

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

MetroAccess Financial Overview, Contract Extension

PURPOSE:

(1) To provide the Board of Directors with a detailed briefing on the source and nature of growing ridership and cost associated with the MetroAccess paratransit service; and (2) to request \$200M in contracting authority to continue the paratransit service contract through FY 2011.

DESCRIPTION:

The detailed briefing will include data on the sources of paratransit ridership growth by jurisdiction as well as a treatment of the evolution of the service from a policy perspective and its corresponding impact on growth. Data will be provided on the effectiveness of the MetroAccess Free Ride Program that allows paratransit customers to use fixed-route services at no charge. The results of the recent APTA Peer Review will also be included, showing how MetroAccess compares to other selected paratransit systems in terms of exceeding baseline ADA requirements. The peer review recommendations will be highlighted, identifying areas where potential policy changes could be made to address growth factors.

The request for \$190M in contracting authority is applied as follows: \$90M in FY 2010 and \$100M for FY 2011, with the latter subject to Board approval of the FY 2011 budget.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Budget: **Operating Budget, Fiscal 2010-2011**

Office: **MetroAccess Service (MACS)**

Account: **Paratransit Services**

This Action: **\$190,000,000**

Remarks: \$90M applied to FY 2010 (already included in FY 2010 budget) and \$100M applied to FY 2011, subject to Board approval of FY 2011 budget.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the requested additional contracting authority in the amount of \$190M for the period from July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2011, with \$90M applied to FY 2010 and \$100M applied to FY 2011 subject to Board approval of the FY 2011 budget.