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PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:

Ten people spoke during the public comment period conducted at this meeting:

1. Mr. David Hines, Vice President of First Transit addressed the Board regarding the bid evaluation process used to award the new MetroAccess contract.
2. Ms. Geri Wasco, MetroAccess customer addressed the Board regarding the MetroAccess service reliability and performance issues provided by MV Transportation.
3. Mr. Jack Corbett, representing MetroRiders.org addressed the Board regarding additional actions to increase WMATA's public openness and accountability.
4. Mr. James McGuirl, a customer addressed the Board regarding Metrobus rear view mirror safety issue.
5. Mr. Jeffrey Krafthamer, MetroAccess customer addressed the Board regarding the MetroAccess service reliability and performance issues provided by MV Transportation.
6. Ms. Doris Ray, MetroAccess customer addressed the Board regarding the MetroAccess service reliability and performance issues provided by MV Transportation.
7. Mr. Ron Hartman, Senior Vice President for Business Development of Connex North America addressed the Board regarding the bid evaluation process used to award new MetroAccess contract.
8. Mr. Bobby Coward, MetroAccess customer addressed the Board regarding the MetroAccess service reliability and performance issues provided by MV Transportation.
9. Ms. Darnise Bush, MetroAccess customer addressed the Board regarding the MetroAccess service reliability and performance issues provided by MV Transportation.
10. Mr. Ronald Bethea, President of Sudan Service Plus addressed the Board regarding the upward mobility program at University of District of Columbia that provides wheel chair accessible service vehicles.

Mr. Kauffman requested staff prepare a report on the Metrobus rear view mirror safety issue.

Mr. Kauffman requested Administrative Item #5 - Modify - Contract for Paratransit Services be heard.

Ms. Wilkins, Acting Assistant General Manager for Contract Customer Service acknowledged the members of the public who spoke about the need to improve paratransit service in the region. Ms. Wilkins agreed with the comments and indicated that is why WMATA selected an experienced contractor who offers better management tools and technologies, so that MetroAccess can more quickly respond to customer issues and offer more effective service. WMATA realizes that transportation is an essential service and that it equals freedom, a freedom that a majority of the population can take for granted, while elderly and disabled persons do not have that luxury. WMATA expected that there would be challenges, but didn't count on phone line problems and data issues. WMATA staff and MV are going to do whatever it takes to get this service operating at a level of quality that is acceptable to all concerned, especially our own customers.

The previous paratransit contract had a lot of problems which have been well documented in the past. On September 23, 2005, MV Transportation was awarded the new services contract. Over the last three and one-half months they have worked very diligently to install new tracking and scheduling software, reorganize the subcontractor fleet, contact all 16,000 customers to verify data, hire new drivers and put new vehicles into service.

Ms. Wilkins reported that there is a huge volume of incorrect customer and subscription trip data received from the previous contractor; this caused MV to run subscription trips when none were expected and to recover those not scheduled. MV has already corrected a large number of records and should have the vast majority completed with two weeks. (For example, almost all subscription trips – around 45% of the total - will have been handled at least twice by then and corrected as needed.) MV asks that customers who ride infrequently contact them during slow hours and get their records updated as soon as they can.

The Department of Communications is developing a web application that will allow persons to confirm their trip and personal information on-line. MetroAccess staff will contact customers when this feature is operational.

MV has experienced extremely heavy call volume (4000 calls received between MetroAccess and the Customer Service Call Center on Tuesday) confirmation calls were very high, as were general information call (about 30-40% of the total).

Calls take much longer now (should be around 2-3 minutes, typically but are frequently 7-9 minutes, to allow for on-the-fly data validation and correction). Also, for the third time, Verizon has attempted to correctly configure two new phone lines to handle the additional phone traffic that MV expected. The unavailability of those line exacerbated the wait times.

MV has hired 10 temporary employees (on cell phones to handle lengthier inquires) and brought over another 10 Trapeze-trained dispatchers to address the call volumes. We are already seeing a drop in call handling time as a result. MV has hired over 200 new operators, with 50 more in this week's training class. They are rapidly adopting the use of MDT/ALL units, but are still learning to navigate under real life conditions. MV has sampled data from individual drivers and demonstrated a marked improvement within one week on-street service.

