

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

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Resolution:  
☒ Yes ☐ No

**Presentation Name:**

RESCIND EARLY OPENING/LATE CLOSING POLICY

**Project Manager:**

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**Project Department:**

Customer Experience

**Purpose/Key Highlights:**

This MEAD seeks to rescind resolutions 97-02, as amended by Resolution 2003-63, the Board policy to provide extra service (*i.e.*, early opening, late closing, or enhanced service) when requested by a third party for a fee.

Delegate to the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer the authority to provide extra service (*i.e.*, early opening, late closing, or enhanced service) as may be necessary or appropriate without charge to any third party for the following:

(1) professional sports events, concerts, marathons, and other similar organized large scale events where the anticipated attendance is equal to or greater than 10,000 people, so long as staff and the event/venue collaborate to create value for WMATA through co-promotion, co-marketing, advertising, or other similar marketing activities; and

(2) First Amendment activities, national holidays, inaugurations, and other similar events based on public safety considerations.

**Interested Parties:**

Regional event organizers, professional sports teams, concerts, marathons and other large scale events.

**Background:**

In Resolution 97-02, amended by Resolution 2003-63, the Board adopted a policy to provide extra service (*i.e.*, early opening, late closing, or enhanced service) when requested by a third party for a fee, and directed staff to take administrative steps to implement this policy. Staff implemented the extra service policy in P/I 6.19/3 (Early Opening/Late Closing).

To eliminate the administrative costs of implementing the extra service policy and to increase ridership on Metrorail, staff requests the Board rescind the extra service policy and delegate to the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer the authority to provide extra service as may be necessary and appropriate without charge to any third party.

**Discussion:**

This is an Action item.

**Funding Impact:**

-No funding impact with this item

**Previous Actions:**

-Resolution 97-02, as amended by Resolution 2003-63

Policy Instruction P/I 6.19/3 (Early Opening/Late Closing)

**Next Steps:**

Rescind Resolutions 97-02 and 2003-63 and direct staff to rescind P/I 6.19/3 (Early Opening/Late Closing);

Delegate to the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer the authority to provide extra service (*i.e.*, early opening, late closing, or enhanced service) for the following: (1) professional sports events, concerts, marathons, and other similar organized large scale events where the anticipated attendance is equal to or greater than 10,000 people, so long as staff and the event/venue collaborate to create value for WMATA through co-promotion, co-marketing, advertising, or other similar marketing activities; and (2) First Amendment activities, national holidays, inaugurations, and other similar events based on public safety considerations to support our customers at upcoming professional sports and large scale regional events.

**Recommendation:**

Approval to: Rescind resolutions and delegate authority to General Manager and Chief Executive Officer

SUBJECT: RESCIND EARLY OPENING/LATE CLOSING POLICY

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

WHEREAS, In Resolution 97-02, as amended by Resolution 2003-63, the Board adopted a policy to provide extra service (*i.e.*, early opening, late closing, or enhanced service) when requested by a third party for a fee, and directed staff to take administrative steps to implement this policy; and

WHEREAS, Staff implemented the extra service policy in P/I 6.19/3 (Early Opening/Late Closing); and

WHEREAS, To eliminate the administrative costs of implementing the extra service policy and to increase ridership on Metrorail, the Board believes it is appropriate to rescind the extra service policy and to delegate to the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer the authority to provide extra service as may be necessary or appropriate without charge to any third party; and

WHEREAS, The rescission of the extra service policy aligns with WMATA's Strategic Transformation Plan and supports our customers, the communities we serve, and the region by providing safe and reliable Metrorail service;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors rescinds Resolutions 97-02 and 2003-63 and directs staff to rescind P/I 6.19/3 (Early Opening/Late Closing); and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors delegates to the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer the authority to provide extra service (*i.e.*, early opening, late closing, or enhanced service) for the following: (1) professional sports events, concerts, marathons, and other similar organized large scale events where the anticipated attendance is equal to or greater than 10,000 people, so long as staff and the event/venue collaborate to create value for WMATA through co-promotion, co-marketing, advertising, or other similar marketing activities; and (2) First Amendment activities, national holidays, inaugurations, and other similar events based on public safety considerations; and be it finally

*RESOLVED*, To support our customers at upcoming professional sports and large scale regional events, 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.:  
20.6.1 Rail Early Opening/Late Closing Agreements