



Customer Service, Operations and Safety Committee

Board Action Item III-B

February 8, 2007

**Restructuring of Virginia Bus Lines:
25A-R Ballston-Pentagon and
7A-X Lincolnia-North Fairlington**

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority
Board Action/Information Summary**

Action
 Information

MEAD Number:
99746

Resolution:
 Yes No

PURPOSE

To request Board authorization to restructure Bus Lines 25A, F, G, J, P, R Ballston-Bradlee-Pentagon and 7A, B, C, D, E, F, H, P, W, X Lincolnia-North Fairlington.

DESCRIPTION

WMATA staff has coordinated with the staffs of the City of Alexandria and the Counties of Arlington and Fairfax to develop a service plan that restructures Bus Lines 25A, F, G, J, P, R Ballston-Bradlee-Pentagon which operates six routes from Ballston to Pentagon and 7A, B, C, D, E, F, H, P, W, X Lincolnia-North Fairlington which operates 10 routes from Pentagon to Landmark Mall. Combined, these lines carry approximately 5,600 passengers on an average weekday and operate 31 peak hour buses and cost \$5.7 million annually.

PROPOSAL

These lines are being proposed for restructuring to simplify and rationalize the route structure, eliminate unproductive segments, and match demand with the appropriate level of service.

The proposed service plan:

- Reallocates existing regional resources and reduces the annual operating regional subsidy by (\$47,000)
 - Reduces service on the 7 Line in the City of Alexandria
 - Adds service on the 25 Line in Arlington and Fairfax Counties
- Maintains service to existing passengers and improves service reliability
- Establishes Saturday service on non-regional route 22B in Arlington County, increasing their non-regional subsidy by \$53,000

The following are the details of the service plan:

The 25A, F, G, J, P, R Ballston-Bradlee-Pentagon, Bus Line would be restructured as follows:

- Eliminate routes 25F, G, J, P, R affecting 68 passengers (alternative service is available)
- Operate route 25A Ballston to Pentagon via NVCC (7 days a week)
- Operate route 25C from Park Center to Pentagon (extended peak periods)
- Operate 25D from Pentagon to Park Center via I-395 and Shirlington (extended peak periods)
- The line would be reduced from six routes to three

Additional service is proposed for the following:

- Skyline Plaza on Saturday
- Stonegate and South Fairlington weekdays
- Shirlington: peak hours
- From NVCC to Ballston-MU: on Saturday
- Route 22B Saturday service

The 7 Line would be restructured as follows, affecting 300 passengers (alternative service is available)

- Routes 7B, 7D, and 7P serving Park Center and Stonegate would be eliminated and replaced by routes 25A, 25C, and 25D
- Route 7C terminal would be relocated from Park Center to Bradlee
- The 7 Line would be reduced from 10 routes to 7

FUNDING IMPACT

The FY08 budget impact would be an overall regional subsidy savings of \$47,000 (with no loss of revenue). The addition of regional service in Arlington County 22B on Saturday results in an increase of \$72,000 in cost, \$19,000 in revenue and \$53,000 subsidy for Arlington County.

Subsidy Allocation

Jurisdiction	Non-Regional	Regional	Total
District of Columbia	\$0	\$27,000	\$27,000
Montgomery County	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
Prince Georges County	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
Alexandria	\$0	(\$109,000)	(\$109,000)
Arlington County	\$53,000	(\$7,000)	\$46,000
Fairfax City	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fairfax County	\$0	\$24,000	\$24,000
Falls Church	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$53,000	(\$47,000)	\$6,000

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize staff to conduct a public hearing to restructure service on the 25A, F, G, J, P, R Ballston-Bradlee-Pentagon and 7A, B, C, D, E, F, H, P, W, X Lincolnia-North Fairlington Lines.



