



Customer Services, Operations, and Safety Committee

Board Action Item IV-A

January 8, 2009

**Authorization For Public Hearing To
Discontinue Route N22**

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

N22 Takeover Public Hearing

PURPOSE:

Authorize a public hearing to discontinue Metrobus Route N22 effective March 29, 2009, for transfer to the DC Circulator.

DESCRIPTION:

Route N22 provides service between Union Station and Navy Yard Station via Eastern Market and the Washington Navy Yard. Regional Route N22 was established in January 2001 with service operating only on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Effective March 30, 2008, new evening and weekend service was implemented for a six-month experimental period in conjunction with the opening of Nationals Park. The District of Columbia assumed the full cost of this additional service. On September 25, 2008, the Board approved a six-month extension of the evening and weekend service for another six months until March 29, 2009.

The District of Columbia has advised WMATA of its intent to transfer all of the Route N22 service to the DC Circulator effective March 29, 2009. Therefore, a public hearing is required prior to discontinuing the Metrobus route.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Elimination of N22 service effective March 29, 2009, would have the following impacts on the FY09 Metrobus operating subsidy. Only the regional portion of the service would produce savings, since funding for the non-regional portion expires on March 29, 2009.

	FY09	Full Year
Revenue	(\$45,000)	(\$180,000)
Operating Cost	(\$446,000)	(\$1,178,000)
Subsidy	(\$401,000)	(\$1,604,000)

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize a public hearing to discontinue Route N22 effective March 29, 2009.



AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCONTINUE ROUTE N22

Presented to the Board of Directors:

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Background

- Route N22 provides service between Union Station and Navy Yard Station via Eastern Market and the Washington Navy Yard.
- The original N22 route operated only on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Effective March 30, 2008, new evening and weekend service was implemented for a six-month experimental period in conjunction with the opening of Nationals Park.
- On September 25, 2008, the Board approved a six-month extension of the evening and weekend service until March 29, 2009.



Proposed Service

- The District of Columbia has advised WMATA of its intent to transfer Route N22 to the DC Circulator effective March 29, 2009.
- The WMATA Compact requires that a public hearing be held prior to discontinuing a route.



Funding Impact

- Elimination of Route N22 service effective March 29, 2009, would have the following impacts on the FY09 Metrobus operating subsidy. Only the regional portion of the service would produce savings, since funding for the non-regional portion expires on March 29, 2009.

	FY09	Full Year
Revenue	(\$45,000)	(\$180,000)
Operating Cost	(\$446,000)	(\$1,784,000)
Subsidy	(\$401,000)	(\$1,604,000)



Next Steps

- Conduct Public Hearing Early February 2009
- Obtain Final Board Approval March 2009
- Transfer Service to Circulator Service March 29, 2009



Recommendation

- Authorize a public hearing to discontinue Metrobus Route N22 effective March 30, 2009.



Appendix



N22 Service Elimination

	FY2009 Annual Regional Budget	Possible 4th Quarter FY2009 Budget Reduction
Revenue	\$180,000	\$45,000
Expense	\$1,178,000	\$446,000
Subsidy	<u>\$1,604,000</u>	<u>\$401,000</u>

Subsidy Allocation:

District of Columbia	\$1,306,925	\$326,731
Montgomery County	\$85,927	\$21,482
Prince George's County	\$74,975	\$18,744
Alexandria	\$20,233	\$5,058
Arlington	\$27,188	\$6,797
City fo Fairfax	\$2,060	\$515
Fairfax County	\$85,478	\$21,370
Falls Church	\$1,215	\$304
Total	<u>\$1,604,000</u>	<u>\$401,000</u>

SUBJECT: REQUEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING
TO DISCONTINUE METROBUS ROUTE N22 EFFECTIVE MARCH 29, 2009

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

WHEREAS, Metrobus Route N22 provides service between Union Station and Navy Yard Station via Eastern Market and the Washington Navy Yard; and

WHEREAS, The original Regional N22 route operated only on weekdays between 6:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.; and

WHEREAS, Effective March 30, 2008, new evening and weekend service was implemented for a six-month experimental period in conjunction with the opening of Nationals Park; and

WHEREAS, The District of Columbia assumed the full cost of the additional service; and


WHEREAS, On September 25, 2009, the Board of Directors authorized a six-month extension of the evening and weekend service until March 29, 2009; and

WHEREAS, The District of Columbia has advised Metro of its intent to transfer Route N22 to the DC Circulator effective March 29, 2009; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes a public hearing to discontinue Metrobus Route N22; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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