

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

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PURPOSE

To obtain Board approval to:

1. Negotiate a land transaction with the District of Columbia, by which WMATA may acquire the DC Village property via monetary consideration or an exchange of existing properties;
2. Hold a Compact public hearing on the project and its Environmental Assessment, General Plans and Preliminary Financial Plan;
3. Advertise the Phase 1 construction contract upon completion of the bid documents;
4. Apply for a Federal bus facility grant,

all in order to advance the replacement of the Southeastern Bus Garage and Police Training Facility.

DESCRIPTION

Background

The search for a replacement site has a 30 year history. With the new ballpark, a replacement now is beneficial to ensure consistent, safe and reliable transit and to expand garage capacity to meet future service growth. The District of Columbia has proposed 16.5 acres at D.C. Village as the replacement site.

In December 2006, WMATA staff completed sale of SE Garage employee parking lot.

In January 2007, the Board established the project with initial budget of \$500,000 for planning.

In April 2007, the Board added the police training facility to the project and increased the budget for project development, preliminary engineering, final design and other early actions.

In April 2007, WMATA staff received an unsolicited proposal to purchase the Southeastern Bus Garage and related property.

Discussion

1. Land Transaction

The District of Columbia has proposed 16.5 acres of D.C. Village in southwest Washington, DC as the replacement site for the Southeastern Bus Garage. For the conveyance of the D.C. Village property, the District has requested monetary consideration or an exchange of properties, which may include WMATA's Stone Straw building.

2. Compact Hearing

WMATA staff and consultant have prepared the Environmental Assessment, General Plans, and Preliminary Financial Plan with supporting documentation. The Preliminary Financial Plan addresses capital funding and operating funding strategies. These documents are available for review by Board members in the Office of Secretary, second floor of the Jackson Graham Building. Staff requests Board approval to hold a Compact public hearing and Board authorization of the General Manager to release the hearing staff report upon its completion.

3. Advertisement of Phase 1 Construction Contract

Staff requests Board approval to advertise the Phase 1 contract upon completion of the bid documents.

4. Application for a Federal Bus Facility Grant

Staff requests Committee concurrence and the Board approval to apply for a FTA capital grant. FTA has recently invited transit authorities to apply for the \$438 million in discretionary funds available in Fiscal Year 2007 under its Bus and Bus Facilities Program. The replacement of the Southeastern Bus Garage satisfies the FTA priorities and evaluation criteria for a capital grant. A grant of \$3 to \$10 million would assist in funding construction of storage and maintenance capacity of additional buses. Since applications are due May 22, 2007, staff requests Committee concurrence to proceed with the grant application prior to Board approval on May 24.

Farecard Sales Office

The relocation of the existing farecard sales office from Southeastern Bus Garage to Anacostia Station is a project separate from the replacement of the Garage. The funding of the new sales office will be from the Metro Matters program for customer service facilities.

Next Steps

- Advertise Phase 1 contract.
- Conduct hearing.
- Return to the Board in September with the following actions:
 - Approve project and amend Mass Transit Plan.
 - Approve and execute land transaction agreement.

- Award Phase 1 contract.
- Fund and advertise Phase 2.

FUNDING IMPACT

None by these actions.

RECOMMENDATION

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PRESENTED AND ADOPTED:

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO HOLD HEARING; TO ADVERTISE PHASE 1 CONTRACT; TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL GRANT

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

WHEREAS, On January 19, 2006, the Board of Directors resolved that the Southeastern Bus Garage is a first priority project for relocation and directed staff to explore all reasonable alternatives in preparing a plan to accomplish the relocation, subject to the availability of funding and jurisdictional coordination and endorsement; and

WHEREAS, On April 26, 2007, the Board of Directors directed staff to combine the transit police training facility with the replacement of the Southeastern Bus Garage; and

WHEREAS, On April 26, 2007, the Board of Directors resolved that it would have no further action on the Project at D.C. Village until such time as there is an approved final plan for the relocation of any shelter beds displaced by the construction of Southeastern Bus Garage at D.C. Village; and

WHEREAS, The City Administrator of the District of Columbia is currently engaged with others in the approval of a final plan which includes funding for the relocation of any shelter beds displaced by the construction of Southeastern Bus Garage at D.C. Village by the end of 2007, which will fulfill the requirements of Board Resolution #2007-16; and

WHEREAS, On May 10, 2007, the Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee of the Board of Directors received briefings on the Environmental Assessment, General Plans and Financial Plan of the Project at D.C. Village; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the staff to hold a Compact public hearing on the Project at D.C. Village. The General Manager, in coordination with the District of Columbia Board members, will establish the date, time and location of the hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to release the Public Hearing Staff Report (Staff Report) for public comment, as soon as the Staff

Report is available, subject to later submission of the Staff Report Supplement, with final staff recommendations, to the Board of Directors for its approval. All Board members will receive the Staff Report concurrently with its release for public review; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to advertise the Phase 1 Bus Facility contract, as soon as the bid documents are available; and be it further

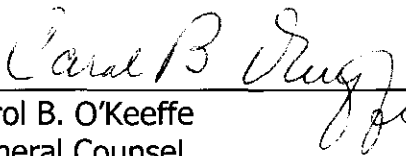
RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to negotiate an agreement with the District of Columbia for the conveyance of approximately 16.5 acres of real property at D.C. Village, S.W.; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to offer for sale the Southeastern Bus Garage and its bus parking lot. The sale proceeds will be for the replacement of the Southeastern Bus Garage and the police training facility; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to file and execute a capital grant application and resulting grant agreement with the U.S. Department of Transportation for funding of the replacement of the Southeastern Bus Garage; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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