In order to better handle emergencies and recovery of critical trips such as dialysis, MV created a special coordinator position. Steve Newly arrived yesterday, and he is establishing a hot line to address critical issues, and he is contacting all regional centers (39, by last count) to ensure that we are aware of all subscription trips of which they are aware. Thus far, the response from the centers has been extremely positive.

The MetroAccess staff is providing daily service messages on the WMATA home page to keep our customers updated on the contractor's activities. The contractor has distributed flyers on-board the vehicles with information on the transition and reminding customers that they can confirm and cancel their trips using the Interactive Voice Recognition system, saving them a lot of time.

In about 45 days, the IVR will be configured to accept reservations, and a web application to do the same is in development and will be available shortly. Cost containment efforts include the Free Ride Program and coordinated information about travel alternatives for disabled customers.

The technology implanted for paratransit will absolutely improve trip validation, emergency scheduling, and overall customer service. In addition, it provides detailed data to allow MACS to provide the required service at a reasonable cost.

Mr. Euille requested a Special Ad Hoc Task Force be formed as soon as possible with representation of at least two members from the Board of Directors, staff, and MetroAccess riders to listen, review, and make recommendations to solve the challenges that were heard today. Mr. Kauffman directed staff to coordinate the formation of a Special Ad Hoc Task Force to address the MetroAccess service reliability and performance issues.

Mr. Deegan questioned the ownership of the 255 vehicles in operation. Staff stated the 255 vehicles are owned by MV Transportation. Mr. Deegan questioned the MetroAccess vehicles parked at the Carmen Turner facility. Staff stated they are vehicles scheduled to be disposed of and the exact number will be determined.

Mr. Graham questioned the operational costs associated with the capital expenditure \$914,130.00 for the 55 vehicles. Mr. Graham requested a full assessment of the dedicated fleet level and the hourly cost for peak service, and he suggested the use of taxi service for the interim.

Mr. Linton noted MetroAccess problems exist and will not be solved overnight. The Board made the requests for curb to curb service and shared trips. Staff should monitor performance over the next couple of weeks and process the scope of services for the people of this region.

Mrs. Hudgins noted the need to focus on service improvement and insure routes are clear and efficient to deliver customers to worksites or appointments.

Mrs. Mack made a substitute motion, seconded by Mr. Smith, that WMATA continue to use the pre-existing practice of utilizing additional taxicabs to meet the daily MetroAccess service delivery requirements, until such time as we have reliable data on the number of dedicated vehicles that are required for this service. This substitute motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

Mr. Zimmerman stated the independent Inspector General function is not dependent on the Davis' bill, and the Board is taking action to move forward.

Mr. Zimmerman made a motion, seconded by Mr. Deegan, that the Board Committee documents be made available electronically to the public on WMATA's web page concurrent with the distribution to the Board of Directors. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

#### REPORT BY GENERAL MANAGER/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER:

Mr. White referred the Board to the *Metro Board Digest* for January 2006, highlighting the following items:

- Mr. White reported from January to March, Metro will take delivery of 50 New Flyer diesel hybrid electric buses. The first 25 buses will operate out of the Landover Metrobus Division. The remaining 25 hybrid buses will roll out of the Montgomery Metrobus Division.
- On January 25 at the Carmen E. Turner Training and Maintenance Facility, Board members Gladys Mack, Robert Smith, and Charles Deegan will join James Ports, Jr., Deputy Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation and Metrobus employees for the inaugural ride on Metro's first hybrid bus. Department of Energy Secretary Samuel

Bodman, Congressman Al Wynn, Prince George's County Executive Jack Johnson, and representatives from General Motors and New Flyer Industries have been invited to participate at the event. Mr. Solomon noted he will be in attendance.

