



## **Notice of Public Hearings**

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority**

### **Docket B13-02: Proposed Metrobus Service & Tariff Changes**

#### **Purpose**

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

Hearing 583  
Monday, Sept. 16, 2013  
Oxon Hill Library  
6200 Oxon Hill Road  
Oxon Hill, MD 20745

Hearing 584  
Monday, Sept. 16, 2013  
Bailey's Elementary School  
Cafeteria  
6111 Knollwood Drive  
Falls Church, VA 22041

Hearing 585  
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013  
Shirlington Library  
4200 Campbell Avenue  
Arlington, VA 22206

Hearing 586  
Tuesday, Sept. 17, 2013  
DC Dept. of Treasury  
2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
1101 4<sup>th</sup> Street SW  
Washington, DC 20024

Hearing 587  
Wednesday, Sept. 18, 2013  
The Atrium at Treetops  
8181 Professional Place #200  
Hyattsville, MD 20785

Hearing 588  
Thursday, Sept. 19, 2013  
LaSalle Elementary School  
Auditorium  
501 Riggs Road NE  
Washington, DC 20011

**For Each Location: Open House at 6 p.m. – Public Hearing at 6:30 p.m.**

**Please note that these dates are subject to each facility's inclement weather cancellation policy. In the event of a cancellation, Metro will post information about new hearings on its website.**

The locations of all public hearings are wheelchair accessible. Any individual who requires special assistance such as a sign language interpreter or additional accommodation to participate in the public hearings, or who requires these materials in an alternate format, should contact Danise Peña at 202-962-2511 or TTY: 202-962-2033 as soon as possible in order for Metro to make necessary arrangements. For language assistance, such as an interpreter, please call 202-962-2582 at least 48 hours prior to public hearing date.

**For more information please visit [www.wmata.com/hearings](http://www.wmata.com/hearings)**

**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, make supporting statements and 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](mailto: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. Alternatively, you may fax this information to 202-962-1133. Please submit only one speaker's name per letter. Lists of individual speakers will not be accepted. Please note that this information may be releasable to the public under the WMATA Public Access to Records Policy (PARP). The PARP can be viewed on WMATA's website at [wmata.com/about\\_metro/public\\_rr.cfm](http://wmata.com/about_metro/public_rr.cfm) under the link marked "Legal Affairs". 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 Tuesday, September 24, 2013 by the Office of the Secretary and may be emailed to [writtentestimony@wmata.com](mailto: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. Alternatively, statements may be faxed to 202-962-1133. Please reference the appropriate docket number (B13-02) in your submission. Please note that any personal information such as name, e-mail address, address, or telephone number you provide in the statement may be releasable to the public under the WMATA Public Access to Records Policy, available at the website link noted above.

**SURVEY** – Additionally, if you wish to participate in a survey on Metro's options for bus service changes, please go to [www.wmata.com/buschangessurvey](http://www.wmata.com/buschangessurvey). The survey will close on September 24, 2013 at 5 p.m. The survey will be available in multiple languages. This option is in addition to your ability to speak at a public hearing or to submit a written statement, and will be included in the public record.

**BACKGROUND** – The Washington region is consistently in the top three "most congested traffic areas" in the country. Economic development projects, street realignments and increasing amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists result in increased traffic congestion, which affects the smooth operation and running time of buses.

Further shifting the demand for bus services are workplace location changes, increasingly developed neighborhoods, and new construction projects.

In order to serve customers efficiently, Metrobus services must change as well. Using existing budgeted resources, the goal is to maximize bus service, and more closely match capacity to demand.

The Metro Board of Directors established criteria for bus service effectiveness, including:

- Average ridership per day;
- Passengers per trip;

- Passengers per mile;
- Subsidy per passenger; and
- Cost recovery.

**PROPOSAL** – Overall, the bus service changes will improve service for customers by adding capacity on crowded routes and running time to routes that are consistently late; adding service to areas with the greatest demand; and restructuring and streamlining routes.

Savings to add service will be realized by reducing non-productive services such as removing specific trips with very few riders; slightly expanding the time between buses on selected routes with extra capacity; eliminating trips or sections of routes where other bus service is available; and terminating select routes that do not meet performance criteria.

