

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

## Board Action/Information Summary

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**TITLE:**

Approval of Retail Services Demonstration Program

**PURPOSE:**

To gain Board approval to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a three-year Retail Demonstration Program with five one-year options.

**DESCRIPTION:**

This RFP would seek proposals for retail services at all 86 Metrorail stations with locations subject to approval by operational departments. Multiple license awards may be made under this solicitation.

The sale of food, beverages, alcohol and tobacco would be prohibited, and proposals would not be accepted for these items.

All types of retail structures would be considered: kiosks, carts, vending machines and mobile units. Licensees would be required, with Metro's assistance, to obtain all local jurisdictional approvals and permits.

**Three Categories of Stations:**

Underground Urban

Metro owns little or no property at street level. Retail space is confined to paid or free areas of mezzanines. Examples: Metro Center, Gallery Place-Chinatown, Farragut North, Mt Vernon Sq/7<sup>th</sup> St-Convention Center.

Mid-Line Suburban

Metro owns limited property at street level. Retail space may be available in the paid or free areas of mezzanines, on sidewalks, and in some short-term parking lots. Examples: Anacostia, Fort Totten, Landover, East Falls Church.

End-of-Line Suburban

Metro owns considerable property at street level. Retail space available in the paid or free areas of mezzanines, in sidewalks near garages or bus stops, and in some short-term parking lots. Examples: Franconia-Springfield, New Carrollton, Vienna/Fairfax-GMU, Shady Grove.

Licenses would be reviewed after the third year, at which time either Metro or the licensee would have the option to terminate. The program may be extended for five additional one-year terms.

All licensees would have the opportunity to add additional sites, subject to Metro approval.

**FUNDING IMPACT:**

This is expected to be a net fiscally-positive initiative with proceeds to be deposited in the Operating Budget. The magnitude of revenue to be generated, or costs to be incurred, will not be known until proposals are received.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Approve the issuance of a Request for Proposals for a three-year Retail Demonstration Program with five one-year options.