Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Board Action/Information Summary

◉ Action ○ Information	MEAD Number: 201830	Resolution: ◉ Yes ○ No

TITLE:

Rescission of Takoma Langley Crossroads Resolution

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) has informed WMATA that it now wishes to operate and maintain the Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center, requiring prior approvals and agreements for WMATA to operate and maintain the facility to be rescinded. The transit center must be removed from the Adopted Regional System (ARS); also the GM must be authorized to negotiate and execute the necessary documents to terminate the lease and other agreements.

PURPOSE:

WMATA must remove the transit center from the ARS and the funding provided for its operation. The attached proposed resolution rescinds Resolution 2015-50, thereby removing the transit center from the ARS and the maintenance funds from the WMATA Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Reimbursable Budget. The proposed resolution also authorizes the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute the necessary documents to terminate the lease, and negotiate and execute other agreements which will include allowing Metrobus to operate within the transit center and for WMATA to maintain customer information.

DESCRIPTION:

Key Highlights:

- Originally, MTA asked WMATA to operate and maintain the transit center under a reimbursable agreement.All approvals from the Board of Directors were secured.
- As the opening date of the transit center approached, MTA decided they would rather maintain operations and maintenance control for the transit center.
- WMATA requires Board of Directors approval to rescind the lease and operating agreement and secure new agreements to operate within the transit center and to maintain customer information signage.

Background and History:

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) has constructed a transit center at University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue in Prince George's County to service both Metrobus as well as Ride On, TheBus, and Shuttle-UM. The original plan was to have MTA build the transit center and have WMATA operate it as a Maryland reimbursable project. In furtherance of that approach, WMATA held a public hearing to expand the Adopted Regional System (ARS) and negotiated the necessary lease and maintenance and operations agreements. The Board approved the staff report and amended the ARS and the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Reimbursable Budget in Resolution 2015-50. The lease was signed on August 2, 2016 with a commencement date of August 18, 2016. It was expected that by the lease commencement date that all construction issues would be resolved and that certificates of substantial completion and occupancy would have been issued.

During WMATA's discussions with the MTA regarding the opening of the center, the MTA stated that it now wishes to operate and maintain the transit center. WMATA will continue to operate Metrobus service to the transit center, and will maintain customer information assets within the transit center into the future. The administrative change in maintenance and operations responsibility for the transit center from WMATA to MTA should have no impact on customers.

Discussion:

In order to follow MTA direction that they wish to establish maintenance and operational control of the transit center, Board of Directors approval is required.

FUNDING IMPACT:

There is no net funding impact to WMATA from the proposed termination of the lease agreement. Project costs already incurred in FY2017 by WMATA in anticipation of operation will be reimbursed by MTA. The projected costs for Takoma-Langley operation in FY2018 and the associated reimbursement by MTA for those costs will be removed from the proposed FY2018 budget, with no net impact on required jurisdictional funding.	
Project Manager:	James Hamre
Project Department/Office:	BPLN

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	The Board approved the staff report and amended the ARS and the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Reimbursable Budget in Resolution 2015-50. The lease was signed on August 2, 2016 with a commencement date of August 18, 2016.

Anticipated actions after presentation	On December 20, 2016 the State of Maryland will host a ribbon-cutting event to open the facility. The public will begin using the facility with consolidated bus stops, and service will be discontinued to the nearby bus stops at the beginning of service on December 22, 2016.

RECOMMENDATION:

Rescind Resolution 2015-50, thereby removing the transit center from the ARS as well as the maintenance funds from the Fiscal Year 2016 Operating Reimbursable Budget, and authorize the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to negotiate and execute the necessary documents to terminate the lease and other agreements.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED: December 15, 2016

SUBJECT: RESCISSION OF RESOLUTION GRANTING APPROVAL TO OPERATE AND MAINTAIN TAKOMA LANGLEY CROSSROADS TRANSIT CENTER, EXPANSION OF ADOPTED REGIONAL SYSTEM AND AMENDMENT OF FISCAL YEAR 2016 OPERATING REIMBURSABLE BUDGET

2016-57

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

WHEREAS, The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) agreed to have WMATA lease, operate and maintain the Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center (Transit Center); and

WHEREAS, In furtherance of that agreement, the Board of Directors passed Resolution 2015-50 which amended both the Adopted Regional System (ARS) and the Fiscal Year (FY) 2016 Operating Reimbursable Project budget as well as accepted the Staff Report on the public hearing related to the ARS amendment and authorized the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer (GM/CEO) to enter into the necessary agreements with the MTA; and

WHEREAS, Subsequent events have led MTA to decide that it wants to operate and maintain the Transit Center; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby rescinds Resolution 2015-50 in its entirety effective, *nunc pro tunc*, as of September 25, 2015, thereby voiding the amendment of the ARS and the amendment of the FY2016 Operating Reimbursable Budget; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the GM/CEO to negotiate and execute such agreements with the MTA, as are necessary to implement the rescission approved in this resolution and to enter into any agreement necessary for WMATA to be able to use the Transit Center; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That to accommodate MTA's request to begin operating and maintaining the Transit Center as soon as possible, this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

Patricia Y. Lee
General Counsel

WMATA File Structure No.:
12.7.2 Master Plans/Mass Transit Plan (including transit zone modifications)

Motioned by Mr. Evans, seconded by Mr. Corcoran
Ayes: 8 – Mr. Evans, Ms. Harley, Mr. Corcoran, Mr. Strickland, Mr. Price, Mr. Goldman, Mrs. Hudgins and Ms. Carmody