## Administrative Item #10 04-23-09

# Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board Action/Information Summary

		MEAD Number: 100320	Resolution:  Yes No
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### TITLE:

Transfers for Fairfax City CUE Service & Metrobus

#### **PURPOSE:**

Authorize the modification of the transfer charge between Fairfax City`s CUE service and Metrobus service.

#### **DESCRIPTION:**

Until their recent fare change in January the CUE system charged a lower base fare than the Metrobus system. As a result, a step-up fee has been in effect to equalize fares. The Metro Tariff specifically identifies the value of the CUE base fare (\$.75) and step-up values to base Metrobus (\$.50) and Metrobus Express service (\$2.25). Since the CUE base fare is now equal to the Metrobus base fare, CUE has requested that the Authority eliminate the base fare step-up and reduce the step-up fee to Metrobus Express to \$1.75. This request is consistent with fare policy governing SmarTrip® and transfers throughout the region.

#### **FUNDING IMPACT:**

Budget: Operating Budget, FY 2009

Office: CFO

Account: Operating Revenues - Bus

This Action: -\$10,000

Remarks: This item results in a reduction of revenues to be distributed

across the region.

Budget: Operating Budget, FY 2010

Office: CFO

Account: Operating Revenues - Bus

This Action: -\$60,000

Remarks: This item results in a reduction of revenues to be distributed

across the region.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the attached resolution allowing the adjustment of the step-up paid by CUE riders when boarding Metrobus.

# SUBJECT: AMENDMENT TO THE METRO TARIFF COVERING THE COST OF A TRANSFER FROM FAIRFAX CITY'S CUE BUS TO METROBUS

PROPOSED

RESOLUTION

OF THE

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

OF THE

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Metro Tariff provides that Fairfax City's CUE Bus SmarTrip<sup>®</sup> transfers will be valued at \$0.75 resulting in a "step up" charge of \$0.50 when a patron is transferring to a base fare Metrobus and a \$2.25 "step up" when transferring to express Metrobus service; and

WHEREAS, CUE Bus has requested that the value of transfers be adjusted to take into account that the new CUE Bus fares are now equivalent to base fare Metrobus service and should require no "step up" charge; and

WHEREAS, Changes to fares and related charges must be approved by the Metro Board of Directors; now, therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, That effective April 26, 2009, a transfer issued by the CUE Bus shall be valued at \$1.25 and no "step up" fee will be paid when transferring to a base fare Metrobus and express service will require a "step up" of \$1.75; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

Carol B. O'Keeffe

General Counsel