

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Public Hearing for MTPD Facility

PURPOSE:

To obtain Board approval to hold a Public Hearing for a new MTPD Facility.

DESCRIPTION:

A new District II substation and training facility will meet Metro`s Goal of retaining, attracting, and rewarding the best and the brightest by providing modern facilities for the people that work and train at this location.

The current Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) District II substation at Huntington Metro Station is approximately 6,500 square feet and undersized for the officers that work at the facility. Also, the building and land were sold to a developer who is responsible to provide space in a future development. However, the developer`s time line is undefined and the replacement space will not accommodate the needs of the police. Since Metro has land available at Franconia-Springfield Metro Station for a new District II facility, a concept has been developed that will provide the space required for current District II operations as well as for moderate (20%) future growth.

MTPD also needs a facility for firearms training for the approximately 600 sworn and non-sworn personnel (Special Police) who are required by local jurisdiction training mandates to qualify with their issued firearm on an annual basis. That certification is accomplished by visiting a firing range and attaining a prescribed passing score firing their weapon at targets. Furthermore, officers must also qualify with a different caliber of weapon on an annual basis, including shotguns and MP-5`s. Currently, certification is accomplished by sending officers to training facilities owned by other police departments or a Federal facility. As a result, MTPD officers are afforded time only when the other law enforcement departments are not using it, which is usually off hours, resulting in Metro`s officers incurring overtime to conduct the training. Additionally, some of the training facilities charge Metro for the use of the facility. The estimated annual savings in overtime and rent is approximately \$1,000,000. These savings are estimated to off-set the increased maintenance costs associated with the

facilities. The available land at Franconia-Springfield Metro Station is large enough to accommodate a training facility and concept has been prepared for 24 firing lanes, and the requisite parking for both buildings.

Both the new District II facility and a training facility were included in the Capital Needs Inventory, as well as the Approved FY2011-FY2016 Capital Improvement Program and the Proposed FY2012-FY2017 Capital Improvement Program.

To add the new District II and training facilities to the Mass Transit Plan, an environmental analysis of the proposed additions and a Metro Compact Public Hearing must be held. A Documented Categorical Exclusion (DCE) has been prepared in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) to study the effects on the environment should the MTPD facilities be built. The DCE also serves as the environmental analysis for the Metro Compact. Therefore, staff is seeking Board approval to hold the requisite Public Hearing that would lead to adding the MTPD facilities to the Mass Transit Plan.

As a final note, Metro staff will continue to negotiate with the developer to ensure that the developer satisfies its obligations under the agreement in a way that will be most beneficial to Metro's operational and/or economic needs.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Fiscal Year 2011 - 2016			
Program:	Capital Improvement Program		
Project:	MTPD District 2 (CIP 101)		
Project Manager:	Ron Pavlik/John Thomas		
Project Department/Office:	Metro Transit Police Department/Transit Infrastructure and Engineering Services		
Budget:	FY11	FY12-16	Total
	\$1,295,753	\$16,082,912	\$17,378,665
This Action:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Prior Approval:	\$275,571	\$0	\$275,571
Remaining Budget:	\$1,020,182	\$16,082,912	\$17,103,094
Remarks:	No change in budget to hold a Public Hearing.		
Operating Budget Impact:	Positions: None Annual Expenses: None with this action. However, there are estimated operational savings if the facility is built.		

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to hold a Compact Public Hearing for a new Metro Transit Police Department Facility.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR METRO TRANSIT POLICE DEPARTMENT FACILITIES

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

WHEREAS, In June 2010, the Metro Board of Directors approved the FY11-16 Capital Improvement Program that included funding for a new District II and Training Facility ("Facility") for the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD); and

WHEREAS, The Facility would be located on available Metro property at the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station; and

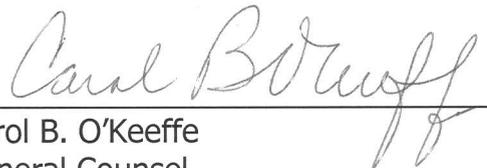
WHEREAS, Staff has prepared a Documented Categorical Exclusion and Draft General Plan for the proposed Facility which meets the requirements for the documentation required for the holding of a Metro Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, A Public Hearing is required for the proposed MTPD Facilities at Franconia-Springfield Station because it would need to be added to the Mass Transit Plan if constructed; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves the holding of a Public Hearing for the proposed MTPD Facilities at the Franconia-Springfield Station; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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