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DESCRIPTION	
SUBJECT:	Approval of Silver Spring Transit Center Compact Hearing Staff Report
PURPOSE:	To obtain approval by the Real Estate Committee and the WMATA Board of Directors of the Silver Spring Transit Center Compact Public Hearing Staff Report.

ORIGINATION					
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NARRATIVE

On December 17, 2004, the WMATA Board of Directors authorized staff to: (1) conduct a public hearing for the Silver Spring Transit Center (SSTC) in accordance with WMATA Compact requirements and (2) release of the Draft Public Hearing Staff Report for public comment, subject to later submission of the Staff Report to the Board for its action.

The SSTC is a cooperative venture of WMATA, the State of Maryland, Montgomery County, Maryland (the Partners), subject to approval by the Federal Transit Administration. A private sector architectural/engineering team composed of the Zimmer Gunsul Frasca Partnership and Parsons Brinckerhoff is designing the SSTC under contract to Montgomery County. In March 2006, after a series of design revisions and value engineering efforts, the architectural/engineering team produced concept plans that satisfied the requirements of the Partners. The SSTC design program features 32 bus bays, 22 Kiss & Ride parking spaces, a MARC commuter rail station, an intercity bus station, connections to bicycle trails, bicycle storage facilities, an urban park, a transit store, a transit police station, infrastructure to support an intelligent transportation system, and ancillary WMATA facilities.

Following the completion of the satisfactory concept plans, WMATA conducted a Compact Public Hearing on April 24, 2006. A total of 22 individuals and organizations testified or presented written comments about the SSTC. While all of those testifying or commenting supported the project, several offered suggestions as to how the transit center design and operations could be improved. The Staff Report sets forth a description of the SSTC and the Interim Operating Facility (IOF) to be used during construction of the SSTC, catalogues and responds to the comments, and offers recommendations as to which comments to incorporate into subsequent design efforts.

ALTERNATIVES

Do not approve the Staff Report. If the Staff Report is not approved, the Federal Transit Administration approval process will be interrupted, and federal funding of the SSTC will be in jeopardy. This course of action is not recommended.

IMPACT ON FUNDING

Montgomery County will be responsible for the design and construction of the IOF and SSTC. Upon the completion and acceptance of the SSTC (and the closing of the IOF), WMATA will assume ownership and absorb all operation and maintenance costs.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Real Estate Committee and the Board of Directors approve the Silver Spring Transit Center Compact Public Hearing Staff Report.