

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF FISCAL 2006 OPERATING BUDGET AND
OPERATING REIMBURSABLE PROJECTS**

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has received and considered the comments of the local jurisdictions on the Proposed Fiscal 2006 Operating Budget; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has received and considered the requests of the local jurisdictions to establish Fiscal 2006 Reimbursable Operating Projects; and

WHEREAS, The FY 2006 budget was developed to allow WMATA to recommit and refocus on a "back to basics" philosophy for the existing bus and rail system which emphasizes safety, reliability improvements, cleanliness and enhanced customer service; and

WHEREAS, The FY 2006 budget includes base service to continue the existing levels of transit service, service expansion to accommodate system and demand growth, and service quality enhancement; and

WHEREAS, The FY 2006 budget includes:

- Transit service with 350 bus routes and nearly 1500 vehicles, and a 106 mile rail system serving 86 stations with over 1000 rail cars,
- \$10.2 million beyond the base budget for a series of new initiatives to support the "back to basics" focus, paid for without increasing subsidies,
- Opening new parking garages at West Falls Church, New Carrollton and College Park,
- Operational cost of adding 25 buses and 62 new rail cars to reduce crowding,
- Enhanced system security by increasing the police force to protect customers, employees, and the general public,
- Added inspection crews to identify track issues and increase rail station personnel to assist customers,
- Installing up to 300 explosion-resistant trash cans and expanding the cleaning program for the rail system,
- Increasing staffing of customer service functions to improve responsiveness and outreach,

now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves the Fiscal 2006 Operating Budget providing for revenues of \$579,178,700 operating expenses of \$1,013,780,200; and an operating subsidy requirement of \$434,601,500 as well as a Fiscal 2006 debt service requirement of \$27,484,200; and approves a staffing level of 10,451 positions for FY06 Operating and Capital; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the jurisdictional shares of the Fiscal 2006 total subsidy, including debt service requirement are as follows:

District of Columbia	\$175,849,224
Montgomery County	\$81,467,244
Prince George's County	\$92,518,113
City of Alexandria	\$18,791,760
Arlington County	\$32,026,555
Fairfax City	\$988,084
Fairfax County	\$59,088,752
City of Falls Church	<u>\$1,355,966</u>
Total	\$462,085,700

as further detailed in attachment A; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Reimbursable Operating Projects that will be undertaken are as follows:

<u>Service</u>	<u>Subsidy</u>
College Park – Bethesda	\$480,000
Crofton - New Carrollton	\$220,000
Greenbelt – BWI	\$1,160,000
Charles County Service	\$870,000
Hybrid-Electric Bus Service	\$270,000
Springfield Circulator	\$490,000
Springfield Shuttle	\$110,000
Tyson's Reverse Commute	\$280,000
Access-to-Jobs	\$360,000
3Y Bus Route	\$150,000
Rosslyn Station Supervisor	\$60,000
Columbia Pike Street Supervisor	\$80,000
Pike Ride Operator Training	\$12,000
Maintain Pike Ride Signal Eqmt.	\$2,800
Transportation Tech School	\$300,000
DC Circulator	<u>\$5,500,000</u>
Total	\$10,348,800

and be it further

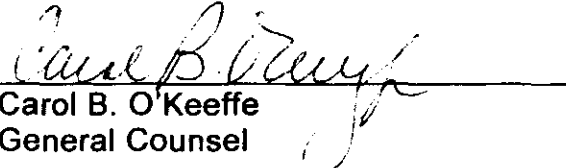
RESOLVED, That an operating project for customer service improvements of installing explosion-resistant trash cans on rail platforms and telephone call processing improvements shall be undertaken utilizing the revenues obtained from a Board approved enhanced advertising initiative, with the advertising revenues received and project's expenses recorded and reported to the Budget Committee; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the operating reserve will be maintained at 1% of the current operating expense budget, consistent with Resolution # 2003-50, and will not be increased without action of the Board of Directors; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves the carry over of funds from fiscal 2005 to fiscal 2006 with a total of \$1,745,000, \$945,000 for rail car carpet replacement and \$800,000 for bus information maps and shelters; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency


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