

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202249

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Parking Fee Waiver for FY2021 PIP

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Requests Board approval to waive parking fees at Greenbelt, College Park, Prince George's Plaza and West Hyattsville Metro stations during the 2021 Summer Platform Improvement Program.

PURPOSE:

Request Board approval to waive parking fees at Greenbelt, College Park, Prince George's Plaza and West Hyattsville Metro stations to encourage customers to utilize Metrobus service that will replace train service during the 2021 Summer Platform Improvement Program.

DESCRIPTION:

The Greenbelt, College Park, Prince George's Plaza and West Hyattsville Metro stations on the Green Line will be closed from May 29 to September 6, 2021 as part of Metro's Platform Improvement Project. Staff requests Board approval to waive parking fees at the stations to encourage customers to take advantage of Metrobus service that will replace train service during the Summer 2021 Platform Shutdown.

Key Highlights:

- Four Green Line Metrorail stations, Greenbelt, College Park, Prince George's Plaza and West Hyattsville Metro will be closed from approximately May 29 through September 6, 2021 to repair station platforms and complete related stations improvements
- Metrobus service from these stations will be available and staff proposes waiving parking fees to ease travel disruption

Background and History:

Metro's Platform Improvement Project ("PIP") is reconstructing outdoor platforms at 20 Metrorail stations to improve safety, structural integrity and customers convenience. The 2021 PIP includes the rehabilitation of Greenbelt, College Park, Prince George's Plaza and West Hyattsville Metrorail stations on the Green Line, beginning on or about May 29 through September

6, 2020. Metrorail service at the four stations will be suspended or reduced to single tracking during this period but Metrobus service will remain available.

Resolution 2018-53 adopted the Comprehensive Parking Policy, including the process for establishing rates and revenue collection hours at all Metro parking facilities and delegations to the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer, but those delegations do not include waiving parking rates. 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.

The parking space count and current utilization for the four Metrorail parking facilities are as follows:

<i>Metrorail Station utilization)</i>	<i>Facility Type</i>	<i>Total Parking Spaces (current %</i>
Greenbelt	Surface Lot	3,399 (4%)
College Park-U of Md	Garage	1,290 (3%)
Prince George Plaza	Garage	1,068 (3%)
West Hyattsville	Surface Lot	453 (6%)

Discussion:

Similar to previous years, staff recommends waiving parking fees at Greenbelt, College Park, Prince George's Plaza and West Hyattsville stations for the Summer 2021 Platform Shutdown, as a courtesy to riders and to encourage customers to use public transportation.

This action would apply to the daily parking rates of \$4.70-\$5.20 per day, hourly parking rates at each station and the \$8.95 per day non-rider fee at Greenbelt. Staff evaluated the risk of non-riders utilizing a significant number of spaces at the Greenbelt Metro station and determine the impact would not limit parking availability to Metro's customers.

Combined, the four parking facilities have approximately 6,210 parking spaces. The estimated revenue loss associated with offering free parking during the Summer 2021 Platform Shutdown is estimated to be \$84,334. There will not be an operating subsidy impact to the jurisdictions. Capital funding designated for revenue loss due to major capital projects will be transferred to mitigate reduced operating revenue in FY2021 and FY2022.

This proposal to waive the parking fees at the four Green Line Metro stations during the Summer 2021 Platform Shutdown is consistent with the approach taken in 2019.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Project Manager:	Belinda Barrett
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Project Department/Office:	CFO/LAND
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TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	PIP 2019 and 2020
Anticipated actions after presentation	<p>Spring 2021- Customer notification of Summer 2021 Platform Shutdown Schedule</p> <p>May-September 2021- Period that Metro would not collect parking fees at Greenbelt, College Park, Prince George's Plaza and West Hyattsville Metro Stations</p>

RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval to waive parking fees at Greenbelt, College Park, Prince George's Plaza and West Hyattsville Metro stations during the Summer 2021 Platform Shutdown.

SUBJECT: WAIVER OF COLLECTION OF PARKING FEES DURING GREEN LINE
PLATFORM IMPROVEMENTS

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

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

WHEREAS, Certain Green Line stations will undergo platform improvements scheduled to begin on or about May 29, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends temporarily waiving collection of parking fees at Greenbelt, College Park-U of Md, Prince George Plaza, and West Hyattsville Metro station parking facilities during the platform improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors waives collection of all parking fees at Greenbelt, College Park-U of Md, Prince George Plaza, and West Hyattsville Metro station parking facilities during the platform improvements on the Green Line for no longer than six months from implementation of the waiver and authorizes the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer to terminate the waiver sooner; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall become effective 30 days after adoption in accordance with § 8(b) of the Compact.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

/s/ Patricia Y. Lee

Patricia Y. Lee

Executive Vice President and General Counsel