

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Eliminate Metrobus Route N22

PURPOSE:

To request Board approval of the staff report and recommendations to eliminate Metrobus Route N22, the Navy Yard Shuttle Line.

DESCRIPTION:

The proposed change would discontinue all service on Route N22, as described in Docket No. B09-2, so that the District of Columbia could transfer its subsidy to a new DC Circulator route to be established to operate between Union Station and Navy Yard Station.

One public hearing was conducted at the Jackson Graham Building on February 19, 2009. Approximately 50 persons attended the public hearing and 16 witnesses testified for the record. In addition, five persons submitted written testimony for the record.

Six witnesses supported conversion of Route N22 to the Circulator. These witnesses included representatives of ANC 6B, Capitol Riverfront BID, Capitol Hill BID, and Barracks Row Main Street.

Six employees from ATU Local 689 and two witnesses from Howard University opposed the conversion to the Circulator because of the loss of good paying WMATA jobs in favor of lower paid Circulator positions, which would not provide sufficient income to meet the cost of living in this area. Staff analysis has determined that no layoffs of Metrobus operators would result from the elimination of Route N22.

A representative of the Washington Navy Yard and an employee at Maritime Plaza expressed opposition to the elimination of the loop to 12th & M Streets SE on the proposed Circulator route, which would leave some employees several blocks from the nearest stop.

Two witnesses opposed the conversion because the Circulator does not accept MARC passes as fare payment.

One person requested that the Circulator route be extended west along M Street to the Waterfront in order to connect with the North-South route at 6th & Maine SW.

One person requested that the Circulator route operate on 2nd Street NE and SE and that it stop at Columbus Circle, rather than the Union Station garage.

One witness expressed concern about the reliability of Circulator service and another requested more details about the proposed Circulator route and stops.

These comments were given to the DC representative who attended the hearing so they can take them into consideration on their final route planning and scheduling process.

After reviewing the public hearing testimony, staff recommends that Route N22 be eliminated as proposed in Docket No. B09-2.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Elimination of Route N22 would have the following impacts on the Metrobus operating revenue, cost and subsidy. The FY09 impact is based on three months, assuming elimination of service effective March 29, 2009.

	FY09	Full Year
Revenue	(\$45,000)	(\$180,000)
Operating Cost	(\$446,000)	(\$1,784,000)
Subsidy	(\$401,000)	(\$1,604,000)

RECOMMENDATION:

Approve the staff report and recommendations to eliminate Metrobus Route N22, effective March 29, 2009.

SUBJECT: REQUEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVAL OF THE STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO ELIMINATE METROBUS ROUTE N22, THE NAVY YARD SHUTTLE LINE

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

WHEREAS, It is proposed to discontinue all service on Route N22, as described in Docket No. B09-2, so that the District of Columbia could transfer its subsidy to a new DC Circulator route to be established to operate between Union Station and Navy Yard Station; and

WHEREAS, One public hearing was conducted at the Jackson Graham Building on February 19, 2009; and

WHEREAS, Sixteen witnesses testified at the public hearing and five persons submitted written testimony for the record; and

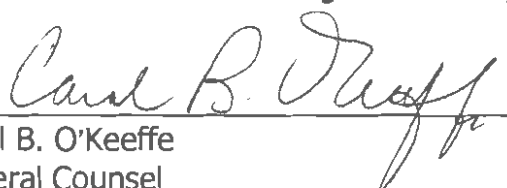
WHEREAS, Staff has reviewed the public hearing testimony and recommends that Route N22 be eliminated as proposed in Docket No. B09-2; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves the Staff Report and Recommendations to eliminate Route N22; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the budget be amended to reduce the Metrobus subsidy by \$401,000 in FY09 and by \$1,604,000 annually; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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