

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

Action Information

MEAD Number:
201640

Resolution:
 Yes No

TITLE:

Mark Center - Pentagon Service Agreement

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Obtain board approval and authorization for the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an agreement with the Department of Defense (DoD) to provide a subsidy and pre-paid fare program in exchange for enhanced Metrobus service between the Mark Center and the Pentagon.

This agreement replaces a previous agreement for the same subsidy and pre-paid fare program between WMATA and the City of Alexandria at the joint request of Alexandria and DoD.

PURPOSE:

To obtain board approval and authorization for the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an agreement proposed by the Department of Defense - Washington Headquarters Services to provide non-regional Metrobus service between the Pentagon and the Mark Center, replacing an existing agreement for the same service with the City of Alexandria at the joint request of Alexandria and DoD.

DESCRIPTION:

In 2011, the City of Alexandria negotiated an agreement with the DoD to use a combination of existing and expanded Metrobus service on the 7 line to connect the Pentagon with the new Mark Center installation. In order to facilitate the agreement, Metro entered into an agreement with the City of Alexandria to provide the services as agreed upon with the DoD.

In 2012, the DoD requested enhancements to existing Metrobus service on the 28 line to connect the Mark Center with the West Falls Church and later Tysons Corner Metrorail Stations. In order to facilitate these enhancements, Metro entered into a direct agreement with the DoD.

At the beginning of this year, the City of Alexandria and the DoD jointly requested to have the existing agreement for the enhanced Metrobus service on the 7 line transitioned to an agreement between Metro and the DoD matching the structure of the agreement for enhanced service on the 28 line.

This new service has already been approved as part of Metro's FY 2016 budget, contingent upon successful execution of this agreement. The terms of the proposed agreement are consistent with Metro's standard operating procedures and practices as well as federal

regulations in which Metro currently complies in order to receive funding from other federal sources.

DoD provided Metro with a contract letter indicating their approval to continue operating the service effective July 1, 2015, after the June 30, 2015 expiration of the previous agreement while final contract terms were being developed. Agreement on terms of the final contract was reached between Metro and DoD staff on July 10, 2015.

Entering into this agreement is consistent with Metro's goal of using every resource wisely as this service continues to provide an opportunity to convert a number of previously existing Metrobus non-revenue movements into revenue trips as well as adding additional hours of revenue service to existing capital assets. This agreement is also consistent with Metro's goal of delivering quality service and enhancing mobility by improving access to and linkages between transportation options.

Key Highlights:

- Simplifies an agreement structure while continuing to provide the same service.
- Allows the agreement structure for enhanced service on the 7 line to match the same agreement structure as the agreement for enhanced service on the 28 line.
- Allows Metro to continue to receive subsidies from the DoD to provide enhanced Metrobus service.

Background and History:

In 2011, Metro entered into an agreement with the City of Alexandria to support the City of Alexandria's agreement with the DoD to provide enhanced Metrobus service on the 7 line between the Mark Center and the Pentagon. In 2012, Metro entered into a direct agreement with the DoD to provide enhanced service on the 28 line. Both agreements have allowed Metro to utilize existing resources to maximize efficiency for both Metro and the DoD, however the City of Alexandria and the DoD have requested that the agreement for the enhanced service on the 7 line be converted to a direct agreement between Metro and the DoD for improved efficiency and accountability.

Discussion:

- This agreement was previously entered into by and between the City of Alexandria and WMATA with an additional agreement between the City of Alexandria and DoD. The new agreement creates a direct agreement between WMATA and DoD just the same as the agreement for 28X Metrobus service between West Falls Church Station and Mark Center.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Budget:	Operating Budget, FY2016
Project Manager:	James Hamre
Project Department/ Office:	Department of Bus Services/Office of Bus Planning & Scheduling
This Action:	\$1,001,961 (revenue)
Remarks:	This agreement provides \$1,001,961 in additional revenue to provide 100% of the cost to provide enhanced bus service at the FY 2016 approved rate for non-regional Metrobus service.

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	<p>July/2011 – Board approved an agreement with the City of Alexandria to provide enhanced Metrobus service between Mark Center and Pentagon subsidized by DoD.</p> <p>January/2012 - Board approved an agreement with DoD to provide enhanced bus service between Mark Center and West Falls Church Station.</p>
Anticipated actions after presentation	July/2015 – Enter into an agreement with DoD to continue enhanced bus service between Mark Center and Pentagon.

RECOMMENDATION:

To obtain board approval and authorization for the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute an agreement proposed by the Department of Defense-Washington Headquarters Services to provide non-regional Metrobus service between the Pentagon and the Mark Center, replacing an existing agreement for the same service with the City of Alexandria at the joint request of Alexandria and DoD.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED: July 23, 2015

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO NEGOTIATE AND EXECUTE AN AGREEMENT TO ENHANCE BUS SERVICE BETWEEN PENTAGON STATION AND MARK CENTER TRANSIT CENTER

2015-45

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

WHEREAS, Pursuant to a Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA)/City of Alexandria project funding agreement, Metrobus has been operating enhanced bus service on the number 7 line to connect with the Pentagon Mark Center installation since August 2011; and

WHEREAS, The project funding agreement with the City of Alexandria expired on June 30, 2015, but the service has continued pursuant to a letter contract; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Defense (DoD) seeks to continue the high level of quality public transportation service at the Mark Center Transit Center facility; and

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

WHEREAS, DoD agrees to establish a project funding agreement with WMATA for operation of non-regional service, replacing the previous project funding agreement between WMATA and the City of Alexandria, at the request of both parties; and

WHEREAS, DoD will reimburse WMATA at the full tariff rate for all passenger trips by DoD employees on Metrobus service connecting the Pentagon Station and the Mark Center Transit Center at no out-of-pocket cost to the rider through the reimbursable project funding agreement; and

WHEREAS, Much of the demand for transportation to and from the Mark Center on Metrobus is in the counter-flow direction where extra capacity is already available, 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; now, therefore be it

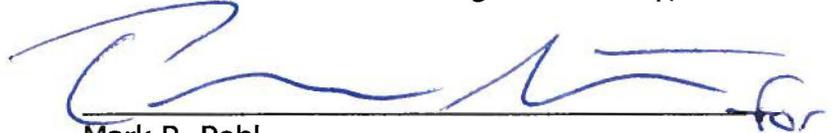
Motioned by Mrs. Hudgins, seconded by Mr. Corcoran

Ayes: 8 – Mr. Downey, Mr. Goldman, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Bulger, Ms. Tregoning, Ms. Harley, Mr. Corcoran and Mr. Price

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute a project funding agreement with the DoD to continue the enhanced 7 line bus service currently connecting the Pentagon with the Mark Center installation, and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective 30 days after its passage by the Board of Directors in accordance with § 8(b) of the WMATA Compact.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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Acting General Counsel

WMATA File Structure No.:
6.2 Jurisdictional Bus Service Agreements