

Consent Item (B) 04-25-2019

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202070

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Parking Fee Waiver for Platform Construction

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

The Franconia-Springfield, Huntington, and Van Dorn Street Metrorail stations will be closed beginning on or about May 25th as part of Metro's three-year Platform Improvement Project. Staff requests Board approval to waive fees for the parking facilities at these stations as a courtesy to customers and to make it as convenient as possible to take advantage of the Metrobuses that replace train service. No operating subsidy impact is anticipated to the jurisdictions.

PURPOSE:

Request Board approval to waive all parking fees at Franconia-Springfield, Huntington and Van Dorn Street parking facilities during the 2019 platform shutdown.

DESCRIPTION:

Staff requests Board approval to waive parking fees at Franconia-Springfield, Huntington, and Van Dorn Street parking facilities, beginning on or about May 25, as a courtesy to customers at these stations and to make it as convenient as possible to take advantage of Metrobuses that will replace train service. Resolution 2018-53 adopted the Comprehensive Parking Policy including the process for establishing rates and revenue collection hours at all WMATA parking facilities and delegations to the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer, but those delegations do not include waiving parking rates.

Key Highlights:

- Six Metrorail stations on the Blue and Yellow lines south of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport will be closed beginning on or about May 25 to repair station platforms and complete related station improvements
- Staff recommends waiving parking fees at the Franconia-Springfield, Huntington and Van Dorn Street stations for customers using Metrobus, Virginia Railway Express, shuttles and other transit options
- Combined, the three facilities have approximately 8,000 parking spaces and their use by non-riders is minimal
- Estimated revenue loss associated with offering free parking at the three stations is approximately \$2 million
- There will not be an operating subsidy impact to the jurisdictions
- Capital funding designated for revenue losses due to major capital projects will be transferred to mitigate reduced operating revenue in FY2020

Background and History:

Metro's three-year Platform Improvement Project will involve the reconstruction of the outdoor platforms at 20 Metrorail stations, making platforms safer and more accessible for customers with disabilities, while also addressing longstanding structural issues. In the summer of 2019, the project will begin with the closure of six Metrorail stations south of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport on the Blue and Yellow lines: Braddock Road, King Street, Eisenhower Ave, Huntington, Van Dorn Street and Franconia-Springfield. These stations will be closed beginning on or about May 25, 2019 for full platform reconstruction and major station improvements. Three of the six stations (Franconia-Springfield, Huntington, and Van Dorn Street) have Park & Ride facilities with a daily rate of \$4.95/parking space. The total number of parking spaces, available capacity and Park & Ride facility type at each station are as follows:

Metrorail Station	Facility Type	Number of Parking Spaces and Utilization %
Franconia-Springfield	Garage	5,069 (50%)
Huntington	Garage	2,732 (46%)
Van Dorn Street	Surface Lot	361 (104%)

Discussion:

Staff recommends waiving parking fees at Franconia- Springfield, Huntington and Van Dorn Street stations as a courtesy to impacted riders during the shutdown and to encourage riders to take transit during and after the shutdown.

Few non-riders are expected to park at these three parking facilities during the summer and they are not expected to prevent full accommodation of Metro customers.

FUNDING IMPACT:

The estimated revenue loss associated with offering free parking at the three parking facilities is \$2 million. There is no operating subsidy impact to the jurisdictions. In FY2020, capital funding designated for revenue losses will be used to mitigate reduced operating revenue from this action.

Project Manager:	Belinda Barrett
Project Department/Office:	CFO/LAND

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	December 2018: FY2020 Station Platforms Project update presented to the Safety and Operations Committee
Anticipated actions	Beginning on or about May 25 – Waive parking fees at

after presentation	Franconia-Springfield, Huntington and Van Dorn Street parking facilities.
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RECOMMENDATION:

Waive all parking fees at Franconia-Springfield, Huntington and Van Dorn Street parking facilities during the 2019 platform shutdown.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED: April 25, 2019

**SUBJECT: WAIVER OF COLLECTION OF PARKING RATES DURING BLUE AND YELLOW
LINE PLATFORM RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS**

2019-10

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

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Compact § 60 the Board has sole and exclusive jurisdiction over service performed by transit facilities owned or controlled by WMATA, and the rates and fares to be charged for such service; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends that the Board waive collection of all parking rates at Franconia-Springfield, Huntington, and Van Dorn Street parking facilities during station shutdowns on the Blue and Yellow lines south of Ronald Reagan Washington National Airport for platform reconstruction projects scheduled to begin on or about May 25, 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board waives collection of all parking rates at Franconia-Springfield, Huntington, and Van Dorn Street parking facilities during station shutdowns due to the platform reconstruction projects on the Blue and Yellow lines for no later than six months after the waiver of the parking rates was implemented and authorizes the General Manager/CEO to terminate the waiver sooner; and be it further

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately to meet the platform reconstruction project schedule.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Patricia Y. Lee
General Counsel

WMATA File Structure No.:
12.8.2 Parking Fees and Fee Collection

**Motioned by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Dorsey
Ayes: 8- Mr. Evans, Mr. Crawford, Mr. Smedberg, Mr. Horner, Mr. Marootian, Mr. Goldman, Mr. Dorsey
and Mr. McMillin**