



Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee

Board Action Item III-B

February 26, 2009

**Potomac Yard Metrorail Station
TIIF Allocation**

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Potomac Yard Metrorail Station

PURPOSE:

To obtain Committee concurrence and Board approval to: 1. Establish a reimbursable project entitled Potomac Yard Metrorail Station; 2. Establish an initial budget of \$1.5 million using the City of Alexandria's TIIF account at Metro; 3. Amend the FY09 Reimbursable Projects' Budget to increase from \$20.05 million to \$21.55 million; 4. Permit staff to negotiate a reimbursable agreement with the City of Alexandria and for the General Manager to execute the agreement; and 5. Issue tasks to P2d contractor for technical support.

DESCRIPTION:

The Blue-Yellow Line between Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport and Braddock Road stations was built (i.e., station track geometry) to accommodate the insertion of a Metro rail station. The area where the station would be built was for most of its recorded history a large freight rail yard known as Potomac Yards. That changed in the 1990's when the rail yard was dismantled and development started to occur. As development progressed the notion of constructing a Potomac Yards station gained support. In the summer of 2008 Metro staff was invited to a community meeting to provide lessons learned from the New York Avenue Station Project and how those lessons are applicable to a Potomac Yards station. In the fall of 2008, the Alexandria City Council approved increased density for the planned development of the yards near the potential station site. The Council also established 2 planning groups: one for the station and one for future development of the yards. Alexandria's Mayor Euille recently sent a letter requesting Metro participation in an alternatives analysis for station locations followed by the environmental clearance process that concludes with a public hearing.

The City of Alexandria has requested an allocation of \$1.5 million from Alexandria's portion of the Transit Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIIF) to cover the costs of the early project actions. The City of Alexandria's balance in the fund as recently as November 30, 2008 was approximately \$1.6 million. The requested use of funds from the TIIF is for transit-oriented infrastructure improvements which will improve access to and increase ridership on the Metrorail and Metrobus systems.

Metro and the City of Alexandria will need to enter into a reimbursable agreement for the project. The Board is being asked to delegate authority to staff to negotiate the agreement and delegate authority to the General Manager to execute the agreement when the agreement is completed.

Tasks will need to be issued to P2d to perform the technical analyses and prepare the documents for these early actions.

FUNDING IMPACT:

City of Alexandria TIF Balance:	\$1,615,100
This Project:	<u>1,500,000</u>
Remaining Balance:	\$ 115,100
Remarks:	Balance is as of December 2008

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to:

1. Establish a reimbursable project entitled Potomac Yard Metrorail Station;
2. Establish an initial budget of \$1.5 million from the City of Alexandria`s TIF account at Metro;
3. Amend the FY09 Reimbursable Projects` Budget to increase from \$20.05 million to \$21.55 million;
4. Negotiate and execute a reimbursable agreement with the City of Alexandria; and
5. Issue tasks to P2d for technical support.



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Presented to the Board of Directors:

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Purpose

Committee concurrence and Board approval to:

1. Establish a reimbursable project entitled Potomac Yard Metrorail Station;
2. Establish an initial budget of \$1.5M using the City of Alexandria's Transit Infrastructure Investment Fund (TIIF) account at Metro;
3. Increase the FY09 Reimbursable Projects' Budget from \$20.05M to \$21.55M;
4. Negotiate and execute a reimbursable agreement;
and
5. Issue tasks to P2d Contractor for technical support.



