

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

Action Information

MEAD Number:
200211

Resolution:
 Yes No

TITLE:

Coast Guard HQ Enhanced Bus Service

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Approval to negotiate and execute an agreement with the United States Coast Guard to provide enhanced bus service.

PURPOSE:

To obtain board approval and authorization for the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into an agreement proposed by the United States Coast Guard Headquarters to provide non-regional, Metrobus service between the Anacostia Station and the St. Elizabeth's Campus Gate #4 as well as the L'Enfant Plaza Station and the St. Elizabeth's Campus Gate #4 and to amend the FY 2014 operating budget by \$1,621,325.

DESCRIPTION:

Key Highlights:

This agreement will allow Metro to better maximize the use of existing resources.

This new service is scheduled to start in August 2013 in conjunction with the opening of the new Coast Guard Headquarters.

The Coast Guard will provide operating funds to cover the entire cost of the new service.

The Coast Guard will provide capital funding for the six new buses required to meet the service plan requirements.

This agreement will effectively achieve the District of Columbia goal of minimizing the number of new vehicle trips added to roadways as a result of the Coast Guard Headquarters relocation.

Background and History:

Prior to site selection for the new United States Coast Guard Headquarters an Environmental Alternatives Analysis was conducted in which Metro staff participated. During the transportation portion of the study, various options and the effect on traffic in the area was examined and it was recommended that enhancing the

existing Metrobus service in the area would be the least impactful on the surrounding neighborhoods.

With similar arrangements already in place between Metro and the United States Department of Defense, it was determined that a similar option could fulfill the transportation requirements for the new Coast Guard Headquarters as well.

Discussion:

The United States Coast Guard Headquarters and WMATA are negotiating an agreement to provide both operating and capital funding which will enhance service on Metrobus lines operating to the Anacostia and L'Enfant Plaza Stations beginning in August of 2013 in conjunction with the opening of the new facility located at the St. Elizabeth's campus. This proposed service will extend some existing Metrobus lines as well as convert some existing non-revenue trips to revenue trips. The capital funding component will provide for the six additional buses required to meet the service plan requirements.

The term of the proposed agreement will be consistent with two previous agreements approved in July 2011 and December 2011, between Metro, the City of Alexandria and the Department of Defense to provide funding for enhanced bus service between the Pentagon, West Falls Church Station and Mark Center. The terms also will be consistent with Metro's standard operating procedures and practices as well as federal regulations in which Metro currently complies in order to receive funding with federal sources.

Entering into this agreement will be consistent with Metro's goal of using every resource wisely as this new service provides an opportunity to use new revenue sources to respond to customer demands. This agreement also will be consistent with Metro's goal of delivering quality service and enhancing mobility by improving access to and linkages between transportation options.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Budget:	Operating Budget, Fiscal 2014
Project/Account:	US Coast Guard Enhanced Bus Service
Project Manager:	James Hamre
Project Department/Office:	BUS/BPLN
This Action:	FY 2014 Operating Budget
Remarks:	Annualized Operating Expenses = \$1,621,325 Annualized Subsidy Income = \$1,134,927 Annualized Fare Revenue = \$486,398

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	None
Anticipated actions after presentation	Negotiate and enter into an agreement for the proposed Metrobus service.

RECOMMENDATION:

To obtain board approval and authorization for the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and enter into an agreement proposed by the United States Coast Guard Headquarters to provide non-regional, Metrobus service between the Anacostia Station and the St. Elizabeth's Campus Gate #4 as well as the L'Enfant Plaza Station and the St. Elizabeth's Campus Gate #4 and to amend the FY 2014 operating budget by \$1,621,325.



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United States Coast Guard Headquarters Enhanced Service Agreement

Finance and Administration Committee

July 11, 2013



Purpose



- Authorize the General Manager / Chief Executive Officer to enter into a service agreement for non-regional Metrobus service with the Department of Defense
- Establish a fare buy-down program for all services to the new Coast Guard Headquarters facility



Background

- Metrobus already provides service under similar agreements for the Department of Defense
- The Coast Guard has agreed to achieve a 40% transit mode share at its headquarters facility
- The Coast Guard proposes to fund operating and capital expenses associated with enhanced Metrobus service to meet additional transit demands

Enhanced Service Plan



- A number of existing non-revenue trips will be converted to revenue trips
- Six additional Coast Guard funded vehicles will be operating from Shepherd Parkway division
- Service schedule to begin in August / September 2013

Staff Recommendation



- Authorize the General Manager / Chief Executive Officer to enter into a service and capital agreement for non-regional Metrobus service with the United States Coast Guard
- Establish a fare buy-down program for all services to the new Coast Guard Headquarters facility

SUBJECT: REQUEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO OPERATE BUS SERVICE CONNECTING ANACOSTIA STATION, L'ENFANT PLAZA AND ST. ELIZABETH'S CAMPUS GATE #4

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

WHEREAS, The United States Coast Guard seeks to provide a high level of quality public transportation service at their new headquarters facility on the St. Elizabeth's Campus; and

WHEREAS, The United States Coast Guard agrees to establish a funding agreement for operation of non-regional service; and

WHEREAS, The United States Coast Guard agrees to provide funding for its share of capital required to provide non-regional service through such agreement; and

WHEREAS, WMATA has the legal authority to establish an agreement for the provision of transit service with the Federal Government pursuant to Compact § 12(f); and

WHEREAS, Metrobus has the resources available to enhance service on the A4 and W5 lines in this area and can convert a number of non-revenue trips on the A9 line to revenue trips to meet the service needs, thus meeting the goal of using every resource wisely; and

WHEREAS, The proposed actions will help fulfill the goals of delivering quality service to customers and enhancing mobility by improving access to and linkages between transportation options; and

WHEREAS, The United States Coast Guard will provide reimbursement of fare revenue at the full tariff rate to allow Coast Guard employees to ride all services to and from Coast Guard Headquarters when boarding at the Anacostia Station, L'Enfant Plaza or St. Elizabeth's Campus Gate #4, at no out-of-pocket cost to the rider; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That based on the proposed agreement, the Board of Directors, amends the FY2014 Operating Budget to include the operating expenses of \$1,621,325 and Metrobus passenger fare revenue of \$486,398 at the full tariff rate to be paid by the

United States Coast Guard, and that the balance of \$1,134,927 is to be covered by a subsidy payment from the United States Coast Guard; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the cost to operate this service as well as the share of capital funding required to provide this service will be billed to the United States Coast Guard at the annually budgeted amount for non-regional Metrobus service on the same quarterly schedule as all other jurisdictional partners, which requires payment to be received in advance of the provision of service and/or any capitally funded work being performed; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this service may be terminated 120 days after the United States Coast Guard provides official notice to Metro, with any excess funding paid in advance being returned to the United States Coast Guard; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an agreement with the United States Coast Guard covering this service; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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WMATA File Structure Nos.:

4.3.3. Reimbursable Agreements

6.6.4. Bus Route and Service Planning