

Consent Item (B) 04-25-2024

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

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Number:
206743

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

Presentation Name:

Parking Fee Waiver Shutdown 2024

Project Manager:

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Project Department:

Real Estate and Development

Purpose/Key Highlights:

Request Board approval to waive the collection of all parking fees (rider and non-rider) at the Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, and Takoma Metro Stations during the 2024 Major Outage Shutdown project. Waiving parking fees will make it more convenient for customers to use Metrobus service that will replace train service during the construction period and ease travel disruptions. This action specifically aligns with Metro's Strategic Transformation Plan goal of service excellence.

KEY HIGHLIGHTS:

- Four Red Line Metro stations, Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, and Takoma will close service from June 1 to August 31, 2024, as part of the 2024 Major Outage Shutdown project
- Metro will provide bus service from these stations
- Waiving all rider and non-rider parking fees at these four stations will ease travel and make it more convenient for customers to use Metrobus service during the construction period

Interested Parties:

None

Background:

In 2019, Metro started the Platform Improvement Project to rehabilitate and improve exterior platforms at 20 stations by addressing safety concerns, structural issues, and station modernization. The Board of Directors have previously authorized staff to waive the collection of all rider and non-rider parking fees at affected Metro parking facilities, to ease travel disruption and make it more convenient for customers to use the Metrobus service that replaced train service during the construction periods of the Platform Improvement Project occurring in the previous five summers.

The Comprehensive Parking Policy Resolution No 2018-53 establishes the process for rates and revenue collection hours at all Metro parking facilities. However, the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer does not have the authority to waive parking rates. Only the Board has the authority to waive parking rates.

Discussion:

With the Red Line Improvement project, Metro continues to implement safety improvements and station modernization. Waiving rider and non-rider parking fees at the four Metro stations will make it more convenient for customers to use Metrobus service.

The number of parking spaces and current utilization at the affected stations are listed below. An estimated parking revenue loss of approximately \$328,623.00 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
Glenmont	Garage Park & Ride	2,998 (32%)	\$200,059
Wheaton	Garage Park & Ride	977 (10%)	\$18,066
Forest Glen	Surface lot Park & Ride	596 (52%)	\$72,550
Takoma	Surface lot (Hourly paid parking only)	142	\$37,947

Funding Impact:

No funding impact for this consent item.

Previous Actions:

Resolution 2019-10 authorized staff to waive the parking fees during the Summer 2019 Platform Shutdown at three Metrorail stations on the Blue and Yellow Lines. This proposal to waive the parking fees at four Metro parking facilities during the 2024 Major Outage Shutdown project is consistent with the approach taken in previous years from 2019 to 2023 to waive parking fees at Metro parking facilities authorized through

Resolutions 2019-10, 2020-07, 2021-08, 2022-19 and 2023-13, respectively.

Next Steps:

If approved, staff will implement procedures to waive parking fees at the Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen and Takoma Metro Stations, from June 1 to August 31, 2024.

Recommendation:

Approval to: Board approval to waive parking fees at Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen and Takoma parking facilities.

SUBJECT: WAIVER OF PARKING FEES DURING RED 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 Red Line will be closed due to construction for safety improvements and station modernization to improve the Red Line beginning on or about June 1, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends temporarily waiving all rider and non-rider parking fees at the Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, and Takoma station parking facilities during the Red Line improvement project;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, The Board of Directors waives all rider and non-rider parking fees at the Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, and Takoma station parking facilities during the Red Line improvement projects for a period not to exceed six (6) months from implementation of the waiver at the relevant station 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