Project Actions

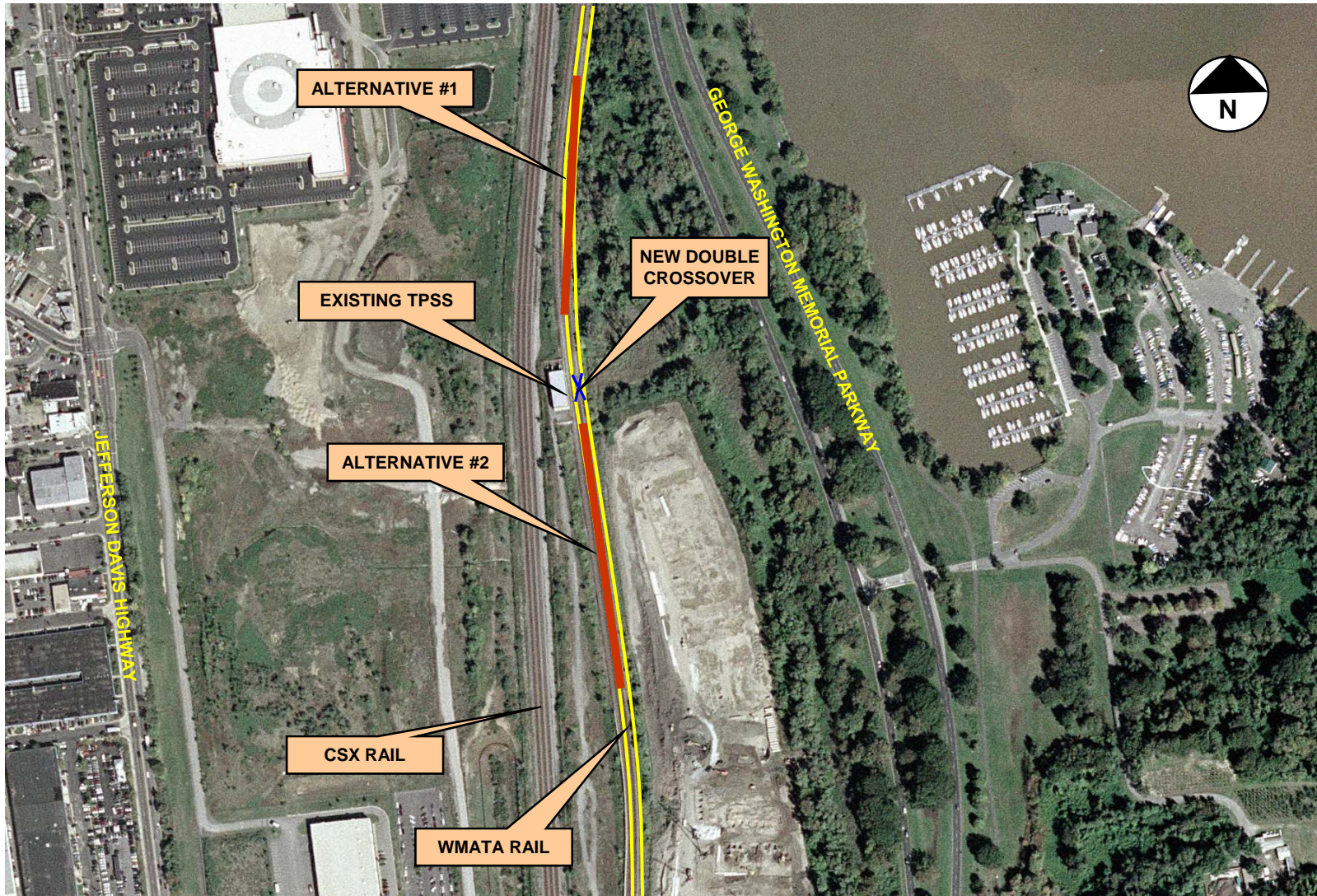
The City of Alexandria sent a letter requesting Metro participation in an alternatives analysis for station locations followed by a Public Hearing process;

The City of Alexandria's portion of the TIIF was recently estimated at approximately \$1.6M; and

The City of Alexandria has asked that \$1.5M of TIIF be allocated for the early actions.



Project Overview





Benefits/Costs

Benefit to Customers:

- Increased access to the transit system from a developing area; and
- Increased access via transit to a growing job center.

Implications on Service:

- May add a double cross-over to a segment of the railroad in need of this type of special trackwork; and
- Will increase travel time on portions of the Blue and Yellow lines due to the stopping at a new station.



Recommendations

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3. Increase the FY09 Reimbursable Projects' Budget from \$20.05M to \$21.55M;
4. Negotiate and execute a reimbursable agreement; and
5. Issue of tasks to P2d Contractor for technical support.

SUBJECT: AMENDED FISCAL 2009 REIMBURSABLE PROJECTS' BUDGET FOR
POTOMAC YARD STATION PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, On June 26, 2008, the Board of Directors approved the Fiscal 2009 Reimbursable Projects budget totaling \$20,050,000; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alexandria has requested Metro technical support for the study of the feasibility of constructing an in-fill station on the Blue-Yellow Line to service the development called Potomac Yard; and

WHEREAS, The City of Alexandria has identified its allocated TIIF funds as the source of the initial budget of \$1,500,000 for this project; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves establishment of a reimbursable project entitled Potomac Yard Metro Rail Station; and

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves establishment of an initial Project Budget of \$1.5 million using the City of Alexandria's TIIF account at Metro; and be it further

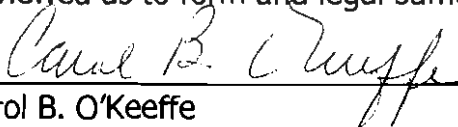
RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves an increase to the Fiscal 2009 Reimbursable Projects' budget by \$1,500,000 from \$20,050,000 to \$21,550,00 for this project; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes staff to negotiate and execute a reimbursable agreement with the City of Alexandria; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves issuance of tasks to P2d for technical support; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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