

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

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:  
202105

Resolution:  
☒ Yes ☐ No

**TITLE:**

Modification of Regional Bus Subsidy Allocation

**PRESENTATION SUMMARY:**

No presentation required, consent agenda item

**PURPOSE:**

Staff seeks Board authorization to exclude Population Density from the Regional Metrobus Subsidy Allocation Model calculation for future Loudoun County contributions.

**DESCRIPTION:**

**Key Highlights:**

- The Regional Metrobus subsidy allocation is calculated based on a jurisdiction's share of the following factors with the weighting applied to each factor noted in parentheses:
  - Density weighted population (25 percent)
  - Average weekday ridership by jurisdiction of residence (15 percent)
  - Revenue service hours (25 percent)
  - Revenue service miles (35 percent)
- The Board has directed that the subsidy calculation for Loudoun County exclude the County's population density.

**Background and History:**

When Metrorail Silver Line Phase 2 begins revenue service, Loudoun County (the "County") will become a funding member of the WMATA Compact. Because the County has not requested Metrobus service, and no Metrobus service operates within the County's borders except for Route 5A limited stop service to Dulles International Airport, the Board has directed that the Regional Metrobus subsidy calculation for Loudoun County exclude the County's population density.

**Discussion:**

The subsidy contribution for Loudoun County's population density will be provided by the other contributing jurisdictions according to the applicable subsidy calculation. The remaining factors of the subsidy calculation will not be changed. This action does not alter the jurisdictional shares of the current adopted FY2020 Operating Budget, and the updated subsidy calculation would only become effective when the Board adopts or amends a budget that assigns a portion of the operating subsidy to Loudoun County.

**FUNDING IMPACT:**

Updated formula would be applied to future operating subsidy allocations that assign a portion of the operating subsidy to Loudoun County.	
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**TIMELINE:**

<b>Previous Actions</b>	
<b>Anticipated actions after presentation</b>	Updated formula would be applied to future operating subsidy allocations that assign a portion of the operating subsidy to Loudoun County.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Authorize excluding Population Density from the Regional Metrobus Subsidy Allocation Model calculation for future Loudoun County contributions per the Board's request.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CHANGE TO REGIONAL METROBUS SUBSIDY ALLOCATION  
FORMULA FOR LOUDOUN COUNTY

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

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Resolution 98-27, Board approval is required to change the regional Metrobus subsidy allocation formula for Loudoun County, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, With the addition of Metrorail Silver Line Phase 2 service, Loudoun County will become a funding jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, Loudoun County has not requested Metrobus service and no Metrobus service is planned for Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, The Board has requested that WMATA exclude the population density factor in Resolution 98-27 from its regional Metrobus subsidy calculation for Loudoun County; and

WHEREAS, The subsidy contribution for Loudoun County's population density will be provided by the other contributing jurisdictions as applicable;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

*RESOLVED*, That Loudoun County shall not be charged any subsidy for the population density component of the regional Metrobus subsidy formula contained in Resolution 98-27, with such subsidy amount being assigned to the other jurisdictions pursuant to the applicable subsidy allocation formula; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That all remaining factors in the subsidy allocation formula previously adopted by the Board shall remain in effect for all funding jurisdictions; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the funding obligations under the subsidy allocation formula shall be effective in the WMATA fiscal year containing the Revenue Operations Date for Metrorail Silver Line Phase 2; and be it finally

*RESOLVED*, That this Resolution shall be effective 30 days after adoption in accordance with Compact Section 8(b).

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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WMATA File Structure No.:  
9.10 Jurisdictional Billing and Payments

PROPOSED