

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Southern Avenue Metrobus Garage Replacement

PURPOSE:

To obtain Committee and Board approval to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a replacement facility for the Southern Avenue Metrobus Garage.

DESCRIPTION:

Metro is currently working on the preliminary design for a replacement and expanded facility on the existing Southern Avenue Metrobus garage site. Funding for this replacement facility is not currently programmed, but it is proposed in the Capital Needs Inventory for the Capital budget program beginning July 2010.

Apart from the planning for a new facility on the existing Southern Avenue site, Metro has received an unsolicited proposal for a replacement garage on an alternate site, thereby providing the opportunity for Metro to issue an RFP inviting this proposal team, and others, to submit comprehensive proposals for a build-to-suit replacement bus garage at an alternative location, having little impact upon on-going bus operations at Southern Avenue.

The RFP will provide for a turnkey facility sufficient in size to accommodate a minimum of 250 buses. The facility will be required to fulfill LEED Silver rating requirements, have the potential for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) capability, and provide sufficient administrative offices and employee parking. The RFP for the replacement bus garage will not be linked to the sale of the existing Southern Avenue Metrobus Garage property.

Proposals will be evaluated based on location of the replacement site, and evidence of the proposal team's control of the site, financial viability, and deadhead costs. Consideration will be given to project schedule, proposal team experience and prior performance, evidence of community and local government support, as well as potential Disadvantaged Business Enterprise participation.

Staff will return to the Board with a summary of the responses and a recommendation whether to proceed with a selected proposer or reject all proposals received. If staff recommends proceeding with one of the proposers, funding alternatives (including the use of possible proceeds from the sale of the Southern Avenue property) will be presented at that time.

FUNDING IMPACT:

The issuance of an RFP will not require capital funds or operating funds beyond staff time. Funding for the replacement of the Southern Avenue Metrobus Garage is currently in the Capital Needs Inventory for Board consideration in the next capital funding agreement.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to issue a Request for Proposals (RFP) for a replacement facility for the Southern Avenue Metrobus Garage.