- Mr. White reported on January 13, 2006 Metrobus maintenance employees at the Bladensburg Heavy Overhaul Shop marked a major milestone – they completed the mid-life overhaul/rehabilitation on the 1,000<sup>th</sup> Metrobus. Since 1994, Metrobuses that have six-and-one-half to seven years of service go the Bladensburg shop for a mid-life overhaul intended to extend the shop with more that 300,000 miles. The major overhaul project includes replacing or rebuilding all of the major components of a bus, including the engine and transmission. The rehabbed buses also get new interiors and paint jobs. The entire process takes about nine weeks, and when complete, the rehabbed Metrobuses look and run like new.

REPORT BY PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE:

- A. Approval of Resolution for Authorization to Hold A Public Hearing & Release of Public Hearing Staff Report for Proposed Environmental Assessments & Refinements to the Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project:

Mr. Zimmerman referred the Board to the request for approval to: 1) authorize WMATA to conduct a Public Hearing jointly with the Commonwealth of Virginia on several proposed refinements to the design for the Wiehle Avenue Extension that was approved by the Board of Directors in September 2004; 2) authorize the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer (GM/CEO) to release the Environmental Assessment (EA); 3) authorize the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer (GM/CEO) to release the Public Hearing Staff Report for Environmental Assessment (EA), when available; and 4) authorize the GM/CEO to release the Public Hearing Staff Report for the Environmental Assessment and Proposed Revisions to the General Plans/Modifications to the Adopted Regional System, as soon as the report is available.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Deegan, that the Board approve the WMATA Compact Hearing and Release of Public Hearing Staff Report for proposed Environmental Assessments and Refinements to the Dulles Corridor Rapid Transit Project. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-01) has been made a part of the official file.

B. Approval to Release the Columbia Pike Alternative Analysis Report to Arlington & Fairfax Counties:

Mr. Zimmerman referred the Board to the request for approval to release the Columbia Pike Alternatives Analysis Report to Arlington and Fairfax Counties for selection of a locally preferred alternative.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack, that the Board approve the release the Columbia Pike Alternatives Analysis Report to Arlington and Fairfax Counties. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

C. Approval of Resolution for the West Ox Bus Facility Public Hearing Staff Report; Approval of Financial Plan; Authorization to Execute Joint Use Agreement; Next Priority for Garage Relocation:

Mr. Zimmerman referred the Board to the request for approval: 1) the Public Hearing Staff Report; 2) the financial plan; 3) authorize the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer (GM/CEO) to execute the Joint-Use Agreement with Fairfax County for the West Ox Bus Facility. The Resolution has been amended to add Board guidance to adopt the Southeastern Bus Garage as a first priority project for relocation, and to direct staff to explore all reasonable alternatives in preparing a plan to accomplish the relocation, subject to availability of funding and jurisdictional coordination and endorsement.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack, that the Board approve the West Ox Bus Facility Public Hearing Staff Report; Approval of Financial Plan; Authorization to Execute Joint Use Agreement; Next Priority for Garage Relocation. This motion was unanimously approved.

Mr. Deegan noted this does not mean WMATA will use \$4.5 million to build a body and print shop.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-02) has been made a part of the official file.

Mr. Zimmerman noted the staff briefed the Committee on the Station Access Capacity Study Assessment.



REPORT BY REAL ESTATE COMMITTEE:

A. Approval of Authorization to Allocate TIIF Funds for Access Improvements at Ballston-MU Metrorail Station:

Mr. Graham referred the Board to the request for approval of the allocation of an additional \$624,851 in TIIF funds to support continued work on the Ballston-MU Metrorail Station Access Improvement Project. By letter dated October 13, 2005, Arlington County requested WMATA Board approval to allocate an additional \$624,851 in TIIF funds to support continued work on the Ballston-MU Metrorail Station Access Improvement Project. The planned improvements for the Ballston-MU station west entrance include new escalators and stair, two new elevators, a new mezzanine and a pedestrian tunnel from the escalators and stair to the existing station. This action will increase the project funding up to the Board approved budget of \$16 million.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the Board approve the authorization to allocate TIIF funds for access improvements at Ballston-MU Metrorail Station. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

B. Approval of Conveyance of D.C. Riders' Fund Property to National Park Service in Exchange for Property Required for the Mississippi Avenue Water Treatment Facility:

Items B and C were considered in block.

