

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 the General Manager's proposed FY 2010 budget, including the proposed changes in bus service as shown in Attachment A to this Resolution; and be it further

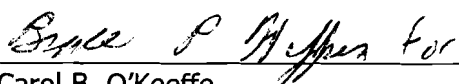
*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors directs that comments on these proposals be solicited from the Rider's Advisory Council; and be it further

*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,

  
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Carol B. O'Keefe  
General Counsel

**FY2010 METROBUS SERVICE REDUCTION PACKAGE**

<b>LINE ELIMINATIONS</b>		
<b>ROUTE(S)</b>	<b>LINE NAME</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
<b>District of Columbia</b>		
M2	Fairfax Village - Naylor Road	Discontinue all service. Alternate routes: F14.
D5	MacArthur Blvd. - Georgetown	Discontinue all service. Alternate routes: D6.
<b>Maryland</b>		
B27	Bowie - New Carrollton	Discontinue all service. Alternate routes: B21, B22, T16, T17.
B29, B31	Crofton - New Carrollton	Discontinue all service. Alternate routes: B21, B22, B24, B25, C28.
C7, C9	Greenbelt - Glenmont	Discontinue all service. Alternate routes: 83, 86, 87, 89, C2, C8, R2, R5, R12, T17, Z8, Z9, Ride On 10, The Bus 11.
C12, C14	Hillcrest Heights	Discontinue all service. Alternate routes: H11, H12, P12.
R3	Greenbelt - Fort Totten	Discontinue all service. Alternate routes: 83, C2, C4, C8, F4, F6, F8, R1, R2, R4, R5, R12, T16, T17, The Bus 11, 13, 14, 15, 15X, 16.
W15	Indian Head Highway	Discontinue all service. Alternate routes: A2, D12, D13, D14, P12, W13.

<b>LINE ELIMINATIONS/SERVICE SUBSTITUTION</b>		
<b>Virginia</b>		
22B	Pentagon-Army/Navy Dr.-Shirley Pk.	Discontinue all service by Metro – Service to be replaced by Arlington Transit
24P	Ballston - Pentagon	Discontinue all service by Metro - Service to be replaced by Arlington Transit

ROUTE OR SEGMENT ELIMINATIONS		
ROUTE(S)	LINE NAME	SERVICE REDUCTION DESCRIPTION
<b>Maryland</b>		
C4,C2	Greenbelt - Twinbrook	Discontinue all C4 service between Wheaton and Twinbrook Stations. (C2 applies only to trips going to or from garage which had been extended west of Wheaton Station.)
C8	College Park - White Flint	Eliminate weekday off-peak and all Saturday service.
J5	Twinbrook - Silver Spring	Reroute over the discontinued segments of C4 and Q2 as a partial replacement during rush hours only. Increase frequency from 30 to 20 minutes.
L7	Connecticut Avenue - Maryland	Eliminate L7 and increase service on L8.
NH1	National Harbor	Reroute from Southern Avenue Station to Branch Avenue Station.
P17, P18, P19	Oxon Hill - Fort Washington	Reroute all trips to Southern Avenue Station. Charge regular fare instead of express fare.
Q2	Veirs Mill Road	Eliminate north of Rockville Station and south of Wheaton Station at all times except retain route between Rockville Station and Montgomery College as required for student travel.
W13, W14	Bock Road	Reroute all trips to Southern Avenue Station. Charge regular fare instead of express fare.
Z2	Colesville - Ashton	Eliminate weekday midday service. On Saturday, eliminate service between White Oak and Colesville.
<b>Virginia</b>		
10A	Hunting Towers - Pentagon	Eliminate weekday service after 9 p.m. and all weekend service. Increase service on 10B to replace Alexandria portion of weekday service and Saturday late evening and Sunday 10A service.
21A,B,C,D,F	Landmark - Pentagon	Restructure to a single route via Reynolds St., Edsall Rd., Whiting St., Stevenson Ave., Yoakum Pkwy., Edsall Rd., Van Dorn St., Duke St., I-395 to Pentagon.
26A,E,W	GEORGE (Falls Church service)	Eliminate all service or increase fare

