

Report by Safety and Operations Committee (A) 07-25-2019

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202083

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Metrobus Service Adjustments 2019

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Board approval is sought to conduct a public hearing and Title VI Equity Analysis process to allow budget neutral bus route alterations to meet changing needs and conditions.

PURPOSE:

Approval to conduct a public hearing and Title VI Equity Analysis process to allow budget neutral bus route alterations to meet changing needs and conditions.

DESCRIPTION:

Key Highlights:

Proposals to make changes to Metrobus service to better meet customer demand, respond to changing conditions, and satisfy jurisdictional requests.

Background and History:

In prior years, Metrobus service was adjusted annually to maximize revenue and meet jurisdictional priorities and changing customer demand.

The WMATA compact requires a public hearing for service changes classified as 'major' under Resolution 2013-27.

An outreach process to inform customers and meet Public Participation Plan/Federal Title VI requirements is always included in the public hearing process.

Discussion:

Proposals are to change six Metrobus routes in the District, and one each in Maryland and Virginia. The ideas have come from customers, jurisdictions, service studies, and changing conditions. All proposals are cost and budget neutral.

The specific proposals for service changes are included in the attachment.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Jurisdiction	Regional Amounts			Non-Regional Amounts			Approved	Adjusted	Estimated Impact
	Approved	Adjusted	Variance	Approved	Adjusted	Variance			
District of Columbia	\$183,587,988	\$183,588,853	\$865	\$33,161,075	\$33,161,075	\$0	\$216,749,063	\$216,749,928	\$865
Montgomery County	\$65,126,208	\$65,147,391	\$21,183	\$8,460,974	\$8,460,974	\$0	\$73,587,182	\$73,608,365	\$21,183
Prince George's County	\$74,571,344	\$74,599,789	\$28,445	\$22,576,751	\$22,568,085	(\$8,666)	\$97,148,095	\$97,167,874	\$19,779
Maryland Subtotal	\$139,697,552	\$139,747,180	\$49,628	\$31,037,725	\$31,029,059	(\$8,666)	\$170,735,277	\$170,776,240	\$40,962
Alexandria	\$20,591,961	\$20,599,936	\$7,975	\$2,872,983	\$2,872,983	\$0	\$23,464,944	\$23,472,919	\$7,975
Arlington	\$33,560,335	\$33,573,513	\$13,178	\$2,147,930	\$2,147,930	\$0	\$35,708,264	\$35,721,443	\$13,178
City of Fairfax	\$665,990	\$666,025	\$34	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$665,990	\$666,025	\$34
Fairfax County	\$58,544,853	\$58,495,137	(\$49,716)	\$6,883,038	\$6,883,038	\$0	\$65,427,891	\$65,378,175	(\$49,716)
Falls Church	\$1,662,344	\$1,662,997	\$653	\$213,847	\$213,847	\$0	\$1,876,191	\$1,876,844	\$653
Virginia Subtotal	\$115,025,483	\$114,997,608	(\$27,875)	\$12,117,798	\$12,117,798	\$0	\$127,143,280	\$127,115,406	(\$27,875)
	\$438,311,023	\$438,333,642	\$22,619	\$76,316,598	\$76,307,932	(\$8,666)	\$514,627,621	\$514,641,574	\$13,953

Changes are cost neutral.

Project Manager:	Al Himes
Project Department/Office:	BPLN

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	Annual SOGO hearings 2010 - 2017
Anticipated actions after presentation	Board approval of Public Hearing Report of recommended service changes for December 2019 - June 2020 implementation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to conduct a public hearing and Title VI Equity Analysis process to allow budget neutral bus route alterations to meet changing needs and conditions.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED: July 25, 2019

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON METROBUS SERVICE
ADJUSTMENTS**

2019-23

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

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Compact Section 62(a), Board approval is required to implement a major service reduction; and

WHEREAS, Staff proposes a bus service realignment that would not impact the fiscal year 2020 budget and not require additional buses beyond those previously approved, but would increase ridership, increase cost efficiency, and maintain or improve overall on-time performance and customer satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, The proposed bus service changes constitute major service changes under Resolution 2013-27; and

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires an equity analysis, including a public participation process, of any proposed major service change;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That, in accordance with Compact Section 62(a), the Board authorizes staff to conduct Compact public hearing(s) of the bus service changes shown on Attachment A, and the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board on the results of the Compact public hearing(s); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board authorizes staff to present the bus service changes, as detailed in Attachment A to this Resolution, for customer input according to the Public Participation Plan and present the Board with a report on the Title VI equity analysis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board shall consider these findings and public comments in their deliberations on any proposed changes in bus service; and be it finally

Motioned by Mr. Goldman, seconded by Mr. Bulger

Ayes: 8- Mr. Smedberg, Mr. Bulger, Mr. Goldman, Mr. Rouse, Mr. Dorsey, Mr. Marootian, Mr. Graham and Mr. McMillin

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective 30 days after adoption in accordance with § 8(b) of the WMATA Compact.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Patricia Y. Lee
General Counsel

WMATA File Structure No.:
6.6.4 Bus Route and Service Planning

ATTACHMENT A

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Line Number</u>	<u>Line Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sources of Recommendation/ Outcome</u>
DC	42, 43	Mount Pleasant	Convert additional 42 trips to 43 trips, allowing buses to go under Dupont Circle during middays and weekends.	Study recommendation Using the underpass instead of the circle will provide through customers with a faster trip.
	74	Convention Ctr SW Waterfront	Extend route to Buzzard Point / Audi Field. Reduce hours of service and increase time between buses to keep changes cost neutral.	District of Columbia request Serve new market and reduce service at times with lower demand.
	S2, S4 S9	Sixteenth Street Sixteenth St Ltd.	Convert all S4 service to S2 and S9 service. Reroute S9 away from Alaska and Eastern Avenues to stay on 16 th Street, serving some but not all S4 bus stops between Alaska and Eastern Avenues. Increase full length S9 frequency; extend all S9 trips to Silver Spring.	Internal recommendations Provides faster service for a larger number of customers. Simplifies route patterns to allow improved headway management operations as well as better balancing the number of trips to meet demand.

ATTACHMENT A

<u>Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Line Number</u>	<u>Line Name</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Sources of Recommendation/ Outcome</u>
MD	B29	Crofton – New Carrollton	<p>Shorten route to end at Bowie Gateway Center OR reroute to end at Melford Place.</p> <p>Coordinate B21, B22, B27, B29, and C28 service at Bowie Park & Ride to provide more even headways between Bowie and New Carrollton Station.</p>	MDOT is terminating the lease for Crofton Park and Ride, the current terminus, thereby greatly reducing customer demand in Crofton.
VA	7F	Lincolnia – North Fairlington	<p>Remove service from Lincolnia Hills and Park Center neighborhoods.</p> <p>Convert all trips to 7A.</p>	<p>Internal recommendation</p> <p>The 7F runs only in off peak hours. This portion of the route serves mostly single-family homes and has very low ridership. Alternate service is available within 1/3 mile.</p>
CHANGES BELOW INCLUDED FOR TITLE VI CONSIDERATION ONLY; NOT FOR PUBLIC HEARING				
VA	3Y	Lee Highway – Farragut Square	Increase peak period frequency of Metrobus 3Y.	Arlington County requests this change and states that NVTC Commuter Choice funding be used to increase this service.
	7Y	Lincolnia – North Fairlington	Improve peak period service on Metrobus 7Y.	Arlington County requests this change and states that NVTC Commuter Choice funding be used to increase this service.