C. Approval of the Transfer of Mississippi Avenue Water Treatment Project Funds to the D.C. Riders' Trust Fund Account:

Mr. Graham referred the Board to the request for approval of conveyance of D.C. Riders' Fund Property to National Park Service in exchange for property required for the Mississippi Avenue Water Treatment Facility. WMATA constructed a water treatment facility to treat water removed from the Green line tunnel located along Mississippi Avenue, S.E. Since the water treatment facility was built on the only usable portion of the Park Service property, the Park Service was going to require WMATA to purchase the entire 4-acre property. To avoid WMATA having to purchase 4 acres of unusable land, the Park Service and WMATA agreed to a no-cost exchange of the property containing the water treatment facility for a portion of WMATA's Glen Echo right-of-way comprising approximately 1 acre. The Park Service requires the Glen Echo parcel to control access to Glen Echo Park. Since the Glen Echo right-of-way is a D.C. Riders' Trust Fund property, with sale proceeds to be used to purchase buses to operate in the District of Columbia, the Riders' Trust Fund account must be reimbursed for the value of the 1 acre parcel to be exchanged with the Park Service. The fair market value of the Glen Echo parcel is

\$242,050. The total budget for the Mississippi Avenue Water Treatment Facility project is \$1.9 million, including the \$242,050 required for reimbursement of the Riders' Trust Fund account. There is sufficient funding remaining in the project budget to fund the required transfer.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Deegan, that the Board approve the conveyance of D.C. Riders' Fund Property to the National Park Service in exchange for NPS property required for construction and operation of the Mississippi Avenue Water Treatment Facility and the transfer of \$242,050 from the Mississippi Avenue Water Treatment Facility project budget to the D.C. Riders' Trust Fund account. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

D. Approval to Initiate & Award a Lease to Fairfax County School Board for Bus Parking at Backlick Road Rental Site:

Mr. Graham referred the Board to the request for approval to negotiate and execute a five year lease with the Fairfax County School Board for the use of WMATA property for parking school buses. WMATA owns approximately 9.4 acres of vacant land at Backlick and Industrial roads in Springfield, Virginia of which 3 acres is paved. The Fairfax County School Board desires to lease the property for parking school buses. Fairfax County and WMATA have agreed to a five-year lease with first year rent of \$126,000 and annual increases of 5% thereafter. The total five-year revenue is \$696,230. The lease contains a 90-day cancellation provision that provides WMATA flexibility for future sale, development or use of the property for operations.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the Board approve the negotiation and execute a five year lease with the Fairfax County School Board for the use of WMATA property for parking school buses. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

E. Approval of Term Sheet for Arlington Bus Garage Joint Development:

Mr. Graham referred the Board to the request for approval to execute the term sheet for the Arlington Bus Garage Joint Development. On April 21, 2005, the Board authorized the reinstatement and extension of Ashton Park Associates, or APA, as the selected developer for the Arlington bus garage. APA and WMATA have completed negotiations on the term sheet, which provides for the sale of this property to APA. The term sheet also incorporates protections for WMATA regarding replacement of the existing Arlington bus garage operations. No interruption or reduction of service will occur due to the development of this site. On January 5, 2006, the Real Estate Committee

approved staff's request for authorization to execute the term sheet and negotiate a binding sales contract. The contract will be submitted to the Board for approval.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the Board approve the execution of the term sheet for the Arlington Bus Garage and negotiate a binding sales contract. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

F. Approval of Proposal to Purchase a Portion of the Bethesda Joint Development Site:

Mr. Graham referred the Board to the request for approval for a proposal from the ground lease tenant to purchase the land under the three story food court structure at the Bethesda Metro Center joint development project. In October 2005, the owners of the office component of the Bethesda Metro Center project (The Meridian Group) submitted an unsolicited offer to purchase only the land under the 3-story food court building plus 200 associated garage parking spaces for the purpose of developing a condominium project on the food court site. The offer preserves the existing ground lease agreement for the office component, thereby protecting WMATA's revenue stream in the form of guaranteed minimum rent, participation rent, and capital event participation. On January 5, 2006, the Real Estate Committee approved staff's recommendation for the purchase of the land under the 3 story food court structure, subject to updated appraisal, and authorized staff to execute a Term sheet and negotiate the definitive agreements, including an amendment to the existing ground lease. The definitive agreements will be submitted to the Board for approval.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Board approve the proposed purchase of a portion of the Bethesda Metro Center joint development project. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

