

Consent Item (A) 04-27-2023

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
203445

Resolution:
☐ Yes ☒ No

TITLE:

Parking Fee Waiver Summer Shutdown

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Staff recommends waiving collection of all parking fees (rider and non-rider) at Vienna, Dunn Loring, West Falls Church, East Falls Church, Greenbelt, College Park, Hyattsville Crossing, and West Hyattsville during the Orange Line and Green Line improvement projects to ease travel disruption and make it more convenient for customers to use Metrobus service that will replace train service during the construction period.

PURPOSE:

Request Board approval to waive the collection of all parking fees (rider and non-rider) at Vienna, Dunn Loring, West Falls Church, East Falls Church, Greenbelt, College Park, Hyattsville Crossing, and West Hyattsville from June 3 to September 4, 2023, as part of the Orange Line and Green Line improvement projects.

DESCRIPTION:

During the Orange Line and Green Line improvement projects, eight Metro stations on the Orange and Green Lines will close from June 3 – September 4, 2023: specifically, Vienna, Dunn Loring, West Falls Church, and East Falls Church between June 3 to July 17, 2023, and Greenbelt, College Park, Hyattsville Crossing, and West Hyattsville from July 22 to September 4, 2023.

Staff will seek Board approval to waive the collection of all parking fees (rider and non-rider) at eight Metro stations on the Orange and Green Lines from June 3 to September 4, 2023, as part of the Orange Line and Green Line improvement projects. Waiving all collection of rider and non-rider parking fees at these stations will ease travel disruption due to the shutdown and make it more convenient for customers to use Metrobus service which will replace train service during the construction period.

Key Highlights:

- Vienna, Dunn Loring, West Falls Church, East Falls Church, Greenbelt, College Park Hyattsville Crossing, and West Hyattsville on the Orange and Green Lines will close service from June 3 to September 4, 2023, as part of the Orange Line and Green Line improvement projects.
- Metro will provide bus service from these stations.
- Waiving collection of all rider and non-rider parking fees at these eight stations during the construction period will ease travel disruption and make it more convenient for customers to use the Metrobus service.

Background and History:

In 2019 Metro started the Platform Improvement Project which, through addressing safety concerns, structural issues, and station modernization, rehabilitated and improved exterior platforms at 20 stations.

The Board of Directors authorized staff to waive the collection of all rider and non-rider parking fees at Metro parking facilities, in support of the Platform Improvement Project, during the summers of 2019, 2020, and 2022.

The Comprehensive Parking Policy Resolution No 2018-53 establishes the process for rates and revenue collection hours at all Metro parking facilities and delegates authority to the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer; however, those delegations do not include waiving parking rates.

Discussion:

Metro will continue implementing safety improvements and station modernization with the Orange Line and Green Line improvement projects. Waiving collection of all rider and non-rider parking fees at the eight Metro stations will ease travel disruption due to the shutdown and make it more convenient for customers to use Metrobus service which will replace train service during the construction period.

The number of parking spaces and current utilization at the affected stations are listed below. An estimated parking revenue loss of approximately \$472,825 will be reimbursed by the capital program, resulting in no operating subsidy impact to contributing jurisdictions.

Metrorail Station	Facility Type	Total Parking Spaces (current utilization)	Revenue Loss	Closure dates
Vienna	Garage/Surface Lot	5169 (24%)	\$147,314	June 3- July 17
Dunn Loring	Garage	1964 (12%)	\$40,409	June 3- July 17
West Falls Church	Garage/Surface Lot	2009 (21%)	\$12,823	June 3- June 26
East Falls Church	Surface Lot	422 (94%)	\$24,500	June 3- June 26
Greenbelt	Surface Lot	3399 (23%)	\$149,029	July 22- September 4
College Park	Garage	1290 (24%)	\$53,250	July 22- September 4
Hyattsville Crossing	Garage	1068 (13%)	20,130	July 22 -September 4
West Hyattsville	Surface Lot	453 (34%)	\$25,370	July 22- September 4

FUNDING IMPACT:

No funding impact	
Project Manager:	Belinda Barrett
Project Department/Office:	Real Estate and Parking

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	Spring 2023 – Customer notification of Orange Line and Green Line improvement projects schedule.
Anticipated actions after presentation	June 3 – September 4, 2023 – Period that Metro would not collect parking fees (rider and non-rider) at Vienna, Dunn Loring, West Falls

Church, East Falls Church, Greenbelt, College Park, Hyattsville Crossing, and West Hyattsville.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval to waive the collection of all parking fees (rider and non-rider) at Vienna, Dunn Loring, West Falls Church, East Falls Church, Greenbelt, College Park, Hyattsville Crossing, and West Hyattsville.

SUBJECT: WAIVER OF COLLECTION OF PARKING FEES DURING ORANGE LINE AND GREEN LINE IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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

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

WHEREAS, Certain stations along the Orange Line and Green Line will be closed due to improvements along those lines beginning on or about June 3, 2023; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends temporarily waiving all rider and non-rider parking fees at the Vienna, Dunn Loring, West Falls Church, East Falls Church, Greenbelt, College Park, Hyattsville Crossing, and West Hyattsville station parking facilities, during the Orange Line and Green Line improvement projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Directors waives collection of all rider and non-rider parking fees at the Vienna, Dunn Loring, West Falls Church, East Falls Church, Greenbelt, College Park, Hyattsville Crossing, and West Hyattsville station parking facilities, during the Orange Line and Green Line improvement projects for a period not to exceed six months from implementation of the waiver at each of the relevant stations and authorizes the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to terminate the waiver sooner; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That to allow for the timely implementation of the parking fee waiver this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

/s/
Patricia Y. Lee
Executive Vice President, Chief Legal Officer
and General Counsel

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