

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Public Hearing for Southern Ave. Garage

PURPOSE:

To obtain Board approval to hold a Public Hearing for a new Southern Avenue Bus Garage.

DESCRIPTION:

The request to approve the holding of a Public Hearing is necessary to continue the progress towards building a new bus garage to replace the existing 88 year old Southern Avenue Bus Garage. The existing garage has exceeded its useful life, has no potential for expansion, and is not compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. New technology buses and fuels in an expanded and modern facility, will improve the quality of bus service, thereby enhancing Metro's image. In addition, a modern, well-designed facility will help to attract new employees, advancing Metro's goal of attracting and retaining the best and the brightest. Accordingly, this project was included in the Capital Needs Inventory, as well as the Approved FY2011-FY2016 Capital Improvement Program and the Proposed FY2012-FY2017 Capital Improvement Program.

As part of the capital program process to evaluate options for assessing needs of a new facility, an unsolicited proposal was received in August 2009 offering to provide the real estate necessary to house a new garage to replace Southern Avenue Bus Garage. The proposal also offered design and construction services. A second site was offered in response to a request for qualifications. Both sites and project teams were deemed technically acceptable. Metro entered into agreements with each proposer offering a stipend for their support of the environmental evaluation process as well as for the preparation of General Plans. Meanwhile, a Metro consultant performed an environmental evaluation of the two proposed sites as well as a re-build in place option. The environmental evaluation document, an Environmental Assessment, has been submitted to FTA for review and General Plans have been prepared for each of the alternatives. The next step in the process is the holding of a Compact Public Hearing. Accordingly, staff is seeking approval to hold a hearing.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Fiscal Year 2011 - 2016			
Program:	Capital Improvement Program		
Project:	Southern Ave Garage Replacement (CIP 084)		
Project Manager:	John Thomas		
Project Department/Office:	Transit Infrastructure and Engineering Services/Chief Engineer - Infrastructure		
Budget:	FY11	FY12-16	Total
	\$10,533,021	\$102,725,354	\$113,258,375
This Action:	\$0	\$0	\$0
Prior Approval:	\$2,979,468	\$0	\$2,979,468
Remaining Budget:	\$7,553,553	\$102,725,354	\$110,278,907
Remarks:	No change in budget to hold a Public Hearing.		
Operating Budget Impact:	Positions: None Annual Expenses: None		

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to hold a Compact Public Hearing for a new Southern Avenue Bus Garage.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR SOUTHERN AVENUE BUS GARAGE REPLACEMENT

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

WHEREAS, In June 2010, the Board of Directors approved the FY11-16 Capital Improvement Program that included funding for a replacement garage for the existing Southern Avenue Division; and

WHEREAS, Two new sites as well as a rebuild in place option are under consideration for the replacement of the existing garage; and

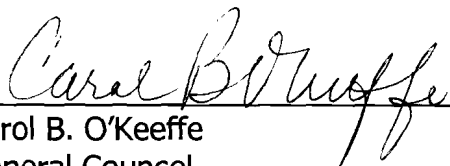
WHEREAS, Staff has prepared an Environmental Assessment and Draft General Plans for the replacement facility which meet the requirements of the documentation required for the holding of a Metro Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing is required for the proposed replacement of the existing garage because the new garage 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 replacement of the existing Southern Avenue Division Bus Garage; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Carol B. O'Keeffe
General Counsel