



Finance & Administration Committee

Action Item III-B

February 14, 2013

Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Crystal City Potomac Yard Reimbursable Project

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Amend the FY 13 Capital Reimbursable project budget and authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Alexandria to purchase six 40-foot buses for Crystal City Potomac Yard (CCPY) Transitway.

PURPOSE:

To obtain Board approval to amend the FY 13 Capital Reimbursable project budget and authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Alexandria to purchase six 40-foot buses for Crystal City Potomac Yard (CCPY) Transitway.

DESCRIPTION:

The City of Alexandria and Arlington County started planning for bus service to connect Braddock Road, Crystal City, and Pentagon City in 1997. The two jurisdictions are now prepared to fund this new service and are finalizing recommendations for start-up in the spring of 2014.

Vehicles on the transitway will be Metro's forty-foot buses, with special branding (which at this time is under development). While service will not begin for another year, action to purchase the six additional buses needed for service requirements must be taken now to ensure the buses are identical to those already being procured.

The five mile CCPY Transitway is under construction, with four miles of dedicated right-of-way along U.S. 1 and in the Potomac Yard, and 33 platforms at 17 station locations. Each 75-foot station will allow level, all-door boarding, and have bus arrival information, specially designed shelters and lighting, and off-board fare collection. Ridership is projected to be more than 3,500 passengers per day by 2017.

A proof of payment off-board fare collection system will be implemented with equipment owned, installed and operated by Arlington and Alexandria. A time

stamped ticket will be issued and boarding will be allowed through both doors of the bus. SmartTrip, debit, credit and cash will be accommodated.

MTPD will provide forty hours a week of fare verification, including addressing fare evasion. The random fare checks will be funded as part of the operating costs of service.

The jurisdictions are now finalizing the operating plan for the entire CCPY Transitway. The plan includes a new route 9X traveling the entire Transitway, and the extension of the current 9S to the Potomac Yard Shopping Center, with branded buses serving the entire corridor. The costs of CCPY operation will be included in the final FY 2014 budget for review and approval by the Board.

Under the capital reimbursable project proposed here, action for Metro is to purchase six (6) forty-foot buses from current contract options, fully funded by the City of Alexandria. These six buses will be combined with buses from within the Metro fleet to provide the unique CCPY transitway service.

Key Highlights:

CCPY service will be the first of its kind for Metro. It will operate on the first dedicated right of way (transitway), with the first off-board fare collection system, in the area. The transitway will include 33 platforms at 17 station locations, each 75' long with 10" curbs for level platform boarding, specially designed shelter, lighting, customer information, and arrival information. This BRT service will have unique branding that clearly identifies it, and the branding will be used when future BRT services are implemented.

Projections are that over 3,500 daily passengers will use CCPY service by 2017.

Background and History:

The City of Alexandria and Arlington County started planning for a new bus service connecting Braddock Road, Crystal City, and Pentagon City in 1997.

Discussion:

No additional discussion

FUNDING IMPACT:

Budget Capital Reimbursable Budget, Bus Service,
Fiscal Year 2013

Project Crystal City Potomac Yard Transitway

Project Manager Jack Requa

Project Office Bus Service

Budget \$4,000,000

Remarks Capital expenses incurred for this bus fleet expansion will be fully funded by the City of Alexandria, per letter of understanding from Mayor Euille, dated January 15, 2013, attached to this MEAD.

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	April 22,2010 Board approved resolution 2010-19, Approval of a reimbursable project to provide technical support from Metro's on call planning services consultant.
Anticipated actions after presentation	February 2013 Addition of the \$4,000,000 reimbursable capital project cost to the FY 13 budget; purchase of six additional buses under current contract options. Reimbursable project agreement established between Metro and the City of Alexandria. May 2013 Board approval of the FY 2014 Operating Budget, to include CCPY Transitway operating costs.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval to amend the FY 13 Capital Reimbursable project budget and authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Alexandria to purchase six 40-foot buses for Crystal City Potomac Yard (CCPY) Transitway.



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Purpose

Board approval to:

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- Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Alexandria to purchase six 40-foot buses for Crystal City Potomac Yard (CCPY) Transitway





Crystal City Potomac Yard Transitway

- Five-mile corridor connects Pentagon City, Crystal City and Braddock Road Metrorail Stations
 - Four miles of dedicated right of way
 - 33 platforms at 17 station locations
 - Off-board fare collection, bus arrival information, and customer amenities
- Unique branding to clearly identify BRT
- 3,570 daily riders expected by 2017





Next Steps

- Arlington and Alexandria to finalize CCPY project:
 - Operating plan
 - Associated costs
- Metro to include project operating costs in FY2014 budget
 - Prior to final Board review and approval

