

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

Action Information

MEAD Number:
201719

Resolution:
 Yes No

TITLE:

Temporary Fare Reduction

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Board approval will be sought for the temporarily reduced fares on January 25, 2016, as a result of the blizzard.

PURPOSE:

Board approval will be sought for the temporarily reduced fares on January 25, 2016, as a result of the blizzard.

DESCRIPTION:

Key Highlights:

- The WMATA Tariff authorizes the General Manager/Chief Executive Office (GM/CEO) to temporarily reduce fares during a declared emergency and, if necessary, to seek Board approval of the reduction after the fact. As a result of the recent blizzard, the GM/CEO determined that no fares would be charged on Metrobus, Metrorail, or at Metro parking facilities on Monday, January 25, 2016.

Background and History:

Section 22 ("Temporary Reduction of Fares") of the WMATA Tariff authorizes the GM/CEO to temporarily reduce fares during a declared emergency, including "an event occasioned by nature." This delegation of authority to reduce fares from peak to off-peak in such cases also requires the GM/CEO to seek Board approval after the fact for any other temporary lowering of fares.

Discussion:

During the recent blizzard ("Jonas"), all Metro transit services were suspended on Saturday, January 23 and Sunday, January 24. Limited service resumed on Monday, January 25, and the GM/CEO determined that no fares would be charged on that day to passengers on Metrobus or Metrorail, to include parking at Metro facilities.

FUNDING IMPACT:

No material financial impact, given the limited service and ridership on January 25.	
Project Manager:	Thomas J. Webster
Project Department/Office:	CFO/OMBS

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	N/A
Anticipated actions after presentation	N/A

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the temporary reduction of fares that occurred on January 25, 2016.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED: February 25, 2016

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF TEMPORARY FARE REDUCTION ON JANUARY 25, 2016

2016-09

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

WHEREAS, Section 22 of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Tariff ("Temporary Reduction of Fares") authorizes the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer (GM/CEO) to temporarily reduce fares during a declared emergency, including "an event occasioned by nature;" and

WHEREAS, The GM/CEO has been delegated the authority to reduce fares from peak to off-peak in such cases but must seek Board of Directors approval after the fact for any other temporary lowering of fares; and

WHEREAS, During the recent blizzard, all Metro transit services were suspended on Saturday, January 23, and Sunday, January 24, 2016; and

WHEREAS, Limited service returned on Monday, January 25, and the GM/CEO determined that no fares would be charged to passengers on Metrobus or Metrorail, including parking at Metro facilities, on that day; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves the GM/CEO's decision to provide free rides on Metrobus and Metrorail, including parking at Metro facilities, on January 25, 2016; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective 30 days after adoption in accordance with § 8(b) of the WMATA Compact.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Mark R. Pohl
Acting General Counsel

WMATA File Structure No.:
9.12.9 Tariff (WMATA Fare Structure)

**Motioned by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Corcoran
Ayes: 8 – Mr. Evans, Ms. Harley, Mr. Corcoran, Mr. Downey, Mr. Dormsjo, Mr. Goldman, Mrs. Hudgins
and Ms. Tregoning**