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Background

- The 25A, F, G, J, P, R Ballston-Bradlee-Pentagon Bus Line operates six routes from Ballston to Pentagon and the 7A, B, C, D, E, F, H, P, W, X Lincolnia-North Fairlington Bus Line operates 10 routes from Pentagon to Landmark Mall.
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Proposal

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- Maintains service to existing passengers and improves service reliability
- Establishes Saturday service on non-regional route 22B in Arlington County, increasing their county's non-regional subsidy by \$53,000



Proposal Specifics

The 25A, F, G, J, P, R Ballston-Pentagon Line would be restructured as follows:

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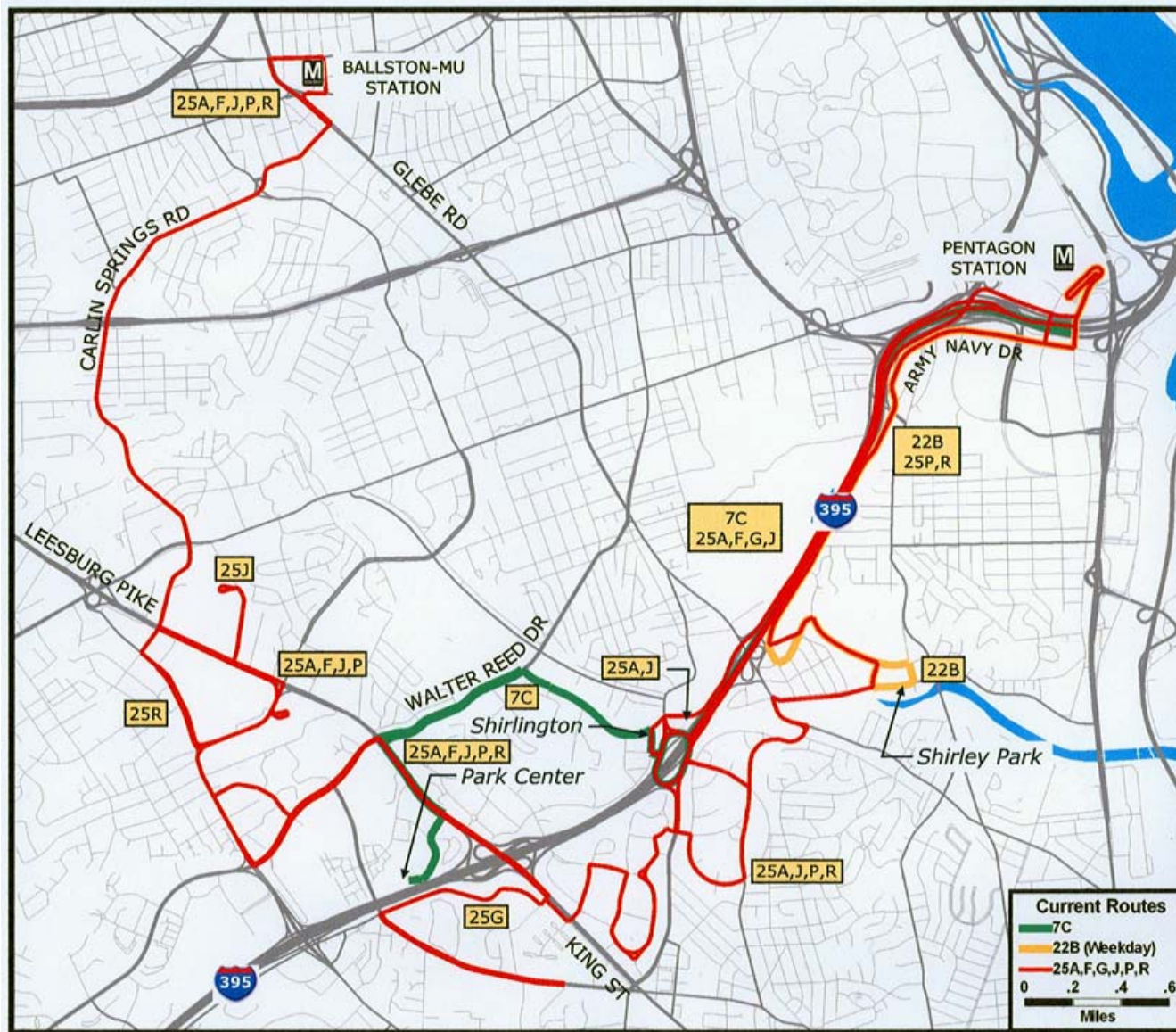
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- Restructure 7 line affecting 300 passengers (alternative service is available)