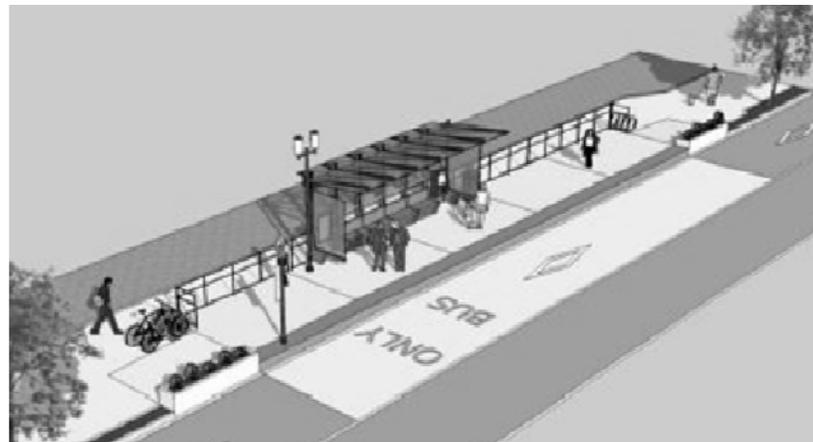




Recommendation

Board Approval to:

- Amend the FY 13 Capital Reimbursable project budget
- Authorize the General Manager to enter into an agreement with the City of Alexandria to purchase six 40-foot buses for Crystal City Potomac Yard (CCPY) Transitway



SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF REIMBURSABLE PROJECT AND AGREEMENT TO PURCHASE BUSES FOR CRYSTAL CITY-POTOMAC YARD TRANSITWAY

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

WHEREAS, The City of Alexandria and Arlington County began planning for new bus service to connect Braddock Road, Crystal City, and Pentagon City in 1997; and

WHEREAS, The two jurisdictions are now prepared to fund this new service and are finalizing service recommendations for start-up in the spring of 2014; and

WHEREAS, The five-mile Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway (CCPY Transitway) is under construction, with four miles of dedicated right-of-way along Route 1 and in the Potomac Yard and 33 stations, each with bus arrival information, specially-designed shelters and lighting, and off-board fare collection; and

WHEREAS, The vehicles operating on the CCPY Transitway will be Metro's 40-foot buses, with special branding; and

WHEREAS, Six additional buses are needed to meet the CCPY Transitway service requirements; and

WHEREAS, The action to purchase these six additional buses must be taken now to ensure the buses are identical to those already designated for the CCPY Transitway service and currently under procurement; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves establishment of a reimbursable capital project entitled, "Crystal City-Potomac Yard Transitway – Bus Purchase" with an initial project budget of \$4,000,000; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors amends the FY2013 Reimbursable Capital Budget by \$4,000,000 from \$56,530,000 to \$60,530,000 for the CCPY Transitway Bus Purchase; and be it further

RESOLVED, That Metro will purchase six 40-foot buses from current contract options, and these six buses will be combined with buses from within the Metro fleet to provide the unique CCPY Transitway service; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the cost of these six buses will be fully reimbursed by the City of Alexandria, per letter of understanding from Mayor Euille, dated January 15, 2013, which is Attachment 1 of this Resolution; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to enter into a reimbursable project agreement with the City of Alexandria for the CCPY Transitway Bus Purchase; and be it further

RESOLVED, That upon jurisdictional finalization of the CCPY Transitway operating plan and associated costs, the operating cost of the CCPY Transitway project will be included in Metro's final budget proposal for FY2014, which will be submitted for final review and approval by the Board of Directors; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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General Counsel

PROPOSED



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Mr. Richard Sarles
 General Manager
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Dear Mr. Sarles: *Richard*

The City of Alexandria and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) are engaged in a cooperative effort to build and provide transit services for the Crystal City Potomac Yard (CCPY) Transitway – the region's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) facility. The Alexandria portion of the transitway is currently under construction and the Arlington County portion has completed the final design. The transitway service plan – cooperatively developed by the City, WMATA, and Arlington County – calls for two routes operating along the transitway. The existing 9S route will be extended to the Potomac Yard Shopping Center and a new 9X route follows the transitway alignment between Braddock Road and Pentagon City Metrorail stations. A total of 13 vehicles are required to ensure that the service is operated by distinct, branded, BRT-style vehicles.

The City of Alexandria has capital funding available to acquire six vehicles. We are requesting that your staff establish a cost-reimbursable project in the FY2014 budget to purchase six 40-foot hybrid Excelsior buses from WMATA's current contract with the New Flyer Corporation. Based on previous conversations with Mr. Jack Requa and Arlington County Board Chair, Mary Hynes, we understand that WMATA has identified funding for seven additional vehicles (both expansion and replacement) to operate the 9X and 9S at the planned headways.

We look forward to continued cooperation with WMATA in providing efficient, branded, high capacity transit on the CCPY Transitway.

If you have questions or need additional information, please contact our Transit Division Chief, Marti Reinfeld, at 703.746.4061 or marti.reinfeld@alexandriava.gov.

Sincerely,

William D. Euille
 William D. Euille
 Mayor

"Home Town of George Washington and Robert E. Lee"

cc: Rashad M. Young, City Manager
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Richard J. Baier, P.E., LEED AP, Director, Transportation & Environmental Services
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