

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

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PURPOSE

To request Board authorization to conduct a Public Hearing to discontinue service on Routes C7 and C9 - Greenbelt - Glenmont Line, so the resources can be reinvested to improve overcrowding, service reliability and provide additional service on the Z line routes serving the Route 29 corridor.

DESCRIPTION

The C7, C9 Greenbelt - Glenmont Line:

- Provides cross-county service in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties linking a variety of medium-density residential neighborhoods, light-industrial and technological office parks, the Southern District Federal Court House in Greenbelt, and Greenbelt and Glenmont stations.
- Service operates on a 27-37 minute frequency during weekday peak periods only.
- Ridership averages 330 per day on 24 trips, or an average of 14 passengers per revenue trip. The system average is 32 passengers per revenue trip.

The present Greenbelt - Glenmont Line is composed of three patterns:

- C7, AM rush service from Greenbelt Station to Glenmont Station
- C9, AM rush service from Glenmont Station to Greenbelt Station
- Short-route C7 trips between the Tamarack neighborhood and Glenmont Station, providing earlier AM and later PM service between those points than provided by the through C7 service.

The Greenbelt - Glenmont Line is the worst performing regional line in Maryland and has been an underperformer since it was implemented in September 2000. Montgomery County has expressed an interest in discontinuing this line and reinvesting the resources to improve overcrowding, service reliability and provide additional service on the Z line routes serving the Route 29 corridor.

Alternative service is available for all passengers except those that board and alight between East Randolph Road & Old Columbia Pike and Cherry Hill Road at the Cherry Hill Park Campground served by C9 (13 passengers affected).

FUNDING IMPACT

There is no impact to the FY08 budget. It is proposed to reinvest the subsidy from the elimination of service on Routes C7 and C9 - Greenbelt - Glenmont.

RECOMMENDATION

Authorize staff to conduct a public hearing to eliminate all service on the Routes C7, C9 Greenbelt - Glenmont Line, and reinvest the savings to improve overcrowding, service reliability and provide additional service on the Z line routes serving the Route 29 corridor.