



Safety and Operations Committee

Action Item III-A

July 11, 2019

Approval of Public Hearing for Bus Service Adjustments

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202083

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Metrobus Service Adjustments 2019

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Board approval is sought to conduct a public hearing and Title VI Equity Analysis process to allow budget neutral bus route alterations to meet changing needs and conditions.

PURPOSE:

Approval to conduct a public hearing and Title VI Equity Analysis process to allow budget neutral bus route alterations to meet changing needs and conditions.

DESCRIPTION:

Key Highlights:

Proposals to make changes to Metrobus service to better meet customer demand, respond to changing conditions, and satisfy jurisdictional requests.

Background and History:

In prior years, Metrobus service was adjusted annually to maximize revenue and meet jurisdictional priorities and changing customer demand.

The WMATA compact requires a public hearing for service changes classified as 'major' under Resolution 2013-27.

An outreach process to inform customers and meet Public Participation Plan/Federal Title VI requirements is always included in the public hearing process.

Discussion:

Proposals are to change six Metrobus routes in the District, and one each in Maryland and Virginia. The ideas have come from customers, jurisdictions, service studies, and changing conditions. All proposals are cost and budget neutral.

The specific proposals for service changes are included in the attachment.

FUNDING IMPACT:

Jurisdiction	Regional Amounts			Non-Regional Amounts			Approved	Adjusted	Estimated Impact
	Approved	Adjusted	Variance	Approved	Adjusted	Variance			
District of Columbia	\$183,587,988	\$183,588,853	\$865	\$33,161,075	\$33,161,075	\$0	\$216,749,063	\$216,749,928	\$865
Montgomery County	\$65,126,208	\$65,147,391	\$21,183	\$8,460,974	\$8,460,974	\$0	\$73,587,182	\$73,608,365	\$21,183
Prince George's County	\$74,571,344	\$74,599,789	\$28,445	\$22,576,751	\$22,568,085	(\$8,666)	\$97,148,095	\$97,167,874	\$19,779
Maryland Subtotal	\$139,697,552	\$139,747,180	\$49,628	\$31,037,725	\$31,029,059	(\$8,666)	\$170,735,277	\$170,776,240	\$40,962
Alexandria	\$20,591,961	\$20,599,936	\$7,975	\$2,872,983	\$2,872,983	\$0	\$23,464,944	\$23,472,919	\$7,975
Arlington	\$33,560,335	\$33,573,513	\$13,178	\$2,147,930	\$2,147,930	\$0	\$35,708,264	\$35,721,443	\$13,178
City of Fairfax	\$665,990	\$666,025	\$34	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$665,990	\$666,025	\$34
Fairfax County	\$58,544,853	\$58,495,137	(\$49,716)	\$6,883,038	\$6,883,038	\$0	\$65,427,891	\$65,378,175	(\$49,716)
Falls Church	\$1,662,344	\$1,662,997	\$653	\$213,847	\$213,847	\$0	\$1,876,191	\$1,876,844	\$653
Virginia Subtotal	\$115,025,483	\$114,997,608	(\$27,875)	\$12,117,798	\$12,117,798	\$0	\$127,143,280	\$127,115,406	(\$27,875)
	\$438,311,023	\$438,333,642	\$22,619	\$76,316,598	\$76,307,932	(\$8,666)	\$514,627,621	\$514,641,574	\$13,953

Changes are cost neutral.	
Project Manager:	Al Himes
Project Department/Office:	BPLN

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	Annual SOGO hearings 2010 - 2017
Anticipated actions after presentation	Board approval of Public Hearing Report of recommended service changes for December 2019 - June 2020 implementation.

RECOMMENDATION:

Approval to conduct a public hearing and Title VI Equity Analysis process to allow budget neutral bus route alterations to meet changing needs and conditions.

Metrobus Service Adjustments

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Purpose

Request approval to hold a public hearing and Title VI Equity Analysis on budget neutral bus route alterations to accommodate changing needs and conditions

Route Locations

- District – 6
- Virginia – 1
- Maryland – 1



History



- Metrobus previously adjusted service annually to meet changing demand, maximize revenue, and respond to jurisdictional priorities
- Compact requires a public hearing for ‘major’ changes
- Public Participation Plan/Federal Title VI require customer outreach

Metrobus Service Adjustments for Public Hearing 2019

Jurisdiction	Line Number	Line Name	Description	Sources of Recommendation/ Outcome
DC	42, 43	Mount Pleasant	Convert additional 42 trips to 43 trips, allowing buses to go under Dupont Circle during middays and weekends	Study recommendation Using the underpass instead of the circle will provide through customers with a faster trip
	74	Convention Ctr SW Waterfront	Extend route to Buzzard Point / Audi Field. Reduce hours of service and increase time between buses to keep changes cost neutral	District of Columbia request Serve new market and reduce service at times with lower demand
	S2, S4	Sixteenth Street	Convert all S4 service to S2 and S9 service	Internal recommendations
	S9	Sixteenth St Ltd	Reroute S9 away from Alaska and Eastern Avenues to stay on 16 th Street, serving some, but not all, S4 bus stops between Alaska and Eastern Avenues Increase full length S9 frequency; extend all S9 trips to Silver Spring	Provides faster service for a longer number of customers. Simplifies route patterns to allow improved headway management operations as well as better balancing the number of trips to meet demand

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	7F	Lincolnia – North Fairlington	Remove service from Lincolnia Hills and Park Center neighborhoods Convert all trips to 7A	Internal recommendation The 7F runs only in off-peak hours. This portion of the route serves mostly single-family homes and has very low ridership. Alternate service is available within 1/3 mile
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Recommendation

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SUBJECT: APPROVAL FOR PUBLIC HEARINGS ON METROBUS SERVICE
ADJUSTMENTS

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

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Compact Section 62(a), Board approval is required to implement a major service reduction; and

WHEREAS, Staff proposes a bus service realignment that would not impact the fiscal year 2020 budget and not require additional buses beyond those previously approved, but would increase ridership, increase cost efficiency, and maintain or improve overall on-time performance and customer satisfaction; and

WHEREAS, The proposed bus service changes constitute major service changes under Resolution 2013-27;

WHEREAS, Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 requires an equity analysis, including a public participation process, of any proposed major service change; and

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That in accordance with Compact Section 62(a), the Board authorizes staff to conduct Compact public hearing(s) of the bus service changes shown on Attachment A, and the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to report back to the Board on the results of the Compact public hearing(s); and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board authorizes staff to present the bus service changes, as detailed in Attachment A to this Resolution, for customer input according to the Public Participation Plan and present the Board with a report on the Title VI equity analysis; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board shall consider these findings and public comments in their deliberations on any proposed changes in bus service; and be it finally

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

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Patricia Y. Lee
General Counsel

WMATA File Structure No.:
6.6.4 Bus Route and Service Planning

PROPOSED

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