



# Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority SERVICE CHANGE STAFF SUMMARY SHEET

ROUTING	TO	BY DATE	FOR	DATE:	
1	CEO	2/03/06	1	APPROVAL	SUBJECT Implementation of Non-Regional Metrobus Route 9S in Arlington County, VA  PREPARED BY: <span style="float: right;">EXTENSION:</span> OPAS - V. Jackson <span style="float: right;">x 2237</span>  DEPT. APPROVAL: AGM/OPER - J. Hughes
			2,3	VOTE	
2	Budget Committee	2/09/06		CONCURRENCE	
3	BOARD	2/16/06	INFORMATION		

**CATEGORIES:**

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUS | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAJOR | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> FREQUENCY | <input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC HEARING             | <input type="checkbox"/> ROUTE ANALYSIS             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> RAPID TRANSIT  | <input type="checkbox"/> MINOR            | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPAN      | <input type="checkbox"/> IS REQUIRED                | <input type="checkbox"/> IS ATTACHED                |
| <input type="checkbox"/> STATIONS       |   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ROUTING   | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IS NOT REQUIRED | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> IS NOT ATTACHED |

**PURPOSE**

To obtain Board approval for the implementation of non-regional Metrobus Route 9S, Crystal City-Potomac Yard Shuttle, in Arlington County, Virginia effective April 24, 2006.

**DISCUSSION**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) is relocating its headquarters and 2,000 employees to a new building at the south end of Crystal City in April, 2006. According to a transportation survey taken by the EPA, approximately 1,000 employees use public transportation, with the majority using Metrorail at Crystal City.

Arlington County has determined that the current ART Route 90, which serves Crystal City during rush hours only, should be replaced with an all day non-regional Metrobus service to adequately serve EPA employees. The proposed service, to be designated Route 9S, Crystal City-Potomac Yard Shuttle, would operate weekdays except holidays, 5:45 a.m. to 7:30 p.m., every six minutes during peak hours and every 12 minutes during off-peak hours, in a counterclockwise loop via South Bell and Clark Streets southbound and Crystal Drive northbound, with trip arrivals and departures coordinated with Yellow Line trains at Crystal City station (see attached map).

COORDINATION (Routing)	Initial	Date	COMP/23-06	ENCLOSURES:
RAIL			<i>[Signature]</i>	1. Map of proposed non-regional Route 9S 2. Letter from Arlington County
BUS	<i>[Signature]</i>	1/17/06		SECT
GOVR			<i>[Signature]</i>	Signature <span style="float: right;">Date</span>
OPAS	RBO	1/12/06		
ADA			<i>[Signature]</i>	BOARD ACTION: Approved by the Board of Directors on _____
FIMA	<i>[Signature]</i>	1/13/06		
COUN			<i>[Signature]</i>	Secretary

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The regular \$1.25 fare would be charged on Route 9S. Approximately 2,000 passenger trips are anticipated when the route is extended in late 2006 to serve additional development now under construction at the north end of Potomac Yard, in the vicinity of U.S. Route 1 and South Glebe Road (opposite Four Mile Run garage). Arlington County has indicated that the implementation of Route 9S is the first phase of a long range transit plan for the U.S. Route 1 corridor in Arlington and Alexandria that will eventually include a dedicated busway between the Pentagon, Crystal City and Braddock Road stations via Potomac Yard.

Arlington County has also indicated that they desire to brand Route 9S service, similar to Pike Ride service in the Columbia Pike corridor and REX (Richmond Highway Express) service in the U.S. Route 1 corridor in Fairfax County. The County's advertising consultant is developing the name, logo and color scheme for Route 9S service. Arlington County will pay for all costs incurred in the branding of this service. Additionally, Arlington County plans to install real-time information displays at the Crystal City station, EPA and Crystal City VRE Station stops along Route 9S to provide riders with next bus arrival times.

