

Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Routes 28A/B Restructuring Public Hearing Request

PURPOSE:

To request Board approval to conduct public hearings on proposed restructuring of the regional Metrobus Leesburg Pike Line.

DESCRIPTION:

Metro, in partnership with the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County, has been studying ways of improving transit service in the Leesburg Pike Corridor. Current 28 line service runs from the King Street Metrorail Station to Tysons Corner Shopping Mall.

The 28 line is one of the highest ridership Metrobus lines in Northern Virginia with approximately 5,000 daily riders. The line connects some of Northern Virginia's highest density residential and commercial neighborhoods including Old Town Alexandria, Southern Towers, Bailey's Crossroads, Seven Corners and Tysons Corner. However, because of its popularity and heavy traffic along its route, the line suffers from frequent overcrowding and poor schedule adherence.

Following extensive public involvement, the study has developed many short-term and long-term recommendations for improvements to service, operations, stops and facilities, customer information, safety and security, traffic operations and management, vehicles and vehicle assignments, and fare collection. The recommended changes to routes and service, which would be the main subject of the public hearing, are described below.

- Combine 28A and 28B routings in Alexandria via King Street, Howard Street, and Braddock Road, to serve Bradlee Shopping Center, TC Williams High School and Alexandria Hospital.
- Introduce peak period, peak direction limited stop service between Tysons Corner and Columbia Pike and Carlin Springs Road.

- Extend weekday service hours by one additional early morning and one additional late night trip to relieve overcrowding and improve service for customers with nontraditional work hours.
- Operate all 28 line service between King Street and Southern Towers as limited stop. All local stops will continue to be served from King Street by Alexandria Transit (DASH).
- Add recovery time at Seven Corners to improve schedule adherence.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Ridership gains and funding anticipated to be provided by Virginia Department of Transportation, which is available for new services, are anticipated to result in regional subsidy neutrality. The final subsidy impact will be subject to the final service plan for which specific funding will be identified and presented to the Board along with the final staff recommendation.

Budget: **Operating Budget, Fiscal 2010**

Office: **BPLN**

Account:

This Action: **\$0**

Remarks: **Minimal Impact**

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to conduct a public hearing on the proposed restructuring of regional Metrobus Routes 28A and 28B which comprise the Leesburg Pike Line.

**SUBJECT: REGIONAL METROBUS LEESBURG PIKE LINE RESTRUCTURING -
AUTHORIZATION TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARING**

**2009-61
RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, The 28 Line is one of the highest ridership Metrobus Lines in Northern Virginia with approximately 5,000 daily riders. The line connects some of Northern Virginia's highest density residential and commercial neighborhoods including Old Town Alexandria, Southern Towers, Bailey's Crossroads, Seven Corners and Tysons Corner; and

WHEREAS, The 28 Line has long suffered from continuing performance-related issues including on-time adherence, traffic congestion and passenger crowding; and

WHEREAS, In Winter 2009, Metro, in partnership with the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County, studied ways of improving transit service in the Leesburg Pike Corridor; and

WHEREAS, This study process included substantial public input and participation in developing recommendations to respond to consumer needs, minimize costs and enhance line effectiveness and performance; and

WHEREAS, Staff worked with the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County to prepare recommendations for the implementation of an integrated, comprehensive and coordinated strategy of operational and service enhancements, a summary of which is shown on Attachment A; now, therefore be it

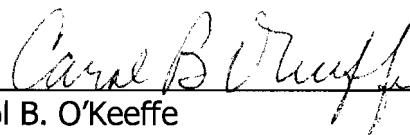
RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes staff to hold a public hearing on the proposed service plan; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Manager, in coordination with the Board of Directors, will establish the date, time and location of the hearing; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to release the Public Hearing Staff Report for public comment, as soon as the Staff Report is available, subject to later submission of the Staff Report Supplement, with final staff recommendations, to the Board of Directors for its approval. All Board members will receive the Staff Report concurrently with its release for public review; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Carol B. O'Keeffe", is written over a horizontal line.

Carol B. O'Keeffe
General Counsel

Route	Proposed Service Change
28A 28B	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 28A service to be combined with 28B service, to form a consolidated route 28.• Consolidated route 28 will travel from King Street Metro, along King Street, Howard Road, and Seminary Road to Southern Towers; from there it will continue on the existing 28B routing.• All route 28 service between King Street and Southern Towers will be limited stop. (DASH will provide local service.)• Recovery time will be added at 7 Corners.• All west bound buses will be rerouted and access Tysons Corner Transit Center via Towers Crescent Drive. (Access is currently provided via International Drive.)• One additional early morning and one additional late evening trip will be added to schedule.• Peak period, peak direction limited stop service will be introduced between Tysons Corner and Columbia Pike.