

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
**Board Action/Information Summary**

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**TITLE:**

Bus Facility Plan

**PURPOSE:**

Board authorization (1) to hold a public hearing on the Cinder Bed Road replacement facility for Royal Street bus garage, (2) the initiation and award of contracts for the demolition and site cleanup of the DC Village site once site acquisition is finalized, (3) the issuance of a solicitation to the private development community for the replacement, joint development or other proposals for Northern bus garage with the intent of relocating bus operations for this facility, (4) development by the General Manager of a long range plan for bus facilities to meet the needs for rehabilitation, replacement and bus service expansion, and (5) provision by the General Manager of a request for resources to accomplish the tasks identified herein and with the bus facility plan.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Metro is the major public transit system of choice in the Washington region. Ridership on the Metrobus system continues to grow and will likely be the central focus of ridership growth in the years to come.

All of Metro's nine bus garages are at full capacity. Five of these facilities are fully-functional and equipped for the long term. Four garages have out lived their useful life and are critical in need of major rehabilitation or replacement. The age of Metro's bus garages range from 20-years to 102-years old, excluding the new West Ox Road facility which opened this year.

The presentation describes pending action that address:

1. The activities underway to replace the Southeastern bus garage in the District of Columbia (which was vacated in 2008) with a new bus facility at DC Village,
2. The planning efforts to replace Southern bus garage in Prince George's County with a new bus facility and the potential to expand this 103-bus facility to a 220-bus capacity, and
3. The activities underway to replace the Royal Street bus garage in Alexandria with the new Cinder Bed Road facility in Fairfax County with the capacity to expand from 83 buses to 150 buses.

The presentation speaks to the potential growth in the system facility capacity, the potential schedule for implementing these expansions, current funding sources and the funding requirements to complete these projects.

**FUNDING IMPACT:**

No funding actions are being requested as part of this informational presentation.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board authorization (1) to hold a public hearing on the Cinder Bed Road replacement facility for Royal Street bus garage, (2) the initiation and award of contracts for the demolition and site cleanup of the DC Village site once site acquisition is finalized, (3) the issuance of a solicitation to the private development community for the replacement, joint development or other proposals for Northern bus garage with the intent of relocating bus operations from this facility, (4) development by the General Manager of a long range plan for bus facilities to meet the needs for rehabilitation, replacement and bus service expansion, and (5) provision by the General Manager of a request for resources to accomplish the tasks identified herein and with the bus facility plan.

SUBJECT: BUS FACILITY PLAN

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

WHEREAS, Metro is the major public transit system in the Washington region, ridership on the Metrobus system continues to grow, and will likely be the central focus of ridership growth in the years to come; and,

WHEREAS, All of Metro's nine bus garages are at full capacity, five of these facilities are fully-functional and equipped for the long term, and four garages have outlived their useful life and are critical in need of major rehabilitation or replacement; and,

WHEREAS, The age of Metro's bus garages range from 20-years to 102-years old, excluding the new West Ox Road facility which opened this year; and

WHEREAS, Activities are underway to replace the Southeastern Bus Garage in the District of Columbia (vacated in 2008) with a new bus facility at DC Village; and

WHEREAS, Plans to replace Southern Bus Garage in Prince George's County with a new bus facility with the potential to expand this 103-bus facility to a 220-bus capacity are proceeding; and

WHEREAS, Activities are underway to replace the Royal Street Bus Garage in Alexandria with the new Cinder Bed Road facility in Fairfax County with the capacity to expand from 83 buses to 150 buses; and,

WHEREAS, The Northern Bus Garage is located in a predominantly residential neighborhood and is the oldest Metrobus facility; and

WHEREAS, A comprehensive, long range plan for bus facilities to meet the needs for rehabilitation, replacement and bus service expansion is needed; and,

WHEREAS, There must be an expenditure of resources to accomplish tasks identified with the bus facility plan; and

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors has reviewed the bus facility plan; now, therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors approves a public hearing on the Cinder Bed Road replacement facility for Royal Street Bus Garage; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors approves the initiation and award of contracts for the demolition and site cleanup of the DC Village site once site acquisition is finalized; and be it further

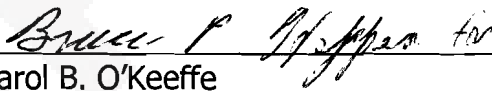
*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors approves the issuance of a solicitation to the private development community for the replacement, joint development or other proposals for Northern Bus Garage with the intent of relocating bus operations from this facility; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors approves the development of a long range plan for bus facilities to meet the needs for rehabilitation, replacement and bus service expansion; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors directs the General Manager to provide a resource plan to accomplish the tasks identified herein; and be it finally

*RESOLVED*, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

  
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