

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Approval for Southern Avenue Bus Garage Hearing

PURPOSE:

To obtain Board approval to hold a 2nd Public Hearing for a new Southern Avenue Bus Garage

DESCRIPTION:

The request to approve the holding of a public hearing is necessary to continue the progress towards building a bus garage to replace the existing 88-year old Southern Avenue Bus Garage. The existing garage has exceeded its useful life, has no potential for expansion, and is not compatible with the surrounding neighborhood. This project was included in the Capital Needs Inventory, as well as the Approved FY2011-FY2016 Capital Improvement Program and the Proposed FY2013-FY2018 Capital Improvement Program.

While Metro was evaluating options for assessing the needs for a new bus facility to replace the Southern Annex, an unsolicited proposal was received offering to provide the real estate necessary to house a new garage. The proposal also offered design and construction services. A second site was offered in response to a request for qualifications. Both sites and project teams were deemed technically acceptable. In the Fall of 2010, Metro entered into agreements with each proposer offering a stipend for their support of the environmental evaluation process as well as for the preparation of General Plans. Meanwhile, a Metro consultant performed an environmental evaluation of the two proposed sites as well as a re-build in place option and documented the results in an Environmental Assessment. A Compact Public Hearing was held in July of 2011 on the alternatives under consideration. Before Metro made a site selection and closed the Public Hearing process, the proposer for Site A revised the entrance to the development within which the garage would be placed if the site were selected. The revised entrance is different enough from the original entrance that a revised traffic study is required. The revised entrance also requires holding a second public hearing. Accordingly, staff is seeking approval to hold a hearing.

Two noteworthy items: the proposer for Site B has withdrawn from the competition and the rebuild option is reconfigured for 150 buses and the build option for Site A would initially accommodate 150 buses with capability to be expanded to 250 buses.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Program:	Capital Improvement Program		
Project:	Southern Avenue Bus Garage (CIP084)		
Project Manager:	John Thomas		
Project	TIES/MCAP		
Department/Office:	FY'11 & '12	FY'13 - '16	Total
Budget:	\$32,578,974	\$63,715,419	\$96,294,393
This Action:	\$0	\$0	\$0

Prior Approval:	\$4,976,840	\$2,940	\$4,979,780
Remaining Budget:	27,602,134	\$63,712,479	\$91,314,613
Remarks:	No impact on budget for the Public Hearing		
Operating Budget Impact:	None.		

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to hold a Compact Public Hearing for a new Southern Avenue Bus Garage.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO HOLD A SECOND PUBLIC HEARING FOR REPLACEMENT OF THE SOUTHERN AVENUE BUS GARAGE

**2012-21
RESOLUTION
OF THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF THE
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

WHEREAS, In June, 2010, The Metro Board of Directors approved the FY11-16 Capital Improvement Program that included funding for a replacement garage for the existing Southern Avenue Division; and

WHEREAS, Two new sites as well as a rebuild in place option were initially under consideration for the replacement of the existing garage; and

WHEREAS, Staff prepared an Environmental Assessment and Draft General Plans for the replacement facility that met the requirements of the documentation required for the holding of a Metro Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, A Public Hearing is required for the proposed replacement of the existing garage because the new garage would need to be added to the Mass Transit Plan if constructed; and

WHEREAS, A Public Hearing was held on July 27, 2011; and

WHEREAS, Prior to the closing of the Public Hearing Record, the Proposer for Site A revised the entrance to the development within which the garage would be located; and

WHEREAS, The new entrance triggers the need for a revised environmental evaluation to study traffic impacts; and

WHEREAS, The revised environmental evaluation needs to be presented to the public for consideration in the form of a Public Hearing; and

WHEREAS, The proposer for Site B has dropped out of the competition; and

WHEREAS, Metro has revised the scope of the project for an initial build of 150 buses with expansion capability to 250 buses; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves the holding of a second Public Hearing for the replacement of the existing Southern Avenue Division bus garage; and

RESOLVED, That this Resolution will be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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