G. Approval of Extension of Negotiation Period for the Silver Spring Master Development Agreement:

Mr. Graham referred the Board to the request for approval for Negotiations have been protracted due to the difficulty of designing a site plan that incorporates a multimodal transit center and a joint development project within budget. While much progress has been made, the Joint Development documents cannot be finalized until the transit center plan is substantially complete. Staff requests a six-month extension of the deadline to negotiate the Master Development Agreement with all related agreements.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mr. Deegan, that the Boards approve extension of negotiation period for the Silver Spring Master Development Agreement. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

H. Approval to Conduct New Community Planning Process for Takoma Metrorail Station Joint Development Site:

Mr. Graham referred the Board to the request for approval of a new planning process for Takoma station. This action results from a meeting I had with a group of residents of the Takoma DC neighborhood. These residents expressed dissatisfaction with their opportunity to participate in the small area planning process conducted by the District of Columbia Office of Planning for the Takoma station area. They requested that WMATA hold an additional planning session to enable them to provide additional input. This planning process will be a one-day event to be held within the next six weeks. The WMATA Compact Public Hearing will be scheduled thereafter.

Mr. Graham moved, seconded by Mrs. Mack, that the Boards authorize staff to conduct a new community planning process for the Takoma Metrorail station joint development site. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

REPORT BY BUDGET COMMITTEE:

A. Approval of Safety & Security Initiatives:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to the request for programmatic approval to: (1) advertise and award new contracts; (2) modify existing construction and engineering contracts; (3) add two new positions to support the projects. Funding of \$12.2 million provided by the Department of Homeland Security will be used for the following projects: \$3.7 million for Fire Chief project to provide below ground radio system in Arlington and to improve the District's system. \$1.2 million for bus security to equip buses with security cameras, and to install two vehicle locator consoles and monitoring devices. \$7.3 million to build out existing space at Carmen Turner Facility space for alternate Operation Control Center.

Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the Board approve the Safety and Security Initiatives. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

B. Approval of Resolution to Amend FY06 System Access/Capacity Program for Adams Morgan-U Street Link:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to the request for approval to amend the FY06 SAP by \$50,000; and to include \$100,000 in the proposed FY07 for Adams Morgan/U Street Link Planning Study project. The project is for conducting a planning study of the Adams Morgan/U Street Link. The District TIF funding of \$150,000 will be used for the project.

Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Board approve the Resolution to amend the FY06 System Access/Capacity Program for Adams Morgan-U Street Link. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-03) has been made a part of the official file.

C. Approval to Initiate & Award Consultant Services for Pre-Training & Promotional Testing for Metro Transit Police Personnel:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to the request for approval to initiate and award contract for pre-training and testing for MTPD personnel. Police agencies normally hire outside contractor for a professional, unbiased promotional process. The funding of \$70,000 comes from the approved FY07 operating budget.

Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Board approve initiation and award of consultant services for pre-training and promotional testing for Metro Transit Police Personnel. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

D. Approval to Initiate & Award Government Consulting Services Contract:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to the request for approval to initiate and award contract to assist with budgetary and legislative goals with the federal government. This is a three base year contract, with two one-year options estimated to be \$244,000 annually. Partial funding for the calendar year 2006 award is in the approved FY06 and the proposed FY07 operating budgets. Future annual award of base contract is subject to availability of funds.

Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Deegan, that the Board approve initiation and award of professional and technical Government consulting services contract. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

E. Approval of Resolution to Amend FY06 SEP for New York Avenue Station:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to the request for approval to amend the FY06 SEP by \$3.8 million to increase the budget for New York Avenue Station. The budget increase is required to close out the construction contract. The District will provide the funding of \$3.8 million for this request.

Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Board approve the amendment to the FY06 SEP for New York Avenue Station. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-04) has been made a part of the official file.