**PRIOR APPROVALS**

None

**IMPACT ON FUNDING**

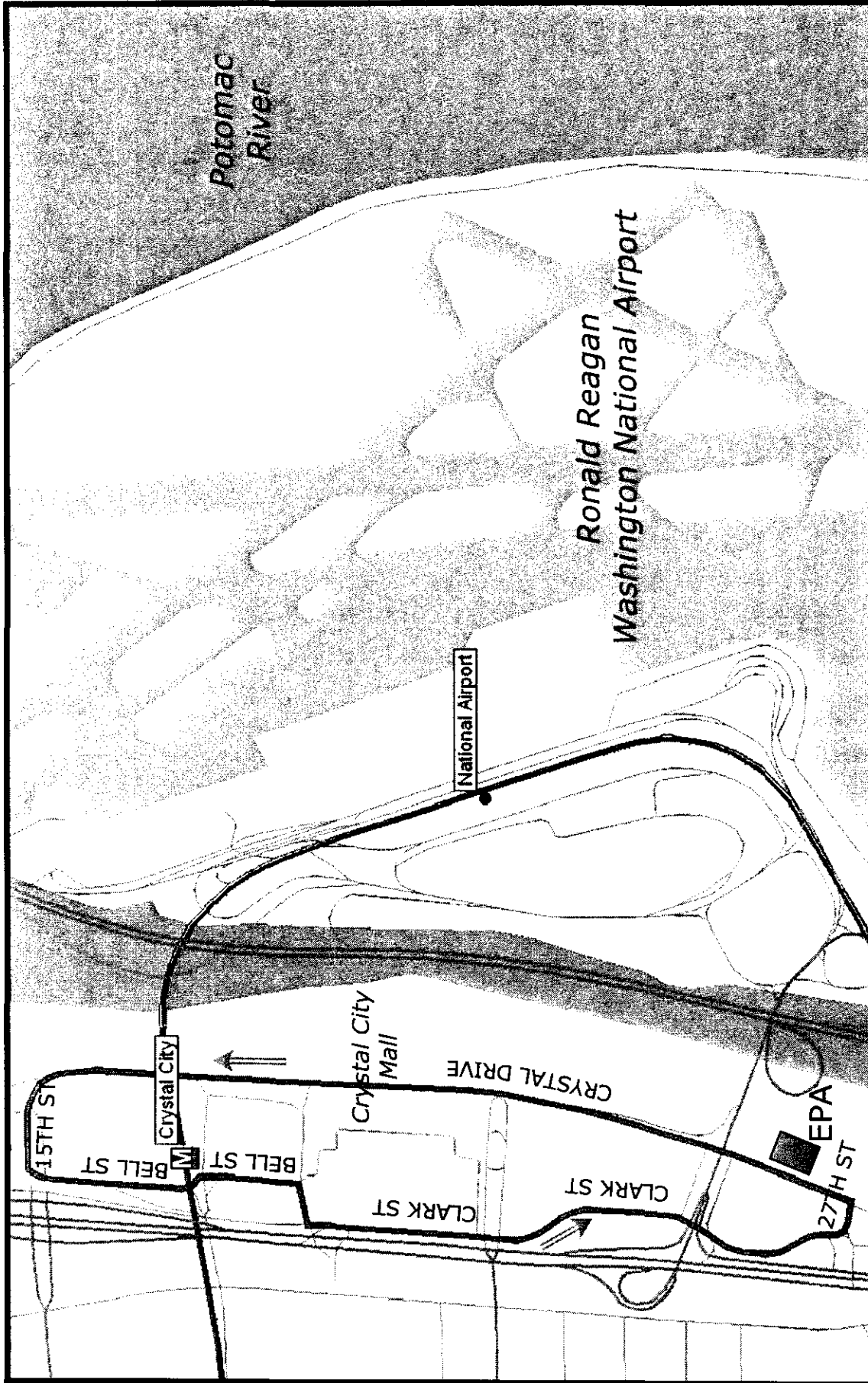
The implementation of Route 9S would have the following impacts on Arlington County's non-regional costs, revenue and subsidy through Fiscal Year 2007:

	FY 2006 (2 months)	FY 2007 (Annual)
Cost	\$113,000	\$675,000
Revenue	(\$29,000)	(\$176,000)
Subsidy	\$84,000	\$499,000

Non-regional Route 9S would require three peak buses, two base (midday) buses, five operators and one mechanic. Including two spares, a total of five buses would be branded and assigned for use on Route 9S. These impacts are not included in the approved Fiscal 2006 or proposed Fiscal 2007 budgets.

**RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the implementation of non-regional Metrobus Route 9S, Crystal City-Potomac Yard Shuttle, in Arlington County, Virginia effective April 24, 2006 and amend the FY06 budget by \$113,000 in cost, \$29,000 in revenue and \$84,000 subsidy.



**Proposed 9S - Crystal City  
Potomac Yard Shuttle**

## METROBUS SERVICE ADJUSTMENTS COST ESTIMATING SHEET

Line Name(s)	Crystal City - Potomac Yard Shuttle	<u>Operators:</u> Full-time <u>+ 5</u> Part-time _____ New Service _____ <u>Mechanics:</u> + 1		<u>Nature of the Request (circle one or more):</u> _____ Jurisdiction Inquiry <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Within GMGR Authority _____ Public Hearing Docket _____ Staff Report on Public Hearing _____ Actual Impact of Service in Operation
Route Nos. - R = regional N = non-regional D = demonstration	9S (N)	<u>Impact on Fleet:</u> Scheduled AM <u>+3</u> Scheduled PM <u>+3</u> Total Fleet + 5	+ 2 Base	<b>Is this request against today's service level or the fiscal 2007 budget service level? New service</b>
Description of Service Adjustment	New weekday service	Operator Pay Hours	+ 9,646	Annual Passenger Trips - Bus <u>+ 251,000</u> Annual Passenger Trips - Rail <u>No change</u>
Date Planned for Implementation	April 24, 2006	Operator Wage Rate:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular ____ New-Start	Is this service budgeted? ____ Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No Date of Request: <u>January 18, 2006 (REVISED)</u> Date Due: _____

	ANNUAL PLATFORM MILES	ANNUAL PLATFORM HOURS	ANNUAL REVENUE MILES	ANNUAL REVENUE HOURS	PASS. TRIPS ONE WEEKDAY RAIL	PASS. TRIPS ONE WEEKDAY BUS	METROBUS SUBSIDY	METRO RAIL SUBSIDY
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA								
MONTGOMERY COUNTY								
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY								
ALEXANDRIA								
ARLINGTON COUNTY	48,092	8,388	42,469	5,844	N/C	1,000		
FAIRFAX CITY								
FAIRFAX COUNTY								
FALLS CHURCH								
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>48,092</b>	<b>8,388</b>	<b>42,469</b>	<b>5,844</b>	<b>N/C</b>	<b>1,000</b>		

		BLTR	SETR	NOTR	WETR	SATR	ARTR	FMTR	RLTR	LNTR	MOTR	TOTAL
SCHEDULED MILES BY DIVISION								+48,092				+48,092
SCHEDULED PAYHOURS BY DIVISION								+9,646				+9,646
OPERATORS BY TYPE AND DIVISION	FT PT NS							+5				+5
MECHANICS BY TYPE AND DIVISION								+1				+1
BUSES BY DIVISION								+5				+5