INCREASE FARE ON SPECIFIC ROUTES		
ROUTE(S)	LINE NAME	FARE CHANGE
<b>Maryland</b>		
J7, J9	I-270 Express	Charge \$3.10 cash/\$3.00 SmarTrip express fare instead of regular fare.
W19	Indian Head Express	Charge \$3.10 cash/\$3.00 SmarTrip express fare instead of regular fare.
<b>Virginia</b>		
26A,E,W	GEORGE (Falls Church service)	Increase from \$0.50 to regular fare (\$1.35 cash/\$1.25 SmarTrip).

CHANGE IN FREQUENCY OF SERVICE		
ROUTE(S)	LINE NAME	CHANGE
<b>District of Columbia</b>		
52, 53, 54	14 <sup>th</sup> Street	Interval between buses during rush hours to increase from 4.5 to 5 minutes. However, new express DC Circulator service will operate on 14 <sup>th</sup> Street between Irving Street and H Street beginning on April 1, 2009.
80	North Capitol Street	Interval between buses during a.m. rush hours to increase from 8.5 to 10 minutes.
90, 92	U Street - Garfield	Interval between buses during a.m. rush hours to increase from 4 to 4.5 minutes and during p.m. rush hours from 5 to 5.5 minutes.
H2, H3, H4	Crosstown	Interval between buses during a.m. rush hours to increase from 5 to 5.5 minutes and during p.m. rush hours from 8.5 to 10 minutes.
H6	Brookland - Fort Lincoln	Interval between buses during rush hours to increase from 10 to 14 minutes and during midday hours from 15 to 20 minutes. However, there will be no loss of capacity on this line because larger buses were assigned to the route.
N2, N3, N4	Massachusetts Avenue	Interval between buses during p.m. rush hours to increase from 6 to 7 minutes.
S2, S4	16 <sup>th</sup> Street	Interval between buses during rush hours to increase from 4 to 4.5 minutes. However, there will be new express bus service during rush hours on 16 <sup>th</sup> Street beginning on March 30, 2009.
V7, V9	Minnesota Avenue - M Street	Interval between buses during rush hours to increase from 8 to 9 minutes.
X2	Benning Road - H Street	Interval between buses during rush hours to increase from 6.8 to 7.5 minutes.

<b>Maryland</b>		
A12	M. L. King Jr. Highway	Interval between buses during rush hours to increase from 20 to 25 minutes.
J11, J12	Marlboro Pike	Interval between buses during rush hours to increase from 23 to 31 minutes.
Z9, Z29	Laurel - Burtonsville Express	Interval between buses during a.m. rush hours to increase from 20 to 30 minutes on each route.
Z11, Z13	Greencastle - Briggs Chaney Express	Interval between Z11 buses during rush hours to increase from 10 to 15 minutes.
<b>Virginia</b>		
7A, 7E, 7F	Lincolnia - North Fairlington	7A,F: Interval between buses during evening hours to increase from 15 to 30 minutes between 8 and 10 p.m. 7E: Interval between buses during a.m. rush hours to increase from 4 to 7.5 minutes and during p.m. rush hours to increase from 7.5 to 10 minutes.

<b>OPERATION ON WEEKENDS BY Metrobus INSTEAD OF BY Ride On (Metrobus to continue to operate weekday service.)</b>		
<b>ROUTE(S)</b>	<b>LINE NAME</b>	<b>DAY(S)</b>
L8	Connecticut Avenue - Maryland	Saturday & Sunday. Same service as provided by Ride On.
T2	River Road	Saturday & Sunday. Same service as provided by Ride On.
Z2	Colesville - Ashton	Saturday. Same service as provided by Ride On between White Oak and Silver Spring Station. (Does not operate on Sunday.)