F. Approval of Resolution to Amend Resolution 2004-47 Regarding the Anacostia Corridor Demonstration Project:

Mrs. Mack referred the Board to the request for approval to amend the resolution to reflect the District's following requests: (1) revise WMATA's scope of work; (2) revise the project's budget; (3) incorporate the changes into the pending Funding Agreement between the District and WMATA. There is no change to the previously identified funds of \$16.1 million provided by the District for the project.

Mrs. Mack moved, seconded by Mr. Zimmerman, that the Board approve the amendment to the Resolution 2004-47 regarding the Anacostia Corridor Demonstration Project. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-06) has been made a part of the official file.

Mrs. Mack noted staff briefed the Committee on the October and November financials; status report on business plan development and performance based budgeting.

ADMINISTRATIVE ACTIONS:

OTHER ITEMS:

Mr. Kauffman referred the Board to seven Administrative Actions. Mr. Zimmerman requested that the Board approve in block Administrative Items Number 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8. Administrative Item Number 5 was considered separately.

1. Initiate & Award - Contract for Recycled Engine Coolant for Metrobus:

Approval is requested to initiate and award by competitive bid a requirements type contract to provide approximately 85,000 gallons of recycled engine coolant for WMATA buses for a one year base period with four one year options.

2. Initiate & Award - Contracts for FY06 Repairable Parts Procurement:

Approval is requested to initiate and award multiple contracts for repairable parts in support of rail car, facilities, elevator/escalator, systems and bus maintenance by competitive and sole source procurement as required.

3. Modify - Contract for Phase 2 for the 8-Car Station Stopping Program:

Approval is requested to negotiate and execute a contract modification, within budget, to implement upgrades of the automatic train control system for improvement of 8-car operations on the Orange, Blue, Green, and Yellow lines.

4. Modify - Contract to Issue Planning Tasks for the "New Starts" Contract:

Approval is requested to issue tasks under the "New Starts" Planning and Engineering Contract (SF5111) to provide planning work in support of the Columbia Pike Transit Alternative Analysis, the District of Columbia Transit Alternatives Analysis and the Crystal City/Potomac Busway.

6. Initiate & Award - Contract for the Fabrication & Installation of Fare Chart Signs:

Approval is requested to initiate and award a contract for the fabrication and installation of fare chart signs to be installed on the face of each farecard vending machine.

7. Modify - Contract for National Airport Canopy Closeout:

Approval is requested to: (1) Increase the budget for National Airport Canopy reimbursable project from \$6,200,000 to \$6,810,000 with available funds from the 89.5 mile Program, and (2) Modify the contract for the construction of the National Airport Platform Canopy project in the amount of \$457,000 to implement the contract closeout.

8. Ratify - Resolution to Amend Non-Represented Retirement Plan:

Approval is requested to amend WMATA Retirement Plan to clarify and

update the terms of the plan to ensure proper treatment of Plan Participants; and certain definitions of terms should be added to the Plan to clarify existing terms or provide appropriate authority to implement Authority agreements.

A copy of the approved Resolution (2006-05) has been made a part of the official file.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Smith, that the Board approve Administrative Items Number 1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8 listed above. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

ADDED ITEM:

9. Authorization for International Travel to Belgium for MTPD Deputy Chief to Attend An Expert Meeting at NATO:

Approval is requested for international travel to MTPD Deputy Chief Jeri K. Lee to attend an Expert Meeting at NATO on Terrorist Threats to Metro Security being sponsored by the U.S. Department of State. The Department of State will cover all costs to include airfare, accommodations, and meals.

Mr. Zimmerman moved, seconded by Mr. Graham, that the Board approve the International travel to Belgium for MTPD Deputy Chief. This motion was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

REMARKS OF OUTGOING CHAIRMAN:

Mr. Kauffman stated normally, what you get from an outgoing chairman is his or her over-the-shoulder view, presenting the events of the past year in their most attractive light. Let me honor that tradition by saying: "What we set out to do, we accomplished and what we needed to face, we did so squarely and publicly."

Now that we've acknowledged what's past, what I'm most concerned about today is this: Are we up to the task of breaking the habits that hold back not only this Authority, but regional transportation as well? Breaking these habits will not be the work of a single person or a single year and will transcend the individual efforts of those of us who have enjoyed the great privilege and greater responsibility of serving as chairman.

