

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202274

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Late-Night Service Program

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Information is provided on the progress of the Late-Night Service Program established as a pilot by Board Resolution 2019-09, adopted on March 28, 2019 and Board authorization is requested to establish the program as a permanent service.

PURPOSE:

Staff seeks Board authorization to permanently continue operating the Late-Night Service Program subject to available funding in approved budgets.

DESCRIPTION:

Identification of Parties with an interest in the Late-Night Service Program:

- Lyft, Inc.

Key Highlights:

The Late-Night Service Program began as a pilot in FY2020 as a transportation option for late-night service workers with trips outside of regular Metrorail hours of operation within the service area

Background and History:

The program is designed to supplement late-night transit services for workers in hospitality and healthcare industries as Metro operates reduced late-night hours to facilitate off-peak track and facilities maintenance. The program subsidizes shared rides with Lyft when participants commute to or from work, outside Metro's normal service hours, but within Metro's Transit Zone, up to 40 trips per month. The initial pilot program began serving customers in July 2019 following Board adoption of Resolution 2019-09. The current subsidy per trip is \$6.00.

Discussion:

Since its initial one-year pilot, the Program has continued operations in FY2021. In FY2021, actual expenses currently total \$12,360 with usage data indicating 2,125 trips taken through April 30, 2021.

Below are the most recent and total statistics since the program began in July 2019:

	FY2021 April Year-To-Date (YTD)	FY2021 Inception-To-Date (ITD)*
Applicants	26	396
Denied	1	16
% Accepted	96%	96%
Trips Taken	2,125	7,584
Total Subsidy	\$12,360	\$28,737

**Program Inception was July 1, 2019*

FUNDING IMPACT:

No impact on funding; the program is already funded in the adopted FY2022 Operating Budget	
Project Manager:	Yetunde Olumide
Project Department/Office:	CFO/OMBS

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	March 2019 – Resolution 2019-09 authorized initial Late-Night Service Pilot Program July 2019 – Late-Night Service Pilot Program began operation April 2020 – Resolution 2020-09 approving FY2021 Operating Budget included funding for Program's continued operations April 2021 – Resolution 2021-11 approving FY2022 Operating Budget included funding for Program's continued operations
Anticipated actions after presentation	July 2021 - Late-Night Service Pilot Program continues operations subject to funding within the approved budget

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval of the permanent continuation of the Late-Night Service Program subject to program funding in future fiscal year budgets.

SUBJECT: LATE NIGHT SERVICE PROGRAM

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

WHEREAS, The Board of Directors authorized a pilot program for late night service transportation for customers of WMATA ("Late Night Service Program," also known as the "After-Hours Commuter Service Program") (Res. 2019-09); and

WHEREAS, WMATA desires to make the pilot program permanent;

NOW THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the continuation of the Late Night Service Program under such terms and conditions that the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer may determine consistent with available funding within an approved budget; and be it finally

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

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

/s/ Patricia Y. Lee

Patricia Y. Lee
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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