

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Cinder Bed Rd. Approval for Public Hearing

PURPOSE:

To obtain concurrence from the Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee and approval from the Board of Directors to authorize staff to conduct a Public Hearing for a new bus facility.

DESCRIPTION:

Metro received an unsolicited proposal that provides real estate, professional services for design and construction and financing for a new bus garage that could be a replacement for the Royal Street Metrobus Garage. Consistent with Metro policy for receipt of unsolicited proposals, Metro issued an RFQ in November 2008 to ascertain whether other offerors could make a similar offer. One proposal was received from the offerer who submitted the unsolicited proposal. Review of the proposal was completed in February 2009 and comments and questions about the proposal were sent to the proposer for responses. The proposer submitted responses to the questions and those responses are under review.

Discussions with the proposer about how to best advance the project through the public hearing process resulted in a partnership wherein each party has specific responsibilities and will cover the costs of those responsibilities. Specifically, Metro is responsible for the environmental analysis and the proposer is responsible for the engineering required to support the environmental analysis. The April 2009 Board action approved this non-binding partnership and, by doing so, showed Metro's continued interest in the project.

The proposed action for the public hearing will be for a new bus facility in Fairfax County on Cinder Bed Road. The facility will house up to 160 buses with a LEED Silver rating and with capability for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) buses.

Funding for the project has not been finalized but is likely to be from the successor to the Metro Matters Funding Agreement.

FUNDING IMPACT:

No Budget approval is being sought with this action. The budget and funds approved by the Board in April 2009 includes the cost of holding the public hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

Authorize staff to conduct a public hearing for the a new bus facility.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO HOLD A PUBLIC HEARING FOR THE CINDER BED ROAD BUS GARAGE

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

WHEREAS, The City of Alexandria requested that Metro seek a location for a new bus garage that would house the existing Royal Street Metrobus Garage situated at 500 North Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, In August 2008, Metro received an unsolicited proposal that provides real estate, professional services for design and construction and financing for a new bus garage that could be a replacement for the Royal Street Metrobus Garage proposed to be located in a 17.4 acre parcel known as 7820 Cinder Bed Road (State Road 637), Newington, Fairfax County; and

WHEREAS, Staff has determined that the proposal is technically acceptable and that other, competing proposals are not forthcoming; and

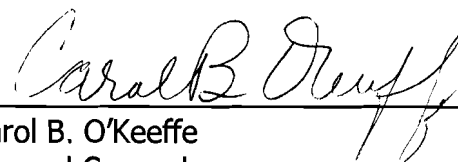
WHEREAS, On April 2, 2008, the Board of Directors amended by Resolution #2008-21, the Capital budget to establish a reimbursable project, separate from the Metro Matters budget, to fund, among other things, preliminary engineering and the performance of an environmental analysis that will provide the documentation required for the holding of a Metro public hearing; and

WHEREAS, A public hearing is required for the proposed Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage project because the project, if approved and adopted by the Board of Directors, would result in the construction of the Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage (as generally depicted on Attachment A) which would be an addition to the Mass Transit Plan and would require the acquisition of additional property; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes staff to hold a public hearing on the proposed Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage project and the General Manager, in coordination with the Virginia Board members, will establish the date, time and location of the hearing; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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General Counsel



Cinder Bed Road Bus Garage

