



Notice of Public Hearings

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Docket B14-03: Proposed Metrobus Service 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 No. 596
Monday, September 15, 2014
Oxon Hill Library
6200 Oxon Hill Rd
Oxon Hill, MD
Free shuttle to/from Southern Ave
station

Hearing No. 597
Tuesday, September 16, 2014
Metro Headquarters Building
600 5th St, NW
Washington, DC

Hearing No. 598
Monday, September 22, 2014
Fairlington Community Center
3308 S Stafford St
Arlington, VA
Free shuttle to/from Braddock Rd
station

Hearing No. 599
Monday, September 29, 2014
College Park City Hall
4500 Knox Rd
College Park, MD
Free shuttle to/from College Park
station

Hearing No. 600
Wednesday, October 1, 2014
Westwood College –
Annandale Campus
7619 Little River Turnpike
Annandale, VA
Free shuttle to/from Dunn Loring
station

Hearing Number 601
Thursday, October 2, 2014
Dorothy I. Height/Benning
Neighborhood Library
3935 Benning Rd, NE
Washington, DC

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

Please note that these dates are subject to each facility's cancellation policy.

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 or information in another language, please call 202-962-2582 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing date.

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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. 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 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, October 7, 2014 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. Alternatively, statements may be faxed to 202-962-1133. Please reference Docket B14-03 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.

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 is one tariff proposal: change the rate of fare on the 29G route of the Annandale line from express to local. Under current rates, the fare would be reduced from \$4.00 to \$1.75.

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:

	Route	Name	Proposed Change	Effective Date
DC	U2	Minnesota Ave. – Anacostia	Restructure service to better balance frequency with demand and improve on-time performance. 1. Extend U2 and reroute V7,8 to Capitol Heights station via Nannie Helen Burroughs Avenue in place of U8 2. Reroute U4 to travel between River Terrace and Deanwood station via Minnesota Ave station 3. Shorten U5 and U6 to operate between Minnesota Ave station and Marshall Heights/Lincoln Heights, no longer serving Mayfair 4. Shorten U8 to operate between Minnesota Ave station and Benning Heights with some trips extended to Congress Heights station 5. Shorten V7, 8 to end at Navy Yard-Ballpark station 6. Extend V9 from Navy Yard-Ballpark station to Bureau of Engraving 7. Establish new routes between Minnesota Ave station and Mayfair; and Minnesota Ave station and Sheriff Road	June 2015
	U4	Sheriff Road-River Terrace		
	U5,6	Mayfair – Marshall Heights		
	U8	Capitol Heights – Benning Heights		
	V7,8,9	Minnesota Ave. – M Street		
	D8	Hospital Center	Restructure service to reduce delays associated with severe congestion at Washington Hospital Center (WHC) while still providing high frequency service to the Hospital Center. New route D7 to replace D8 between Rhode Island Ave and WHC.	June 2015
	96/97	E Capitol Street-Cardozo	Restructure service to improve on-time performance, with minor routing changes on the 96 and a new 98 route replacing the existing 96 between Tenleytown and U Street. No changes to the 97.	June 2015

	E 2,3,4	Military Road – Crosstown	Restructure service to improve on-time performance, with daily service at all times between Friendship Heights and Riggs Park, and between Fort Totten station and Ivy City.	June 2015
	81,82,83,86	College Park	Restructure service to split lines at College Park station to improve on-time performance and better balance frequency with demand on northern and southern segments. District residents will not see a change in service unless they are riding north of College Park.	March 2015
	P6	Anacostia-Eckington	Make current detour routing (diverting from New York Avenue to N. Capitol Street and K Street NW) the permanent routing.	December 2014
	84, T18, P18 and W14		These are primarily Maryland routes with some service in the District. See specific proposals in the Maryland section.	

	Route	Name	Proposed Change	Effective Date
MD	A11	Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway	Convert one early Saturday morning trip from an A11 trip pattern to an A12 trip pattern.	March 2015
	A12	Martin Luther King, Jr. Hwy.	Restructure service to split the A12 into two separate lines and incorporate duplicative segments of the F14 into the new lines.	March 2015
	F14	Sheriff Road – Capitol Heights		
	81,82,83,86	College Park	Restructure service to split lines at College Park station to improve on-time performance and better balance frequency with demand on northern and southern segments.	March 2015
	D12,13,14	Oxon Hill - Suitland	Split P12 into two routes. Swap portion of P12 and V12 routing near Addison Road station. Redirect the NH1 route from Branch Avenue station to the Southern Avenue station to increase ridership and productivity. Add later weekend trips on the D line.	June 2015
	P12	Eastover – Addison Road		
	V12	District Heights – Suitland		
	NH1, 3	National Harbor		
	P18	Oxon Hill – Fort Washington	1. Reroute to serve Southern Avenue station instead of Anacostia station 2. Transfer operation of this route to Prince George’s County Transit (“ <i>TheBus</i> ”). WMATA will no longer operate this route.	June 2015
	W14	Bock Road	Operate every 60 minutes, as currently scheduled. Change the northern terminus to the Oxon Hill Park and Ride, with a timed transfer to the NH1 for service north of the Park and Ride.	June 2015

P17,19	Oxon Hill – Fort Washington	Operate service as limited-stop between Indian Head Highway & I-495, and South Capitol Street & O Street SW.	December 2014
W13	Bock Road	Operate service as limited-stop between Oxon Hill Road & I-495, and South Capitol Street & O Street SW.	
84	Rhode Island Avenue – New Carrollton	Operate service as limited-stop between Eastern Avenue and the Rhode Island Avenue station.	December 2014
T18	Annapolis Rd		
W15	Camp Springs – Indian Head Highway	Transfer operation of this route to Prince George’s County Transit (“ <i>TheBus</i> ”). WMATA will no longer operate this route.	June 2015
W19	Indian Head Express	The Maryland Transit Administration Commuter Bus is considering taking over this service. Originally, that was proposed for this fiscal year but MTA is now delaying that request for at least a year. Comments will be accepted on this suggestion.	

	Route	Name	Proposed Change	Effective Date
VA	16A, 16D, 16L	Columbia Pike/ Annandale – Skyline City - Pentagon	Restructure service to eliminate the 29H line and extend the 16L line to cover lost segments of the 29H line.	March 2015
	29E, G,H, X	Annandale	Change 16D trips to 16A. Weekday peak service on Ravensworth Road and Heritage Drive would be replaced by restructured 16L. Convert 29E trips to 29X and additional 29G trips, and eliminate the 29E designation. Convert the 29G line from express fare to local fare.	
	22A,B	Barcroft – South Fairlington	Restructure service to better balance frequency and span of service with demand and provide more even spacing of trips through south Fairlington.	March 2015
	25A,C,D,E	Ballston – Bradlee - Pentagon		
	7B	Park Center - Pentagon	Restructure service to combine 7B and 28G into one route.	March 2015
28G	Skyline City			
	3Y	Lee Highway- Farragut Square	Shorten the time between morning trips to 20-25 minutes. Option 1: Maintain western terminus at Lee Highway and Harrison Street. Option 2: Extend western terminus to Roosevelt Blvd and Wilson Blvd via East Falls Church station. Option 3: Extend western terminus to Hillwood Ave and Annandale Rd in Falls Church City.	June 2015