

Consent Item (A) 12-09-2021

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202325

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Extension of Parking Fee Waiver

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Staff seeks approval to extend the parking fee waiver at Shady Grove and Rockville Metrorail stations to coincide with the construction schedule of the Rockville Canopy project.

PURPOSE:

Request Board approval to extend the parking fee waiver at Shady Grove and Rockville Metro stations through the completion of the canopy replacement project.

DESCRIPTION:

Staff recommends extending the parking fee waiver at Shady Grove and Rockville Metrorail Stations for the duration of the construction period to continue mitigating travel disruption from the station shutdown and encourage Metro customers to use Metrobus service, which has replaced train service during the construction period. -

Key Highlights:

- Shady Grove and Rockville Metrorail stations on the Red Line have been closed since September 11, 2021 for the Rockville Station canopy project and other station improvements.
- Metro has provided bus bridges as well as regular Metrobus service from these stations.
- The canopy replacement project was suspended to address the service impact created by removal of 7000-series rail cars
- Staff recommends extending the parking fee waiver at Shady Grove and Rockville stations for the duration of the construction period to encourage customers to continue to use Metrobus or shuttle services to connect to rail service.
- There will not be an operating subsidy impact to the jurisdictions.

Background and History:

Resolution 2018-53 adopted the Comprehensive Parking Policy, which includes the process for establishing rates and revenue collection hours at all

Metro parking facilities and delegations to the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer (GM/CEO); however, it does not include waiving parking rates.

At the September 9, 2021 Special Board Meeting, the Board of Directors approved Resolution No. 2021- which waived the daily parking fee at Shady Grove and Rockville Metro Stations during the Rockville Station Canopy Replacement Project. This was consistent with the approach taken for the 2019, 2020 and earlier 2021 Platform Improvement Projects (PIP) where Metrorail stations were closed. Free parking was provided during the PIP construction periods to encourage commuters to use the available bus bridges.

Discussion:

The canopy replacement project, which required the closure of Rockville and Shady Grove Metrorail stations, was suspended so staff could route additional trains into service from the Shady Grove Rail Yard to relieve the railcar shortage created by the removal of the 7000-series fleet. Additionally, there are project construction delays impacting the original schedule. The canopy project is now expected to be completed early 2022.

Staff recommends extending the parking fee waiver at Shady Grove and Rockville Metro stations for the duration of the construction period. The parking facilities at Shady Grove has 5,745 and Rockville 524 parking spaces. There will not be an operating subsidy impact to the jurisdictions.

A summary of the parking utilization and available spaces are below:

Metrorail Stations Covid Utilization	Facility Type Current Utilization	#Parking Spaces	Pre-
Rockville 80%	Surface Lot 8%	524	
Shady Grove 67%	Garage/Surface lot 6%	5745	

FUNDING IMPACT:

Define current or potential funding impact, including source of reimbursable funds.	
Project Manager:	Belinda Barrett
Project Department/Office:	CFO/LAND

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	Customer notification of 2021 Canopy Replacement Shutdown schedule at Shady Grove and Rockville

Anticipated actions after presentation	Extended to January 31, 2022 - Period that Metro would not collect the daily parking fee at Shady Grove and Rockville Metro stations
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RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval to extend the parking fee waiver at Shady Grove and Rockville Metro stations through the completion of the canopy replacement project but in no event later than March 8, 2022.

Presented and Adopted: December 9, 2021

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF WAIVER OF PARKING FEES DURING CANOPY REPLACEMENT PROJECTS

2021-45

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 authority to set rates at its parking facilities; and

WHEREAS, On September 9, 2021, the Board waived parking fees at the Rockville and Shady Grove Metrorail Station parking facilities for four months or through December 9, 2021 (Res. 2021-29); and

WHEREAS, WMATA has experienced construction delays impacting the original schedule and has had to suspend work on the canopy projects in order to move some older rail cars from the Shady Grove rail yard to active passenger revenue service, which will delay the canopy project work beyond December 9, 2021;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors extends the waiver of all parking fees at Rockville and Shady Grove Metrorail Station parking facilities during station shutdowns for the canopy replacement projects to no later than March 8, 2022, and authorizes the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to terminate the waiver sooner as he deems appropriate; and be it finally

Motioned by Mr. Smedberg, seconded by Dr. Hadden Loh

Ayes: 8- Mr. Smedberg, Ms. Babers, Mr. Slater, Ms. Kline, Mr. Letourneau, Dr. Hadden Loh, Mr. Drummer and Ms. Martin-Proctor

RESOLVED, That for the extension of the parking fee waiver at Rockville and Shady Grove Metrorail Station parking facilities to be in place before the existing waiver expires, this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Patricia Y. Lee
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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