

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

Action  
 Information

MEAD Number:  
99658

Resolution:  
 Yes  No

### PURPOSE

Modification of Fare Policy in accordance with the Authority Compact.

### DESCRIPTION

Effective July 3, 2006, Montgomery County Ride On instituted free rides for seniors and persons with disabilities on weekdays between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m. Metrobus provides service for the county in many of the same corridors. The County has asked that the free rides policy of Ride On be extended to Metrobuses that operate within the county. Staff has reviewed the request and determined how this can be accomplished.

### FUNDING IMPACT

The County has agreed, as provided in the Authority Compact (Article XVI, Section 79), to make equitable payments up to \$125,000 during fiscal FY07.

### RECOMMENDATION

Approval of the extension of the current Ride On "Free Rides Program" for Montgomery County seniors and persons with disabilities to Metrobuses operating in Montgomery County.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO IMPLEMENT FREE METROBUS SERVICE IN MONTGOMERY COUNTY FOR SENIORS AND PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 9:30 A.M. AND 3:00 P.M. ON WEEKDAYS

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has been asked by Montgomery County to extend free service currently provided by Ride On to Metrobus passengers in Montgomery County; and

WHEREAS, Montgomery County will provide for the replacement of any lost revenues associated with the adoption of this free service consistent with Section 79 of the Compact; and

WHEREAS, This change can be executed in timely fashion; now, therefore, be it


*RESOLVED*, That the Authority is directed to implement free Metrobus service on weekdays, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 3:00 p.m, for seniors and persons with disabilities as requested by Montgomery County, effective October 1, 2006; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That it would be in the interest of the Authority and the Region to consider the adoption of a unified fare policy concerning seniors and persons with disabilities as part of the fiscal 2008 fare discussions; and

*RESOLVED*, That this policy will remain in effect as long as Montgomery County continues to replace the lost revenues associated with the policy; and be it finally

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

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency:

  
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Carol B. O'Keeffe  
General Counsel