

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF STAFF REPORT AND BOARD OF DIRECTORS ACTION ON
2009 HEARINGS ON PROPOSED SERVICE REDUCTION

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, These systems combine to provide about 1.3 million passenger trips daily; and

WHEREAS, The Washington metropolitan region has come to rely on the services of the Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess systems 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 services is 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 General Manager's estimated FY2010 operating budget for Metrobus, Metrorail and MetroAccess currently includes a \$154 million shortfall; and

WHEREAS, The General Manager has recommended a series of internal actions that have reduced the projected shortfall to \$29 million; and

WHEREAS, On March 26, 2009, the Board of Directors authorized public hearings on a proposed service reduction, in accordance with Section 62 of the WMATA Compact; and

WHEREAS, Six public hearings were conducted between April 13–17, 2009, to solicit public comment on the proposed service reduction and the FY2010 budget; and

WHEREAS, The proposed service adjustments had support from one person, five respondents were neutral and the remaining 2,678 respondents opposed some portion of the proposal; and

WHEREAS, A majority of respondents (54%) commented on a lack of equity in the proposal in regards to the effect on people who are transit dependent; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors has considered the public comments reflected in the staff report and has determined to limit the service reductions for FY2010 to the following:

Maryland

Implement J7, J9 fare change (express)
Eliminate L7, add L8 trips
Eliminate weekday, midday service on Z2
Eliminate C7, 9
Implement W19 fare increase

Virginia

City of Alexandria

Restructure 21A, B, C, D, and F

Arlington County

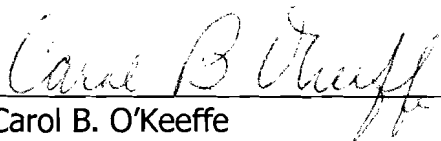
Transfer 22B and 24P from Metro to Arlington County (to be taken over by Arlington Transit); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the FY2010 Operating Budget will be balanced by using the existing Operating Reserve to provide credits of \$5,138 million to subsidy or services in the State of Maryland; \$5,060 million to subsidy or services in the District of Columbia; and \$3,141 million to subsidy or services in the Commonwealth of Virginia; and be it further

RESOLVED, That any subsidy surplus achieved in the FY2009 will be used to replenish the Operating Reserve; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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