

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Endorsement of Economic Stimulus Project List

PURPOSE:

Endorse a list of project categories for the purpose of seeking funding from a potential Federal economic stimulus package; and authorize the General Manager to communicate this list, and apply for and accept grants, as may be warranted for the purpose of funding and advancing projects in the endorsed categories

DESCRIPTION:

On November 3, 2008, the General Manager identified \$530 million in capital needs for the Economic Stimulus Package (see attached table). These needs were based on three parameters proposed by the American Public Transportation Association (APTA): projects (1) can be implemented within 90 days of federal funding being made available; (2) are an eligible use of federal funding for Metro, and (3) would not proceed in the current federal fiscal year without supplemental funding. The \$530 million in capital needs were grouped into seven asset categories and released to all members of Metro's Congressional delegation, the Metro Board, APTA, and several local jurisdictions.

To enable the General Manager to take actions as needed to obtain funding under the Federal Economic Stimulus Package, the Board is being asked to endorse a list of project categories that can be represented by staff subsequently as projects officially being sought by WMATA.

FUNDING IMPACT:

This action has no funding impact on currently approved programs.

The Congress and the incoming administration are currently developing the

details of the Economic Stimulus Package. Preliminarily, Staff anticipates that most of the transit funds provided will be distributed via the federal formula grant program without a requirement for matching funds.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board endorse the proposed project categories and authorize the General Manager to submit this information for purposes of seeking and accepting federal grants, and take actions as warranted for the purpose of funding and advancing projects.



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Capital Projects for Economic Stimulus Package
11/3/2008

Asset Category	Estimated Cost	Description	Justification
VEHICLES & VEHICLE PARTS	\$120,975,000	Purchase buses, paratransit vehicles, maintenance vehicles (e.g., welding trucks and tow trucks), armored cars, truck components of rail cars (wheels, chevrons, trucks and heavy overhaul parts) and vehicle components (e.g., alternators, transmissions, engines, coolers, driver's seats, farebox assemblies, radiator assemblies, cylinder heads, door and fan motors, destination signs)	The vehicles meet Buy America requirements with final assembly in the United States. Buses include parts from US companies (i.e., seats, windows, doors, transmissions) which directly benefits the US automobile industry.
MAINTENANCE FACILITIES	\$176,674,000	Replace, repair and expand maintenance facilities (e.g., Bus II area of Carmen Turner Facility), bus garages, and rail car storage facilities	Replacement, repair, and expansion of maintenance and garage capacity is needed to maintain existing fleet and meet growing transit demand. These projects will provide employment opportunities for area workers during construction and during operations and will generate orders for American-built equipment.
PASSENGER FACILITIES	\$161,731,000	Repair and improvement of passenger facilities (e.g., platform replacement, station canopies to protect exposed escalators, stairs, elevator access, credit card readers)	This work is necessary to improve the safety and efficiency of passenger facilities. Outside contractors would perform work, which would result in increased employment in the construction industry that has been adversely affected by the recent economic downturn.
SAFETY & SECURITY	\$4,232,120	Expand Chemical Sensors Detection System and purchase additional Emergency Tunnel Evacuation Carts	These projects increase safety for Metro riders. All parts and labor are from local companies.
MAINTENANCE & REPAIR EQUIPMENT	\$42,500,000	Procure work and test equipment for Metrorail track and cars (e.g., welding cranes, flatcars, de-icers, tie cranes, hi-rail trucks)	Replacement of equipment that has reached the end of its useful life is necessary in order to provide reliable service. Equipment would all be American-made.
OPERATIONS SYSTEMS	\$10,780,000	Replace deteriorating operating system equipment (e.g., fare collection equipment, signage, grout pads)	Important for employee and customer safety, service efficiency and exchange of reliable real-time information. All equipment would be American made.
INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY	\$12,100,000	Procure hardware and software to improve maintenance efficiencies, monitor network traffic, protect WMATA systems for disaster recovery	Necessary for compliance with multiple audits and for system recovery in disaster situation
TOTAL	\$528,992,120		

Note: Projects meet the following criteria: 1) can be implemented within 90 days of federal funding being made available; 2) are an eligible use of federal funding for WMATA, and 3) would not proceed in the current federal fiscal year without supplemental funding.

SUBJECT: ENDORSEMENT OF ECONOMIC STIMULUS PROJECT LIST

PROPOSED
RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The U.S. Congress and the incoming Obama Administration are considering an Economic Stimulus Plan to restart the U.S. economy; and

WHEREAS, Metro has capital projects that are currently unfunded but may be satisfiable from the proposed Economic Stimulus Plan; and

WHEREAS, Communicating Metro's identified needs will be important to positioning Metro most effectively to receive funding from this Economic Stimulus Plan; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors endorses the attached list of project categories for the purpose of seeking funding from a potential Federal economic stimulus package; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Manager is authorized to communicate this list, and to apply for and accept grants, as may be warranted for the purpose of funding and advancing projects in the endorsed categories; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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