**Improvements** are proposed for the following routes:

**District of Columbia**

30's	Improve service to Southeast; break some trips in the downtown area for improved performance
96/97	Restructure service
D6	Improve performance; add more short trips
E2,3,4	Restructure service
E6	Reduce frequency and span of service
H's/42	Restructure service
U2	Add service
V8	Reroute to replace some late night and weekend 74 service
V7,9	Redirect to Archives or Potomac Avenue stations
W1	Add service

**Maryland**

87,88;	Restructure
89, 89M	Restructure
B21,22;	Restructure
B24,25;	Restructure
B27;	Restructure
B29,31	Restructure
B30	Reroute to service Arundel Mills; extend span of service; shorten some headways
C2,4	Service adjustments
C12,14	Restructure
K6 / K9	Shorten some K6 trips at Northwest Park; extend K9 to White Oak
NH1	Reroute to King Street Metrorail station
W15	Restructure
Y5,7,8,9	Service adjustments

## Virginia

1F	Extend to Vienna, Sunday and late nights
1C /2B	Change western segment of routes
7Y	Relocate terminus in the District
9/10	Restructure and reroute
15M	Extend to Burke Centre VRE; reroute in Vienna area
18E,F	Improve on time performance
18P/18S	Reroute via Burke Centre VRE station; reschedule
23A,T	Reroute in McLean
25B	Improve schedule adherence
26A	New route to connect East Falls Church and Annandale
29K,N	Reroute 29N to Vienna Metrorail station. Run limited stop along parts of Duke Street
CCPY	Begin new Crystal City Potomac Yard (CCPY) service

Routes proposed for **reduction or elimination** are:

## District of Columbia

5A	Eliminate
74	Reduce Service
80's	Terminate every other trip at McPherson Square
E6	Reduce frequency and span of service
M2	Eliminate
M8,9	Eliminate M8 and M9; partially replace by W1

## Maryland

R3	Eliminate. Service to be provided by Prince George's County <i>TheBus</i> .
B29,31	Eliminate service to Crofton Park and Ride

## Virginia

3B	Terminate at East Falls Church station
3T	Terminate at East Falls Church station
4A	Discontinue Culmore-Seven Corners segment
5A	Eliminate
13F,G	Restructure or eliminate
25E	Discontinue loop through ParkFairfax
29K,N	Discontinue King Street to Old Town segment; remove loop through Landmark Mall.

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

The ratio of passengers currently using services that would see improvements to the number of passengers using non-productive services is approximately 15 to 1, meaning

15 passengers will see improvements for every one passenger who may be inconvenienced.

Additionally, there are two proposed amendments to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority tariff on the docket. The first is to clarify non-smoking areas and the second is to provide rules for the off-board fare collection system proposed for the Crystal City Potomac Yard service.

The specific proposals on the Public Hearing docket are as follows:

<b>Tariff Changes - All Jurisdictions</b>			
Amendment to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority tariff to make it explicit that smoking is prohibited at WMATA-owned and WMATA-controlled bus bays, and all bus stops controlled by WMATA.			
Amendment to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority tariff to cover off-board fare collection and to treat the failure to produce a fare receipt upon request as fare evasion.			
<b>District of Columbia</b>			
<b>Route</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Proposed Change</b>	<b>Effective Date</b>
30's	Wisconsin Ave/ Pennsylvania Ave	Improve service to Southeast; break some trips in the downtown area for improved performance.	June 2014
5A	DC - Dulles	Eliminate (as requested by District Department of Transportation). Service provided by Metrorail Silver line to Wiehle Avenue and Fairfax Connector and Dulles Flyer from Wiehle Avenue to the airport.	June 2014
M2	Fairfax Village – Naylor Road	Eliminate.	June 2014
D6	Sibley Hospital – Stadium-Armory	Improve performance; add more short trips.	June 2014
E6	Chevy Chase	Reduce frequency and span of service (as requested by District Department of Transportation).	June 2014
M8 and M9/ W1	Congress Hgts Shuttle/Bellevue-Shipley Terrace	Eliminate M8 and M9; partially replace by W1.	June 2014
74	Convention Ctr – Southwest Waterfront	Reduce service, including late night and weekends. Reroute V8 to provide alternate service (as requested by District Department of Transportation).	June 2014
V8	Minnesota Ave - M Street	Reroute to replace some late night and weekend 74 service; replace service between Minnesota Ave. and Deanwood.	June 2014
V7,9	Minnesota Ave - M Street	Redirect service away from Bureau of Engraving and to Archives – Convention Center, or Potomac Avenue station.	June 2014
U2	Minnesota Ave - Anacostia	Extend service to Deanwood station. Add Sunday service.	June 2014
80's	N Capitol Street	Cut every other trip to the Kennedy Center; terminate these trips at McPherson Square.	June 2014
96/97	E Capitol Street- Cardozo	Restructure service.	June 2014
E 2,3,4 /D3,D4, 60	Military Road – Crosstown/ Ivy City – Franklin Sq.	Possible restructure. (Public hearings for service changes proposed in Fall 2012 are now out of date).	June 2014
H1,2,3, 4,8,9/ 42	Crosstown / Mt. Pleasant	Restructure service.	June 2014

