

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

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:  
202273

Resolution:  
☒ Yes ☐ No

**TITLE:**

Temporary Covid Waiver of Special Rail Service Fee

**PRESENTATION SUMMARY:**

The action supports the region's re-opening and economic recovery by temporarily waiving the requirement of requests or fees from sponsoring special event organizations, per Resolution 2003-63, which implemented Policy/ Instruction 6.19/2.

**PURPOSE:**

Seek Board authorization for the General Manager and CEO to waive the fee for Special Services, and provide such Special Services as he deems necessary and appropriate with or without a request from a sponsoring organization through January 1, 2022.

**DESCRIPTION:**

Over the past several years, Metro has provided Special Services for reoccurring annual events that require additional service to meet ridership demands. Notable events in 2018-2019 include the annual foot races of the Marine Corps Marathon and Army Ten Miler. Both races have brought tens of thousands of runners and spectators to our system on race day.

**Key Highlights:**

This waiver supports the economic recovery of the region and encourages residents and visitors to use mass transit.

**Background and History:**

Over the past several years, Metro has provided Special Services for reoccurring annual events that require additional service to meet ridership demands. Notable events during 2018-2019 include the annual foot races of the Marine Corps Marathon and Army Ten Miler. Other historic event examples where no sponsor fees were identified, but additional service was provided, include a parade to celebrate the Major League Baseball World Series Championship, late-night service on New Year's Eve and large-scale first amendment events that required extra service for public safety.

**Discussion:**

This waiver will be effective immediately and until January 2, 2022.

**FUNDING IMPACT:**

The costs to adjusting Metro service will be absorbed into the operating budget.	
Project Manager:	Lynn Bowersox
Project Department/Office:	Customer Service, Communications, Marketing (CSCM)

**TIMELINE:**

n/a

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board authorizes the General Manager and CEO to waive the fee for Special Services and provide Special Services as he deems necessary and appropriate with or without a request from a sponsoring organization through Jan 1, 2022.

SUBJECT: TEMPORARY WAIVER OF FEE FOR CERTAIN SPECIAL METRORAIL SERVICE  
DUE TO RECOVERY FROM CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors authorized the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer (GM/CEO) to establish the fee and procedures for the operation of special Metrorail service at other than regular operating hours or enhanced service during regular operating hours upon request by a sponsoring organization ("Special Services") (Res. 2003-63); and

WHEREAS, Resolution 2003-63 was implemented in Policy/Instruction 6.19/2; and

WHEREAS, The National Capital Region is recovering from the coronavirus pandemic; and

WHEREAS, As part of the region's re-opening and economic recovery, the Board seeks to encourage the residents of and visitors to the National Capital Region to use mass transit; and

WHEREAS, To encourage the use of Metrorail during certain large scale special events, it is prudent to waive the fee normally charged to the sponsoring organization for Special Services and to waive the requirement for a request from a sponsoring organization for the Special Services for the following: Washington Mystics, Washington Wizards, Washington Nationals, Washington Football Team, Washington Capitals, and the Marine Corps Marathon and the Army Ten-Miler; and

WHEREAS, For any other Special Services, the Board seeks to clarify that any Special Services proposed to be provided without a fee and/or Special Services proposed absent a request from a sponsoring organization requires prior Board approval;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors authorizes the GM/CEO to waive the fee for Special Services and provide Special Services as he deems necessary or appropriate, with or without a request from a sponsoring organization, through December 31, 2021 for Special Services for the following: Washington Mystics, Washington Wizards, Washington

Nationals, Washington Football Team, Washington Capitals, and the Marine Corps Marathon and the Army Ten-Miler; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That for any other Special Services, the GM/CEO must bring to the Board of Directors for review and prior approval any Special Services proposed to be provided without a fee and/or Special Services proposed absent a request from a sponsoring organization; and be it finally

*RESOLVED*, That this Resolution shall take effect immediately to support the region's re-opening and economic recovery from the coronavirus pandemic.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

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Patricia Y. Lee  
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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20.6.1 Rail Early Opening and Late Closing Agreements