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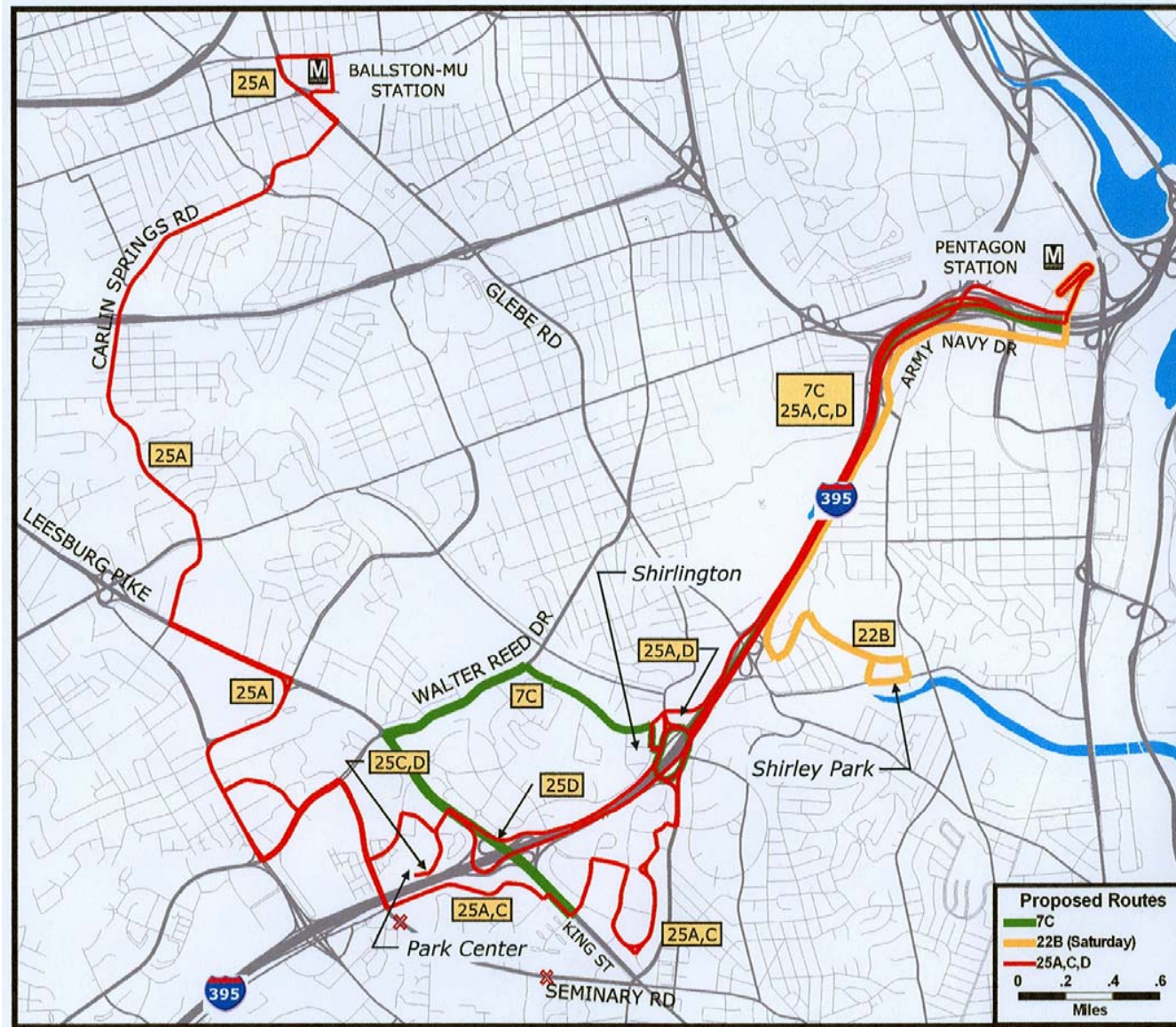


Current Routes 25A, 25F, 25G, 25J, 25P, 25R - Route 7C - Route 22B





Proposed Routes 25A, 25C, 25D - Changes to Route 7C - Showing Route 22B





Funding Impact

FY08 budget impact would be a (\$47,000) regional subsidy reduction (with no loss of revenue). There would be an increase of \$72,000 in cost, \$19,000 in revenue and \$53,000 subsidy for the non-regional service.

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Montgomery County	\$0	\$8,000	\$8,000
Prince Georges County	\$0	\$10,000	\$10,000
Alexandria	\$0	(\$109,000)	(\$109,000)
Arlington County	\$52,500	(\$7,000)	\$45,500
Fairfax City	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fairfax County	\$0	\$24,000	\$24,000
Falls Church	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$52,500	(\$47,000)	\$5,500



Recommendation

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