

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

Action
 Information

MEAD Number:
99597

Resolution:
 Yes No

PURPOSE

To obtain approval from the Board of Directors to: 1) Increase the budget for the Navy Yard Station Modifications Project from \$500,000 to \$20,000,000 and increase the FY07 System Access/Capacity Program from \$23,037,000 to \$42,537,000, subject to the availability of funds, and 2) Initiate a Design/Build contract and award if within budget.

DESCRIPTION

Southeast Washington, DC, particularly the area around the Navy Yard, has seen a significant increase in development in recent years, including the new headquarters for the Federal Department of Transportation. The amount of development planned in the near future will continue this trend. The current and future development will result in an increase in the number of Metrorail riders using the Navy Yard Station. Additionally, the District of Columbia is constructing a major league baseball stadium one block south of the Navy Yard Metrorail Station. The west entrance of the station at the corner of M Street and Half Street, SE is the closest to the stadium. This entrance can currently accommodate approximately 5,000 people per hour. There is a desire by District officials to increase the capacity to 15,000 people per hour to attain a goal of approximately 45% of baseball fans using Metrorail. To facilitate this goal and to accommodate growth at the station due to development, the west entrance needs to be modified. The modifications would include relocating the kiosk, fare gates and vendors to the surface, increasing the number of fare gates and vending machines, and adding a stairway between the mezzanine and the platform. Since the west entrance does not have elevators, the modifications would include installation of an elevator from the surface to the mezzanine and an elevator from the mezzanine to the platform. In addition to these physical changes, the entrance would be converted to one-way operation before and after games. Patrons wishing to use the Navy Yard Station in a direction opposite the one-way direction would have to use the East entrance 2 blocks away.

On September 21, 2006 the Board gave conditional approval for the sale of WMATA's property at the west entrance to the Navy Yard Station as well as an adjacent parcel. The purchaser would design and construct the modifications to the entrance concurrent

with construction of an office building. One of the conditions of the sale is the ability of WMATA to reach agreement with the developer on the terms of a construction agreement. If the property sale or the construction agreement fail, WMATA must be positioned to issue a contract that will provide the opportunity for completion of the modifications before the start of the 2008 baseball season.

FUNDING IMPACT

Budget: System Access/Capacity Program
Project Title: Navy Yard Station Modifications

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Approved Budget: \$500,000
Additional Budget: \$19,500,000
Revised Budget: \$20,000,000
This Action: \$19,000,000
Prior Obligations: \$122,000
Subtotal: \$19,122,000
Remaining Budget: \$878,000

Note: Funds for the project subject to availability and receipt from the DC government. The remaining budget will be used for contingency and WMATA project management.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors to approve: 1) An increase in the Project budget for the Navy Yard Station Entrance Modifications Project and an increase in the FY07 System Access/Capacity Program from \$23,037,000 to \$42,537,000, subject to the availability of funds, and 2) Initiation of a Design/Build contract and award of the contract if within budget.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED:

SUBJECT: AMENDED FISCAL 2007 SAP FOR NAVY YARD STATION IMPROVEMENTS

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

WHEREAS, On September 21, 2006 the Board of Directors amended the Fiscal 2007 System Access/Capacity Program (SAP) totaling \$23,037,000; and

WHEREAS, The District of Columbia is constructing a major league baseball stadium, scheduled to be completed by the start of the 2008 season, one block south of the Navy Yard Metrorail station which will require modifications to the West entrance to accommodate baseball fans; and

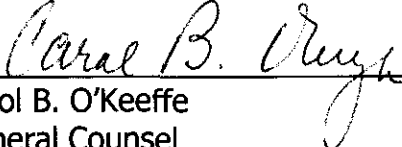
WHEREAS, The District of Columbia has asked WMATA to manage a design/build contract for modifications to the Navy Yard Metrorail station; and

WHEREAS, The District of Columbia will provide all funds necessary for this work as described in the District of Columbia's letter dated October 16, 2006, in accordance with the terms of the funding agreement to be executed by WMATA and the District of Columbia; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves amending and increasing the Fiscal 2007 SAP by \$19,500,000 from \$23,037,000 to \$42,537,000; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Carol B. O'Keeffe
General Counsel

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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Office of the Director

October 16, 2006

Mr. Dan Tangherlini
Interim General Manager
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit
Authority
600 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
VIA FACSIMILE AND REGULAR MAIL

Subject: Navy Yard Bridge Financing

Dear Mr. Tangherlini:

I understand from communications between our staffs that my letter of October 5, 2006, which requests the reprogramming of \$19,500,000 of District of Columbia funds currently on account with WMATA, is in need of clarification. I also understand that the concern raised by your staff is in relation to the \$500,000 in District funds already authorized for use in the Navy Yard Project. Please reprogram the \$19,500,000 identified in my previous letter as an addition to the existing project budget of \$500,000, thus increasing the project budget to \$20,000,000. I hope this instruction clarifies the intent of my October 5, 2006 letter.

I am aware that WMATA is not able to provide additional funding for this project. As you know our respective staffs are working on a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) to address the funding requirements. While I understand that any cost over-runs will be the responsibility of the District of Columbia, please note that the District does not presently have funding which exceeds the above stated \$20,000,000. I trust that WMATA will provide assistance in reducing costs and finding additional reductions of scope if necessary.

I am confident that these issues can be addressed to the satisfaction of both WMATA and DDOT in the Construction and Funding agreements to be entered into shortly. The District appreciates WMATA's assistance in moving forward and meeting the timetables we have established for this important project.

Thank you for this opportunity to clarify my previous communication.

Sincerely,



Michelle Pourceau
Director

cc: Gladys W. Mack, Chairman, WMATA Board of Directors
Jim Graham, WMATA Board Member
Marion Barry, Alternate WMATA Board Member