## Virginia

Route	Name	Proposed Change	Effective Date
1F	Wilson Boulevard	Extend to Vienna, Sunday and late nights.	Dec 2013
1C /2B	Wilson Blvd/ Washington Blvd	Change western segment of routes to operate 1C via Government Center Parkway and 2B via Random Hills Road.	Dec 2013
5A	DC-Dulles	Eliminate, as requested by District Department of Transportation. Service provided by Metrorail Silver line to Wiehle Avenue and Fairfax Connector and Dulles Flyer from Wiehle Avenue to the airport.	June 2014
7Y	Lincolnia - N. Fairlington	Relocate terminus in the District from Federal Triangle to Farragut, McPherson, or other downtown location, depending on customer feedback at public hearings.	June 2014
9/10	Huntington/ Hunting Point	Restructure to complement CCPY service.	June 2014
13F, G	National Airport- Pentagon-DC	Restructure or eliminate and extend a 50 or S line route to National Airport as a replacement.	June 2014
23A,T	Leesburg Pike	Reroute from Chain Bridge Road to Route 123 in McLean. Fairfax Connector will serve Chain Bridge Road.	Dec 2013
25B	Landmark - Ballston	Reduce weekday running time to improve on-time performance.	June 2014
25E	Ballston- Bradlee- Pentagon	Reroute to remove ParkFairfax loop (Replaced by DASH service).	June 2014
29K,N	Alexandria - Fairfax	Cut at King Street Metrorail station. Reroute 29N to Vienna Metrorail station. Run existing route as limited stop along parts of Duke Street. Remove loop through Landmark Mall.	Dec 2013
4A	Pershing Drive- Arlington Blvd	Cut service to Culmore with route terminating at Seven Corners.	Dec 2013
26A	East Falls Church- Annandale	New route to connect East Falls Church Metrorail with Annandale via Culmore, all-day span, 60-minute headway.	Dec 2013
3B	Lee Highway	Terminate at East Falls Church as approved in Silver line realignment, but do not replace service with the 3T as previously proposed. Provide additional service between Broad & Washington Streets and East Falls Church to supplement existing 2 and 3 line trips.	June 2014
3T	Pimmit Hills	Terminate at East Falls Church (not Seven Corners as proposed at Fall 2012 public hearings).	Dec 2013
CCPY	Crystal City Potomac Yard	Begin new CCPY service (currently designated as 9X); extend 9S service. Reroute 9A.	March 2014
15M	George Mason- Tysons Corner	Extend through GMU to Burke Centre VRE station; reroute in vicinity of Vienna Metrorail station.	Dec 2013
18E,F	Springfield	Decrease frequency to improve on-time performance.	June 2014
18P,S	Burke Center	Reroute via Burke Centre VRE station; reschedule as needed.	June 2014

## Maryland

Route	Name	Proposed Change	Effective Date
B30	Greenbelt - BWI	Reroute to service Arundel Mills; extend span of service; improve frequency.	June 2014
B21, 22; B24,25; B27; B29,31	Bowie/ Crofton	Eliminate service to Crofton Park and Ride. Restructure some service into hub and spoke; increase some spans; reduce some headways per Study recommendations.	June 2014
C2, C4	Greenbelt - Twinbrook	Minor schedule and service adjustments.	Dec 2013
NH1	National Harbor	Reroute to service National Harbor and King Street Metrorail station; eliminate service to Branch Avenue Metrorail station (Prince George's County service on <i>TheBus</i> 35 will service Southern Avenue Metrorail station).	June 2014
C12,14/W15	Hillcrest Heights/ Camp Springs- Indian Head Hwy	Restructure service. Time between buses would be five minutes more on all routes. W15 rerouted to Branch Avenue station, providing a new connection between Camp Springs and the station. (Other routes serve removed route segments.) Changes provide more efficient service with fewer buses.	June 2014
R3	Greenbelt-Prince George's Plaza	Eliminate. Service to be provided by Prince George's County <i>TheBus</i> .	June 2014
87,88; 89, 89M	Laurel	Restructure per Study recommendations.	June 2014
K6/K9	New Hampshire Avenue	Shorten some K6 trips at Northwest Park; extend K9 to White Oak.	June 2014
Y5,7, 8,9	Georgia Avenue-Maryland	Minor schedule and service adjustments.	Dec 2013