



**Minutes
Finance, Administration and Oversight Committee
September 10, 2009**

Mr. Benjamin called the meeting to order at 11:35 a.m. Present were:

Mr. Peter Benjamin, Chair	Mr. Christopher Zimmerman
Mr. William Euille, Vice Chair	Mr. Gordon Linton
Mr. Jim Graham	Mr. Jeff McKay
Mrs. Catherine Hudgins	Mr. Anthony Giancola

The minutes of July 9, 2009 were approved.

Action Items

A. FY2011 Budget Guidance

Staff requested guidance from the Committee regarding the development of the FY2011 General Manager's Proposed Budget. This included a review of the anticipated revenue and expense levels for FY2011, service levels, fare actions and jurisdictional subsidy levels.

The Committee gave the following guidance:

- Assume for budget development purposes that there is a low probability of increased jurisdictional assistance in FY2011;
- Use the current fare policy for budget development purposes and determine whether it results in adequate revenues;
- As an alternative, determine whether an increased use of capital funding for preventive maintenance may be needed to balance the proposed FY2011 budget and assess the associated impact on the capital program;
- Propose policy changes which may constrain the unsustainable growth of MetroAccess service costs, with resultant associated cost savings;
- Develop recommendations on the appropriate bus and rail service levels so as to provide a balanced budget

The General Manager and staff will develop a process for conducting a series of Town meetings, including presentations for Metro stakeholders and the public on the choices and challenges involved with developing a balanced FY2011 budget, such meetings are to be conducted before the General Manager submits his proposed FY2011 Budget.

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Metropolitan Area
Transit Authority**

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Washington, DC 20001
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By Metrorail:
Judiciary Square--Red
Line

Gallery Place-Chinatown--
Red, Green and
Yellow Lines

By Metrobus:
Routes D1, D3, D6, P6,
70, 71, 80, X2

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Mr. Linton moved approval, Mr. Zimmerman seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

B. Amend FY2010 Capital Budget for Safety and Security Projects

Staff informed the Committee of the availability of 100% federally funded U.S. Department of Homeland Security grants and requested Board approval to amend the FY2010 Budget to include federal security grants. This action would amend the operating budget by \$6.8 million and the capital budget by \$60.4 million. Staff also requested authority to modify existing contracts, to advertise and award contracts for security projects, and to add 25 grant-funded positions to the Metro Transit Police Department. The Board and staff recognized the requirement to include operating costs related to these grants in future budgets.

Ms. Hewlett moved approval, Mr. Giancola seconded, and the motion was unanimously approved.

The executive session was postponed due to time constraints, and the agenda items not covered will be included in the October 8, 2009 meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 1:30 p.m.