this segment.)
	Q9	Veirs Mill Road Limited	Limited-stop Metro Extra would be added to Veirs Mill Road and operate between Rockville and Wheaton stations on weekdays only. Service would operate every 15 minutes between 7:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.
	R3	Greenbelt - Prince Georges Plaza	Eliminate entire line (operates weekday peak periods only.)
	V15	District Heights - Seat Pleasant	Convert current route V15 trips to V14 trips and eliminate V15 route designation.
V14, V15	District Heights - Seat Pleasant	Improve Sunday service by running the full route and expanding span of service to match Saturday service.	

MD	W19	Indian Head Express	1. Reduce service frequency to every 30 minutes.
			2. Reduce span of service; begin service later in the morning and/or end service earlier in the evening.
			3. Eliminate service south of Bryans Road.
			4. Transfer route operation to MTA Commuter bus.
	Z6	Calverton - Westfarm	Improve weekday schedule reliability.
	Z6	Calverton - Westfarm	Add Saturday service between Silver Spring Station and Castle Blvd.
Z8	Fairland	Reduce Saturday frequency to coordinate with new Z6 trips for added frequency on overlapping portions of routes Z6 and Z8.	
Z9, Z29	Laurel - Burtonsville Express	Restructure service, combine with Z11, Z13.	
Z11, Z13	Greencastle - Briggs Chaney Express	Restructure service, combine with Z9, Z29.	

VA	1A, 1B, 1E, 1Z	Wilson Blvd. - Vienna	Convert route 1Z trips to route 1B trips and eliminate route 1Z designation. Restructure route 1B to bypass Seven Corners Shopping Center. Eliminate all 1E trips and route 1E designation (service would no longer be provided on neighborhood streets in Dominion Hills). ART will provide replacement service on the neighborhood streets in Dominion Hills. Eliminate 1B service on MLK Day, Presidents Day, Columbus Day and Veterans' Day. Improve schedule reliability.
	1C	Fair Oaks - Dunn Loring	Improve weekday, Saturday and Sunday schedule reliability.
	2B	Fair Oaks - Jermantown Road	Implement hourly Sunday service.
	2T	Tysons Corner - Dunn Loring	Eliminate all Sunday service. Coverage still provided by Fairfax Connector. Some existing trips may require transfers.
	3A	Lee Highway - Falls Church	Shorten route by eliminating all service between East Falls Church Station and Rosslyn Station. Arlington Transit will provide replacement service between East Falls Church Station and Rosslyn Station.
	3A	Lee Highway - Falls Church	Eliminate supplemental trips operated on MLK Day, Presidents' Day, Columbus Day and Veterans Day, regular Saturday schedule will still operate on these days.

VA	3T	Pimmit Hills - Falls Church	Shorten route by eliminating service between West Falls Church Station and East Falls Church Station. Eliminate supplemental trips operated on MLK Day, Presidents' Day, Columbus Day and Veterans Day, regular Saturday schedule will still operate on these days.
	4A,B	Pershing Drive - Arlington Blvd.	Eliminate all Saturday service on route 4A (including holidays.) Eliminate supplemental trips operated on route 4B on MLK Day, Presidents' Day, Columbus Day and Veterans Day, regular Saturday schedule will still operate on these days.
	5A	DC - Dulles	Eliminate all service.
	7A	Lincolnia - North Fairlington	Eliminate all trips after 1 AM on Friday and Saturday nights.
	7H, 7X	Lincolnia - Park Center - Pentagon	Eliminate all 7H trips (weekday peak-period reverse commute.) Shorten route 7X by eliminating service between Lincolnia Road and Arbor Park. Route 29G provides alternate service to Arbor Park with stops on Route 236 at Southland Avenue.
	7Y	Lincolnia – North Fairlington	Eliminate service between 18th and I Streets NW and the Convention Center.
	7Y	Lincolnia – North Fairlington	Terminate alternating trips in the District, bypassing the Pentagon. Terminate remaining trips at the Pentagon without service into the District.
	7Y	Lincolnia – North Fairlington	Re-route using 14 th Street Bridge to access the District.
	9A	Huntington - Pentagon	Eliminate entire line. Metroway provides coverage on some segments, route 10A would be restructured to replace missing coverage along most other segments.
	10A, 10R, 10S	Hunting Point - Pentagon	Restructure service to provide coverage to Powhatan Street and Huntington Station lost by eliminating the 9A line. Eliminate 10R and 10S routes, convert some trips to 10A route. Would eliminate service connecting Alexandria and Crystal City to Rosslyn.
	10B	Hunting Point - Ballston	Improve weekday peak frequency from every 30 minutes to every 15 minutes.
	10B	Hunting Point - Ballston	Improve Sunday frequency from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes.
	15K, 15L	Chain Bridge Road	Improve weekday schedule reliability.
	15M	GMU - Tysons Corner	Eliminate entire line. Overlapping service provided by Fairfax Connector and City of Fairfax CUE. Some existing trips may require transfers.

VA	16H	Columbia Heights West - Pentagon City	Shorten 16H route by eliminating segment between Crystal City and Pentagon City. Alternate service is provided by Metroway Potomac Yard Line.
	16X	Columbia Pike - Federal Triangle	Extend 1 AM and 3 PM weekday peak-period trips to Culmore.
	18E, 18F	Springfield	Eliminate entire line. Some segments will be replaced by restructured 21A, D line.
	21A, 21D	Landmark - Pentagon	Restructure service to cover Bren Mar Park (proposed to be eliminated on 18E, 18F.)
	21A, 21D	Landmark - Pentagon	Transfer route operation to Alexandria DASH.
	23A, 23B, 23T	McLean - Crystal City	Split weekday off-peak, Saturday and Sunday service to match weekday peak-period route pattern resulting in frequency improvements between Shirlington and Ballston.
	26A	Annandale - East Falls Church	Improve weekday peak frequency from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes.
	28X	Leesburg Pike Limited	Reduce frequency from 15 minutes to 30 minutes, OR reroute to terminate at East Falls Church, thereby not serving West Falls Church or Tysons.
	29N	Alexandria - Fairfax	Improve Saturday frequency from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes.
	29N	Alexandria - Fairfax	Improve Sunday frequency from every 60 minutes to every 30 minutes.
38B	Ballston - Farragut Square	Eliminate supplemental trips operated on MLK Day, Presidents' Day, Columbus Day and Veterans Day, regular Saturday schedule will still operate on these days.	

Fare Proposals	Red Line	Wheaton/Silver Spring	Allow customers transferring to/from the Q line buses to ride Metrorail Red line between Wheaton and Silver Spring at no charge.
	Blue/Silver Line	Capitol Heights /Addison Road	Allow customers transferring between certain bus lines to ride Metrorail blue/silver line between Capitol Heights and Addison Road at no charge.
	Transit Link Card	Systemwide	Approve a fare change for the Transit Link Card (TLC) pass, such that each time a TLC pass is issued to a customer on a new SmarTrip® card, the retail cost of the SmarTrip® card (currently \$2.00 per card) shall be added to the price of the TLC pass. To use a TLC, a new SmarTrip® must be purchased monthly.