

PRESENTED & ADOPTED:

SUBJECT: Establishment of Permanent MetroAccess "Free Ride" Program

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

WHEREAS, In June 2005, the Board of Directors (the "Board") authorized and directed the establishment of a "Free Ride" demonstration program to allow MetroAccess registrants and one person accompanying that MetroAccess registrant who boards and exits the system at the same time and location as the MetroAccess registrant, to take trips on Metrobus and Metrorail without paying any fare for an 18-month period; and

WHEREAS, Staff has implemented that program and found that nearly 700 MetroAccess registrants are taking some of their trips by Metrobus and Metrorail, providing flexibility in travel choice to those customers while reducing paratransit cost; and

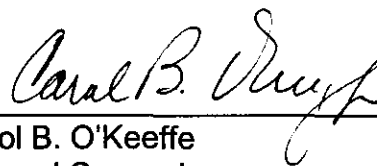
WHEREAS, The "Free Ride" demonstration program is due to expire in December 2005; now therefore be it

***RESOLVED*, That the Board desires to continue the benefit of the "Free Ride" program to both MetroAccess customers and to WMATA; and be it further**

***RESOLVED*, That the Board authorizes and directs the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer and appropriate WMATA staff to make changes in the Tariff, including the addition of "MetroAccess registrants and one accompanying person" as a new section 7.e., to permanently permit MetroAccess registrants and one person accompanying that MetroAccess registrant who boards and exits the system at the same time and location as the MetroAccess registrant, to take trips on Metrobus and Metrorail without paying any fare; and be it finally**

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

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency:



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General Counsel