

# **Notice of Public Hearing**

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Docket B18-03: Proposed Elimination of Route W9 *MetroExtra* 

# **Purpose**

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

Hearing No. 618

Monday, April 16, 2018

Graduate School USA, Room 270

600 Maryland Ave SW

Washington, DC 20024

Open House 3 p.m.

Public Hearing from 3:30 p.m. – 5:30 p.m.

Speaker registration is on-site only

Please note that this date is subject to Metro's inclement weather cancellation policy. In the event of a cancellation, Metro will post information about a new hearing on wmata.com.

The public hearing location is wheelchair accessible. Any individual who requires special assistance such as a sign language interpreter or additional accommodation to participate in the public hearing, 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.

For more information please visit wmata.com/bus.



In accordance with Section 62 of the WMATA Compact, Metro will conduct a public hearing at the location listed in this notice. Information on the hearing will be provided at relevant Metrobus stops and online at wmata.com/bus.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK** – All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to this docket will be afforded the opportunity to present their views and make supporting statements and to offer alternative proposals. Public officials 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.

There will be no advance registration to speak. Those wishing to provide oral testimony will sign up to speak at the hearing, will be called to testify in the order they sign up, and can sign up to speak at any time prior to the close of the hearing. Elected public officials will be allowed to provide their testimony as soon as feasible after their registration. If you will not be able to stay to provide your testimony orally when your name is called, staff will help you to submit your comments into the public record including the use of a digital recorder to record your oral comments.

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.

HOW TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY NOT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING – Testimony may be submitted online about this proposal at <a href="wmata.com/bus">wmata.com/bus</a>. Online submission will be available by 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 31, 2018 and will close on Monday, April 23, 2018 at 5 p.m. This is in addition to your ability to speak at a public hearing. For those without access to computers or internet, testimony may also be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. All comments must be received by the Office of the Secretary by 5 p.m. on Monday, April 23, 2018 to be included in the public record.

The comments received by the Office of the Secretary, along with the online submissions and public hearing comments, will be presented to the Board and will be part of the official public hearing record. Please note all statements are releasable to the public upon request, and may be posted on WMATA's website, without change, including any personal information provided.

For those who do not have access to computers or internet, note that copies of the docket in its entirety can be requested from Metro's Office of the Secretary by calling 202-962-2511, and is available for inspection during normal business hours at Metro's Headquarters at 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; please call 202-962-2511 in advance to coordinate.

<u>BACKGROUND & PROPOSAL</u> – Proposals for service changes come from many sources, including customer suggestions, jurisdictional and stakeholder requests, and planning studies. The bus service change in this proposal is in response to contract

modifications for the provision of Metrobus service to the U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters site in Washington, DC.

U.S. Coast Guard has notified WMATA that subsidy for Route W9 *MetroExtra* will end effective July 1, 2018. Therefore, the proposal is to eliminate Route W9 *MetroExtra* effective Friday, June 22, 2018. Metrobus routes A4 and W5 will continue to serve U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters and Route A8 will continue to serve Livingston to and from Anacostia Metrorail Station.

# ROUTE W9 MetroExtra - SOUTH CAPITOL STREET LIMITED LINE

#### BUDGET

\$500,000 annual reduction

#### PROPOSED CHANGE

Eliminate Route W9

#### ROUTE/SEGMENT ELIMINATION

- Eliminate Route W9
- Proposed last day of service: June 22, 2018

## **ALTERNATIVE SERVICE**

- Metrobus A4 and W5 between Anacostia Metrorail Station and U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters
- Metrobus A8 between Anacostia Metrorail Station and Livingston (Southern Avenue and South Capitol Street SE)

## **REASONS FOR CHANGE**

- U.S. Coast Guard provides 100-percent of the subsidy to operate Route W9.
- U.S. Coast Guard will end their subsidy for the service effective July 1, 2018.

## PERFORMANCE MEASURES

Performance Measure	Route W9	WMATA	Pass/Fail
		Guideline	
Average Weekday Riders	242	432	Fail
Cost Recovery	6.8%	16.6%	Fail
Subsidy per Rider	\$13.15	\$4.81	Fail
Riders per Trip	13.4	10.7	Pass
Riders per Revenue Mile	3	1.3	Pass

Notes: WMATA guideline information from FY2016