The first habit we must break is what could be called the "monopoly mentality." Folks really do have transportation choices and options. Unless we at Metro recognize and respect that – and develop a true customer focus, both



our customers and our funding will --so to speak – walk. While we can be rightfully proud of the service we provide and the incredible growth in service we've seen, we must strive to keep that pride from becoming defensive arrogance. It's not about our jobs, positions, or exalted titles. It's about the service we provide. The newly installed Riders Advisory Council, if well employed, and a vigilant press will do more to break this habit than anything else.

The second habit we need to loose is funding by lowest common denominator. With support from the business and environmental communities we finally have the attention of our funding partners. Just this Monday, Chris Zimmerman and I were in Richmond making the case before a generally supportive legislative delegation. I also thank the District of Columbia City Council for their early action. To our friends in Annapolis, I simply say this – The train's left the station, find a way to get on board.

Finally, we must find the vision to develop new habits and perspectives. Metro is not the cover-all Band Aid for what ails our transportation networks. However, it is the common link across jurisdictional boundaries and a part of any long-term regional transportation strategy.

There is a common assumption that road congestion and rail crowding can and must get better. The next big rail or road project will be the answer. We've got to get away from this magic cure perspective. More often than not, improvements are localized and buy us only a few years of relief. At what point do we admit that this may well be as good as it gets and fact the fact that we must encourage fundamental changes in how we work, shop, and play.

Regionally, this demand side of the transportation equation is finally beginning to be addressed through land use cases that incorporate transportation demand management (so-called TDMs). Finally, we are beginning to recognize that people really can walk or bike and that buses aren't just for people too poor to buy a car.

We must frankly acknowledge what levels of congestion are in our poser to change and what levels we will have to live with if we remain glued to our steering wheels or only take transit during peak hours.

This is not admitting defeat. It's respecting the reality that we can neither simply "pave" nor "rail" our way to perpetual transportation bliss. We must re-focus and get serious about managing congestion and expectations. The truth is our long-term transportation needs are such that we need to cobble together funds for all the options – rail extensions, bus rapid transit and a hot lane network – along with a healthy dose of telecommuting.

In closing, I would like to thank Metro staff and my colleagues. This has been a year of scrutiny and overdue change. Some of the scrutiny was uninvited; some we invited because of our efforts to be more transparent.

Personally, it has been as exciting and challenging a year as I have ever know.

I'm glad to be followed by Mrs. Mack - a colleague with the skills, integrity and will to accomplish whatever she wants to accomplish. Thanks for all your support for my efforts. I look forward to returning the favor.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Mr. Kauffman called for nominations for the Officers of the Board for 2006.

Mr. Graham nominated Mrs. Mack as Chairman of the Board for 2006. Mr. Deegan seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

Mr. Smith nominated Mr. Deegan as Vice Chairman of the Board for 2006. Mr. Zimmerman seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

Mr. Kauffman nominated Mr. Zimmerman as Second Vice Chairman of the Board for 2006. Mrs. Mack seconded the motion, and it was unanimously approved.

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Kauffman, Mrs. Mack, Mr. Deegan, Mr. Zimmerman, Mr. Graham, and Mr. Smith

PRESENTATION OF MEMENTO TO OUTGOING CHAIRMAN:

Mrs. Mack paid tribute to Mr. Kauffman for his leadership as Chairman and presented an engraved gavel plaque to Mr. Kauffman in recognition of his contributions as Chairman of the Board in 2005.

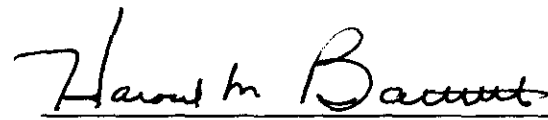
REPORT BY NVTC: No report was given.

REPORT BY D.C.: No report was given.

REPORT BY WSTC: No report was given.

ADJOURNMENT:

This meeting was adjourned at 1:27 P.M.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Harold M. Bartlett". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Harold M. Bartlett, Secretary/Chief of Staff