

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

Action  
 Information

MEAD Number:

Resolution:  
 Yes  No

**PURPOSE**

To obtain the Board's approval to temporarily change the route and fare for Metrobus Routes A9, P17, P19, and W13 for the duration of the District Department of Transportation construction project, which will close the South Capitol Street Bridge.

**DESCRIPTION**

The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) is planning to close the South Capitol Street Bridge to all traffic for approximately eight weeks during July and August 2007 in order to demolish part of the viaduct west of the river to create an at-grade intersection with Potomac Avenue. Metrobus Routes A9 (Livingston), P17 & P19 (Fort Washington), and W13 (Friendly) operate peak period service across the bridge carrying 2,400 daily passengers. The detour route for all traffic will be via the 11<sup>th</sup> Street Bridge (I-295) to the Southeast Freeway, which is anticipated to be severely congested, causing significant delays for buses and other traffic. In order to maintain reliable service for our customers, it is proposed to temporarily cut back the affected routes at Metrorail stations east of the river where passengers can transfer to Metrorail to reach their destinations. This service plan would temporarily terminate Route A9 at Anacostia Station and Routes P17, P19, and W13 at Southern Avenue Station for the duration of the project. Additional rail cars have recently been added to the Green Line in order to increase capacity and accommodate additional rail passengers. In order to keep fares consistent with other routes in the service area and to mitigate the impact of higher rail fares, it is proposed to temporarily incorporate the A9 into the Anacostia Reduced Fare Program, reducing the fare from \$1.25 to \$0.75, and to temporarily reduce the P17, P19, W13 express \$3.00 fare to the regular \$1.25 fare. The proposed service plan would maintain travel times and fares which are generally comparable to the current service. Once the bridge is reopened to traffic, the Metrobus routes and fares would return to their current condition. Staff will coordinate with DDOT and the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to provide information about these temporary changes to our customers and the general public.

## **FUNDING IMPACT**

It is projected that there would be no funding impact. The reduction in bus revenue would be offset by additional rail revenue. After the project is complete, staff will analyze costs and revenues and the District will reimburse WMATA for any shortfall.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

Approve the proposed temporary Metrobus route and fare changes affecting Routes A9, P17, P19, and W13 to be effective for the duration of the South Capitol Street Bridge closure.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED:

SUBJECT: PROPOSED METROBUS SERVICE AND FARE PLAN FOR CLOSURE OF THE SOUTH CAPITOL STREET (FREDERICK DOUGLASS) BRIDGE

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

WHEREAS, The District Department of Transportation is planning to close the South Capitol Street Bridge to all traffic for approximately eight weeks during July and August 2007, in order to demolish part of the viaduct west of the river to create an at-grade intersection with Potomac Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Metrobus Routes A9 (Livingston), P17 & P19 (Fort Washington), and W13 (Friendly) operate peak period service across the bridge carrying 2,400 daily passengers; and

WHEREAS, The detour route for all traffic will be via the 11th Street Bridge (I-295) to the Southeast Freeway, which is anticipated to be severely congested, causing significant delays for buses and other traffic; and

WHEREAS, In order to maintain reliable service for our customers, it is proposed to temporarily cut back the affected routes at Metrorail stations east of the river where passengers can transfer to Metrorail to reach their destinations; and

WHEREAS, This service plan would temporarily terminate Route A9 at Anacostia Station and Routes P17, P19, and W13 at Southern Avenue Station for the duration of the project; and

WHEREAS, Additional rail cars have recently been added to the Green Line in order to increase capacity and accommodate additional rail passengers; and

WHEREAS, In order to keep fares consistent with other routes in the service area and to mitigate the impact of higher rail fares, it is proposed to temporarily incorporate the A9 into the Anacostia Reduced Fare Program, reducing the fare from \$1.25 to \$0.75, and to temporarily reduce the P17, P19, W13 express \$3.00 fare to the regular \$1.25 fare; and

WHEREAS, The proposed service plan would maintain travel times and fares, which are generally comparable to the current service; now, therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, That the proposed temporary Metrobus route and fare changes affecting Routes A9, P17, P19, and W13 are approved to be effective for the duration of the South Capitol Street Bridge closure; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the District of Columbia will reimburse WMATA for any shortfall in revenue; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That Metrobus routes and fares will return to their current condition once the bridge is reopened to traffic; and be it finally

*RESOLVED*, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

  
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Carol B. O'Keeffe  
General Counsel