

**Finance, Administration and Oversight Committee**

**Information Item III-A**

**March 26, 2009**

**Authorization to Conduct Public Hearings on  
Mechanisms to Fill FY2010 Budget Gap**

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
**Board Action/Information Summary**

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**TITLE:**

Request Authorization - Service Reduction Hearings

**PURPOSE:**

To request the Board`s Finance, Oversight and Administration Committee authorize Metro to conduct public hearings on bus service reductions.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Metro is endeavoring to present a proposed FY2010 budget that is subsidy neutral. As part of the proposal is the request for a series public hearings on potential bus service reductions. In accordance with Section 62 of the Metro compact, the Board of Directors, will conduct a series of public hearings on a proposed reduction in bus service as shown in Attachment A of the resolution.

**FUNDING IMPACT:**

Authorization to conduct public hearings does not have any budgetary impact.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approval to conduct public hearings on proposed bus service reductions.

SUBJECT: PUBLIC HEARINGS ON PROPOSED BUS AND RAIL SERVICE CHANGES

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

WHEREAS, The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (Metro) provides Metrobus, Metrorail and MetroAccess services to the residents of the region; and

WHEREAS, Metrobus, Metrorail and MetroAccess combine to provide 1.2 million passenger trips daily; and

WHEREAS, The Washington metropolitan region has come to rely on the services of Metrorail, Metrobus and MetroAccess to provide safe and reliable service to respond to the mobility and accessibility travel needs of the region for work and discretionary activities; and

WHEREAS, The cost of Metrobus, Metrorail and MetroAccess are funded in part by passenger revenues and in part by subsidies provided by the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, local jurisdictions in Virginia and the Commonwealth of Virginia; and

WHEREAS, The current local economic environment is financially challenging for both private industry and for state and local governments; and

WHEREAS, Metro recognizes these economic challenges facing our local and state governments and is endeavoring to avoid making those challenges more difficult through an increased operating subsidy request increase; now, therefore be it

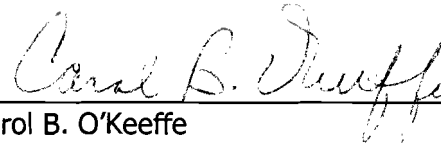
*RESOLVED*, That, in accordance with Section 62 of the WMATA Compact, the Board of Directors, will conduct a series of public hearings on proposed changes in bus service as shown in Attachment A, to this Resolution; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors expressly reserves judgment on whether any of the proposed bus service changes are appropriate or justified, and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to report on the findings of the public hearings and the Board of Directors shall consider these findings and public comments in their deliberations on any proposed changes in bus service; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effectively immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Carol B. O'Keeffe  
General Counsel

## Attachment A Service Reduction Package

### Line Eliminations

Routes	Line Name	N/NR	Service Reduction Description
<b>District of Columbia</b>			
98	ADAMS MORGAN U ST LINK	NR	Transfer to Circulator
N22	NAVY YARD SHUTTLE	R	Transfer to Circulator
M2	FAIRFAX VILLAGE-NAYLOR RD	NR	Eliminate-some alternate service
D5	MACARTHUR BLVD-GEORGETOWN	R	Eliminate-some alternate service
<b>Maryland</b>			
B27	BOWIE-NEW CARROLLTON	NR	Eliminate-some alternate service
B29,B31	CROFTON-NEW CARROLLTON	NR	Eliminate-some alternate service
C12,C14	HILLCREST HEIGHTS	R	Eliminate-some alternate service
C7,9	GREENBELT-GLENMONT	R	Eliminate-some alternate service
R3	GREENBELT-FT. TOTTEN	NR	Eliminate-some alternate service
W15	INDIAN HEAD HWY	R	Eliminate-some alternate service
<b>Virginia</b>			
24P	BALLSTON-PENTAGON	R	Eliminate-transfer to Arlington Transit
22B	PENTAGON-ARMY/NAVY-SHIRLEY PK	NR	Eliminate-transfer to Arlington Transit

### Route or Segment Eliminations

Routes	Line Name	N/NR	Service Reduction Description
<b>Maryland</b>			
C4	GREENBELT-TWINBROOK	R	Eliminate west of Wheaton Station
C8	COLLEGE PK-WHITE FLINT	R	Eliminate off-peak and Saturday
L7	CONNECTICUT AVE-MD	NR	Eliminate L7 - increase L8
Q2	VEIRS MILL ROAD	R	Eliminate south of Wheaton and north of Montgomery College
J5	TWINBROOK-SILVER SPRING	NR	Reroute to local streets and increase
P17-19	OXON HILL-FT WASHINGTON	R	Cut back to Southern Ave Station
W13,14	BOCK ROAD	R	Cut back to Southern Ave Station
Z2	COLESVILLE-ASHTON	NR	Eliminate midday service and all Saturday Service North of White Oak
<b>Virginia</b>			
10A,E	HUNTING TOWERS-PENTAGON	R	Eliminate 10A weekday after 9pm and all day weekends - keep 10E
21 A-F	LANDMARK-PENTAGON	NR	Restructure
26A,E,W	GEORGE-FALLS CHURCH	RIMB	Eliminate all or raise fares

### Increase of Fares on Specific Routes

Routes	Line Name	N/NR	Service Reduction Description
<b>Maryland</b>			
J7,J9	I-270 EXPRESS	NR	Convert from local fare to express fare
W19	INDIAN HEAD EXPRESS	NR	Convert from local fare to express fare
<b>Virginia</b>			
26A,E,W	GEORGE-FALLS CHURCH	RIMB	Raise from \$0.50 to \$1.35

## Headway Changes

Routes	Line Name	N/NR	Service Reduction Description
<b>District of Columbia</b>			
52-54	14TH STREET	R	Peak Period Headway Widening
80	NORTH CAPITOL STREET	R	Peak Period Headway Widening
90-92	U STREET - GARFIELD	R	Peak Period Headway Widening
H2-4	CROSSTOWN	R	
H6	BROOKLAND - FORT LINCOLN	NR	Peak Off-Peak Headway Widening
N2-6	MASSACHUSETTS AVENUE	R	Peak Period Headway Widening
S2-4	16TH STREET	R	Peak Period Headway Widening
V7-9	MINNESOTA AVENUE - M STREET	R	Peak Period Headway Widening
X2	BENNING ROAD-H STREET	R	Peak Period Headway Widening
<b>Maryland</b>			
A12	MARTIN LUTHER KING JR HIGHWAY	R	Peak Period Headway Widening
J11,12	MARLBORO PIKE	NR	Peak Period Headway Widening
Z9,29	LAUREL-BURTONSVILLE EXP.	NR	Peak Period Headway Widening
Z11,13	GREENCASTLE-BRIGGS CHANEY EXP.	NR	Peak Period Headway Widening
<b>Virginia</b>			
7A,E,F	LINCOLNIA-N FAIRLINGTON	R	Widen headway Peak and evening

### Metro Takeover of Ride-On Service on Weekends

Routes	Line Name	N/NR	Service Increase Description
<b>Maryland</b>			
L8	CONNECTICUT AVE-MD	NR	Metro take-over Sat and Sun Service
T2	RIVER ROAD	NR	Metro take-over Sat and Sun Service
Z2	COLESVILLE-ASHTON	NR	Metro take-over Sat Service

Currently Metro operates these routes on weekdays and Ride-On operates them on weekends