

Finance, Administration and Oversight Committee

Action Item III-D

June 14, 2007

Staff Report and Recommendation to Restructure Metrobus Lines 25A-R and 7A-W

Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority Board Action/Information Summary

✓ Action☐ Information	Resolution: ☐ Yes ☒ No

PURPOSE

To request Board approval of the staff report and recommendations on the proposed restructuring of Metrobus Lines 25A,F,G,J,P,R Ballston-Bradlee-Pentagon, 7A,B,C,D,E,F,H,P,W,X Lincolnia-North Fairlington; and implementation of Saturday service on 22B Pentagon-Army-Navy Drive-Shirley Park Line.

DESCRIPTION

A public hearing was conducted in Arlington County on March 22, 2007, on the proposed service restructuring plan. Twenty-five persons attended the hearing and seventeen witnesses testified for the record. Ninety-seven emails and one letter were received for the record. One witness supported portions of the proposal. Two witnesses spoke on topics unrelated to the proposal. Fourteen witnesses, ninety-seven emails and one letter opposed the elimination of the 7B from the Stonegate/Park Center communities in the City of Alexandria. In addition, a community meeting was conducted in the Stonegate community on April 24, 2007, to discuss the proposed elimination of Route 7B and the 25 restructuring plan.

After reviewing the public hearing testimony, written comments received and the comments from riders in the Stonegate/Park Center area, and in coordination with the City of Alexandria and Arlington County and Fairfax County staffs, it is recommended that the modified service restructuring plan (which does not recommend elimination of Route 7B) as described in the staff report (which is part of the MEAD) be implemented. If approved, the service plan would be implemented in September 2007.

FUNDING IMPACT

The recommended modified service restructuring plan would have the following increase on Metrobus costs, revenue and subsidy:

Annual Cost	\$220,000	FY08 Cost	\$165,000
Annual Revenue	\$19,000	FY08 Revenue	\$14,000
Annual Subsidy	\$201,000	FY08 Subsidy	\$151,000

The proposed modified service plan would require two additional buses and four operators over presently scheduled Saturday service. These impacts are not included in the proposed FY08 budget.

The Annual impact would be a \$148,000 regional subsidy increase. There would be an increase of \$72,000 in cost, \$19,000 in revenue and \$53,000 subsidy for the non-regional service.

Jurisdiction	Non-Regional	Regional	Total
District of Columbia	\$0	\$36,000	\$36,000
Montgomery County	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000
Prince Georges County	\$0	\$16,000	\$16,000
Alexandria	\$0	\$18,000	\$18,000
Arlington County	\$53,000	\$33,000	\$86,000
Fairfax City	\$0	\$0	\$0
Fairfax County	\$0	\$30,000	\$30,000
Falls Church	\$0	\$0	\$0
Total	\$53,000	\$148,000	\$201,000

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the staff report and recommendations on the modified proposed restructuring of regional Metrobus Routes 25A, 25F, 25G, 25J, 25P, 25R and implement new Saturday service on 22B Pentagon-Army-Navy Drive-Shirley Park Line in Arlington and Fairfax Counties, and the City of Alexandria, Virginia. Amend the FY08 Budget to include the increased cost.

The following service restructuring plan is recommended:

7A-X Lincolnia-North Fairlington Line would <u>not</u> be included in the restructuring plan and continue to operate current route patterns and schedules.

Restructure Ballston-Bradlee-Pentagon Line from six routes to three (25A, 25C, 25D) and implement new Saturday service on 22B Pentagon-Army-Navy Drive-Shirley Park Line as follows:

Route 25A (Ballston-Pentagon): Operate via present route from Ballston-MU station to Leesburg Pike & Jefferson Street, then continue Leesburg Pike, George Mason Drive, Seminary Road, Fillmore Avenue, Beauregard Street, Braddock Road, Van Dorn Street, Menokin Drive, King Street service roadway (Bradlee Center), Dearing Street, South Wakefield Street, 34th Street, South Utah Street, 36th Street, South Stafford Street, 32nd Road, Quaker Lane, Shirlington Rotary, Shirlington Road, 28th Street, South Quincy Street, Arlington Mill Drive, Shirlington Road, Shirlington Rotary, I-395 or HOV lanes to Pentagon and return.

Route 25C (NVCC-Pentagon): Weekday a.m. eastbound (to Pentagon) and p.m. westbound (to NVCC) peak flow direction service to operate as follows: From NVCC operate Fillmore Avenue, Beauregard Street, Braddock Road, Van Dorn Street, Menokin Drive, King Street service roadway (Bradlee Center), Dearing Street, South Wakefield Street, 34th Street, South Utah Street, 36th Street, South Stafford Street, 32nd Road, Quaker Lane, Shirlington Rotary, I-395 HOV lanes to Pentagon and return.

Route 25D (Pentagon-NVCC): New weekday a.m. westbound (to NVCC) and p.m. eastbound (to Pentagon) peak counterflow service to operate as follows: From the Pentagon, operate via I-395, Shirlington exit, Arlington Mill Drive, South Quincy Street, 28th Street, Shirlington Road, Shirlington Rotary, I-395, King Street, Beauregard Street, Seminary Road, Fillmore Avenue and return.

Route 22B (Pentagon-Army-Navy Drive-Shirley Park): New Saturday service eastbound (to Pentagon) and westbound (to Shirley Park) to operate as follows: From the Pentagon, Rotary Road, Fern Street, Army-Navy Drive, Adams Street, 26th Street, 28th Street, Lang Street, South Glebe Road, Meade Street and return via Meade Street, 28th Street, 26th Street, Adams Street, Army-Navy Drive, Eads Street, Pentagon.