

Action Item (B) 05-14-2020

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202174

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Expand Summer Construction Project Parking Waiver

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Due to historic low ridership related to stay-at-home orders as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic, this summer's Platform Improvement Project on the orange line was expanded to include Silver Line stations to accommodate the Phase Two Automatic Train Control (ATC) integration project. As a courtesy to customers and for convenience, staff requests Board approval to waive parking fees at West Fall Church Metro station during the construction period.

PURPOSE:

Request Board approval to waive parking fees at West Falls Church Metro Station during the expanded platform summer construction project.

DESCRIPTION:

Staff requests Board approval to waive parking fees at West Falls Church parking facilities, beginning on or about May 23, 2020, during the expanded summer construction project on the Orange and Silver Lines.

There are no parties with an interest in this action.

Key Highlights:

- All Metrorail stations on the Orange Line west of Ballston-GMU Metro Station will be closed beginning on or about May 23
- On February 27, 2020, the Board approved waiving parking fees at Vienna and Dunn Loring stations to encourage customers to use available Metrobus service during the 2020 Platform Improvement Project.

Background and History:

The three-year Platform Improvement Project ("PIP") is an important initiative to rehabilitate and improve the exterior platforms throughout the Metrorail system, thereby elevating the customer experience. This is the second year of the three-year PIP. On February 27, 2020, the Board approved Resolution

2020-07, which authorized staff to waive parking fees during the Summer 2020 Platform Improvement Project at Vienna and Dunn Loring.

Discussion:

West Falls Church Metro Station parking fees were not proposed in the prior Board authorization because the station's service proposal, prior to the events of the COVID-19 pandemic, was to implement single-tracking. The project was expanded to take advantage of the low ridership and also to enable the completion of the ATC integration required by the Silver Line construction. Because of the impact of COVID-19 on staffing levels in the Rail Control Center and complexities of single tracking, a complete shutdown is required. The expanded project now includes the entire segment of the Orange Line west of Ballston-GMU which would require closing West Falls Church Metro Station. Therefore, staff proposes waiving parking fees at West Falls Church Metro Station, similar to the Board approved waiver of parking fees at other Metro stations in Summer 2019, as a courtesy to riders and to encourage riders to continue to use transit.

There are 2,009 parking spaces at West Falls Church in a parking garage and two surface parking lots. The daily parking rate is \$4.95 per day. The non-rider fee is not enacted at West Falls Church.

Capital funding designated for revenue loss due to major capital projects will be transferred to mitigate reduced operating revenue in FY2020 and FY2021.

FUNDING IMPACT:

The estimated revenue loss associated with offering fee parking at West Falls Church is \$254K. In FY2021, capital funding designated for revenue losses will be used to mitigate reduced operating revenue from this action.	
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Project Department/Office:	CFO/PARK

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	February 27, 2020 - Board approved to waive parking fees at Vienna and Dunn Loring Metro stations during the Summer 2020 Platform Shutdown
Anticipated actions after presentation	Spring 2020 - Customer notification of Summer 2020 PIP schedule May-September 2020 - Period Metro would not collect fees at West Falls Church Metro station

RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval to waive parking fees at West Falls Church Metro Station during the Summer 2020 PIP Shutdown.

SUBJECT: WAIVER OF PARKING FEES AT WEST FALLS CHURCH DURING ORANGE LINE AND SILVER LINE CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

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

WHEREAS, Pursuant to Compact § 60, the Board 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, Resolution 2020-07 waived parking fees at the Vienna and Dunn Loring parking facilities during station shutdowns due to the Orange Line platform reconstruction projects; and

WHEREAS, The Orange Line platform reconstruction project has been expanded and will include connecting new Silver Line Phase II stations to the Metro system; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends that the Board waive all parking fees at West Falls Church parking facilities during the Orange Line and Silver Line shutdowns for the various construction projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That all parking fees are waived at West Falls Church parking facilities during the Orange Line and Silver Line construction projects for up to the earlier of six months from implementation of the waiver or completion of the Orange Line and Silver Line construction projects at and around the West Falls Church Metro Station; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately in order to accommodate the start of the Orange Line and Silver Line construction projects.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

/s/
Patricia Y. Lee
Executive Vice President and General Counsel

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

PROPOSED