

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Leesburg Pike Line Restructuring

PURPOSE:

To request Board approval of staff report and proposed restructuring of the regional Metrobus Leesburg Pike Line.

DESCRIPTION:

The proposed changes to routes and service in Docket No. B09-4 are described below:

- Convert 10 (five morning and five evening) peak period, peak direction 28B short trips between Tysons Corner and Columbia Pike and Carlin Springs Road to limited-stop service (28X).
- Add a new 5 a.m. westbound trip between Bailey`s Crossroads and Tysons Corner and new evening trips leaving King Street at 11 p.m. westbound and leaving Tysons Corner at 12:00 midnight eastbound.
- Add new Saturday evening trips to increase frequencies between 8 p.m. and 11 p.m. to 30 minutes.
- Add five minutes of recovery time to the schedule at Seven Corners transit center on 28A local trips to allow late buses to get back on schedule before completing the remainder of their route.
- All westbound buses will be rerouted to access Tysons Corner Transit Center more directly via Towers Crescent Drive, instead of International Drive to speed customer travel times.

A public hearing was held on October 13, in Falls Church Virginia, regarding the proposed realignment. A total of six witnesses spoke for the record. In addition,

four written comments were received.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Budget: **Operating Budget, Fiscal 2010**

Office: **Bus Planning**

Account:

This Action: **(\$194,000)**

Remarks: **This item is recommended as part of the Regional Metrobus Priority Corridor Network Program.**

Net Subsidy Change by Jurisdiction	FY10 Impact
DC	(\$83,000)
Montgomery County	(\$30,000)
Prince Georges County	(\$32,000)
MD	(\$62,000)
City of Alexandria	(\$9,000)
Arlington	(\$14,000)
Fairfax City	0
Fairfax County	(\$24,000)

Falls Church	(\$1000)
VA	(\$49,000)
TOTAL	(\$194,000)

Item	FY 2010 (6 mo)	FY 2011 (12 mo)	FY 2012 (12 mo)	FY 2013 (12 mo)
Cost (Savings) to Restructure 28 Line	(\$131,000.00)	(\$262,000.00)	(\$254,140.00)	(\$246,515.80)
Revenue from 3 year VDOT Grant	(\$102,500.00)	(\$205,000.00)	(\$205,000.00)	(\$102,500.00)
Net Cost (Savings)	(\$233,500.00)	(\$467,000.00)	(\$459,140.00)	(\$349,015.80)
Service Operations Manager	<u>\$40,000.00</u>	<u>\$80,000.00</u>	<u>\$82,400.00</u>	<u>\$84,872.00</u>
Total Net Cost (Savings)	(\$193,500.00)	(\$387,000.00)	(\$376,740.00)	(\$264,143.80)

If approved by the Board, the changes to the 28 Line would be implemented in December 2009.

RECOMMENDATION:

- Approve the staff report and recommendation to implement the proposed restructuring of regional Metrobus Route 28 Leesburg Pike Line described in Docket No. B09-4, for implementation on December 27, 2009.
- Authorize the General Manager to execute a three year grant with Virginia Department of Transportation for supplemental transit services to Tysons Corner

- Amend the FY2010 revenue budget to include \$102,500 in project grant funding for Leesburg Pike services.
- Increase the FY2010 budget to add one Service Operations Manager (SOM) at a six-month cost of \$40,000.
- Reduce the FY2010 expense budget by \$194,000 on receipt of Virginia Department of Transportation Grant.

SUBJECT: REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL OF STAFF REPORT AND RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGIONAL METROBUS LEESBURG PIKE LINE RESTRUCTURING

2009-70

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

WHEREAS, The 28 Line is one of the highest ridership Metrobus Lines in Northern Virginia with approximately 5,000 daily riders. The line connects some of Northern Virginia's highest density residential and commercial neighborhoods including Old Town Alexandria, Southern Towers, Bailey's Crossroads, Seven Corners and Tysons Corner; and

WHEREAS, The 28 Line has long suffered from continuing performance-related issues including on-time adherence, traffic congestion and passenger crowding; and

WHEREAS, In 2008 and 2009, Metro, in partnership with the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County, studied ways of improving transit service in the Leesburg Pike Corridor; and

WHEREAS, This study process included substantial public input and participation in developing recommendations to respond to customer needs, minimize costs and enhance line effectiveness and performance; and

WHEREAS, Staff worked with the City of Alexandria and Fairfax County to prepare recommendations for the implementation of an integrated, comprehensive and coordinated strategy of operational and service enhancements, a summary of which is shown on Attachment A; and

WHEREAS, Docket Number B09-4, which describes the recommended service enhancements was the subject of a public hearing conducted on October 13, 2009, to obtain comments on the proposed changes; and

WHEREAS, Six people testified at the hearing, and four people submitted written testimony for the record; and

WHEREAS, Staff has reviewed the hearing testimony, much of which was in favor of the proposal; and

Motioned by Mr. Benjamin, seconded by Mrs. Hudgins

Ayes: 6 - Mr. Graham, Mr. Benjamin, Mrs. Hudgins, Mr. Albert, Ms. Hewlett and Mr. Zimmerman

WHEREAS, Staff recommends the approval and implementation of the recommendations proposed in Docket Number B09-4; and

WHEREAS, Staff further recommends that one additional Service Operations Manager be assigned to oversee the routes; and

WHEREAS, The cost for a Service Operations Manger is \$40,000 for Fiscal Year 2010; and

WHEREAS, The recommended service changes are anticipated to reduce the cost of operating the line by \$130,947 in Fiscal Year 2010; and

WHEREAS, Metro anticipates the award of a grant from the Virginia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$205,000 a year for three years to assist in the cost of these improvements, of which \$102,500 will be received in Fiscal Year 2010; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves the Staff Report and Recommendations regarding the restructuring of Routes 28A and 28B as proposed in Docket Number B09-4; and be it further

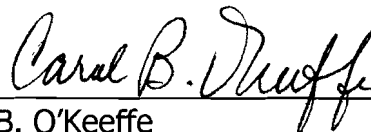
RESOLVED, That the Fiscal Year 2010 budget be decreased by \$194,000 from \$1,374,493,131 to \$1,374,299,131 and that authorized headcount be increased by 1 from 10,853 to 10,854; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the General Manager to accept the grant from the Virginia Department of Transportation in the amount of \$205,000 per year for three years; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Fiscal Year 2010 net operating subsidy will be reduced by \$194,000 from \$546,706,177 to \$546,512,177, on receipt of the Virginia Department of Transportation Grant; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Carol B. O'Keeffe
General Counsel

Route	Proposed Service Change
28A 28B	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 28A service to be combined with 28B service, to form a consolidated Route 28. • Consolidated Route 28 will travel from King Street Metro, along King Street, Howard Road, and Seminary Road to Southern Towers, from there it will continue on the existing 28B routing. • All Route 28 service between King Street and Southern Towers will be limited stop. (DASH will provide local service) • Recovery time will be added at Seven Corners. • All west bound buses will be rerouted and access Tysons Corner Transit Center via Towers Crescent Drive. (Access is currently provided via International Drive). • One additional early morning and two additional late evening trips will be added to schedule. • Peak period, peak direction limited stop service will be introduced between Tysons Corner and Columbia Pike. • Six additional Saturday evening trips will be added to the schedule. • One additional Service Operations Manager.