

Consent Item (A) 02-24-2022

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:
202341

Resolution:
☒ Yes ☐ No

TITLE:

Parking Fee Waiver for 2022 Platform Construction

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Staff is seeking a waiver of parking fees at Landover, Cheverly and Deanwood stations as a courtesy to customers and to make it convenient to take advantage of Metrobus service that will replace train service during the 2022 Platform Shutdown. Staff also recommends continuing to charge the non-rider rate at New Carrollton and Minnesota Avenue while still waiving the parking fee for Metro riders using a SmarTrip® card to exit the parking facilities.

PURPOSE:

Request Board approval to waive parking fees during the Summer 2022 Platform Shutdown at Landover, Cheverly and Deanwood Metro stations and continue to charge the non-rider rate at New Carrollton and Minnesota Avenue Metro stations, waiving daily parking fees for Metro riders using a SmarTrip® card to exit the parking facility.

DESCRIPTION:

The New Carrollton, Landover, Cheverly, Deanwood and Minnesota Avenue Metro stations on the eastern segment of the Orange Line will be closed or operate with single-tracking from May 27-September 2, 2022 as part of Metro's Platform Improvement Project. Staff requests Board approval to waive parking fees as a courtesy to customers and to make it convenient to take advantage of Metrobus service that will replace train service during the Summer 2020 Platform Shutdown. Metro will continue to charge the non-rider rate at New Carrollton and Minnesota Avenue stations due to high volume of non-riders using the garage.

Key Highlights:

- During the Summer 2022 Platform Shutdown, five Metrorail stations on the Orange Line will be closed from approximately May 27 through September 2, 2022 to repair station platforms and complete related station improvements.
- Metro will provide bus bridges and continue to provide Metrobus service from these stations.
- Parking fees will be waived at Landover, Cheverly and Deanwood, New Carrollton and Minnesota Avenue Metro stations, but continue to charge the non-rider rate at New Carrollton and Minnesota Avenue.

Background and History:

Metro's three-year Platform Improvement Project ("PIP") includes reconstructing outdoor platforms at 20 Metrorail stations, making them safer for customers and addressing any identified structural issues. The 2022 phase of the PIP includes the closure and rehabilitation of five Metrorail stations (New Carrollton, Landover, Cheverly, Deanwood

and Minnesota Ave) on the Orange Line and will occur beginning on or about May 27 and through September 2, 2022.

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. This proposal to waive the parking fees at three Metro stations during the Summer 2022 Platform Shutdown is consistent with the approach taken in 2019 and 2020 to waive parking fees at three Metro stations.

The three Metro stations for which staff is proposing to waive the parking fees are Landover, Cheverly and Deanwood. New Carrollton and Minnesota will continue to charge non-riders but will waive the parking fee to Metro customers using a SmarTrip® to exit.

Discussion:

The three-year Platform Improvement Project (“PIP”) is an important initiative rehabilitating and improving the exterior platforms throughout the Metrorail system. This is the third year of the project. As the Board has approved before, staff recommends waiving parking fees at Landover, Cheverly and Deanwood stations for the Summer 2022 Platform Shutdown, as a courtesy to riders and to encourage riders to continue to use transit.

Because of the high volume of non-riders at both stations, staff recommends continuing to charge the non-rider rate at the Minnesota Ave and New Carrollton stations. Ninety-five percent of parkers at Minnesota Ave are non-riders and usually employees of or visitors to the District’s Office of Employment Services located adjacent to the garage. Thirty-four percent of New Carrollton parkers are non-riders and include Amtrak passengers and construction workers. Metro customers using SmarTrip® will be able to exit at no charge during the construction period.

The estimated revenue loss associated with offering free parking for Metro customers during the Summer 2022 Platform Shutdown is estimated to be \$262,260. 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 FY2022.

A summary of the parking space utilization is provided below:

Metrorail Station	Facility Type	# Parking Spaces	Pre-COVID Utilization (2019)	COVID Utilization	Revenue Loss
New Carrollton	Garage/Surface lot	2132	76%	20%	\$188,726.05
Landover	Surface Lot	887	41%	9%	\$18,318.00
Cheverly	Surface Lot	500	60%	11%	\$20,423.85
Deanwood	Surface Lot	194	35%	8%	\$4,747.00
Minnesota	Garage	333	68%	42%	\$30,045.25

FUNDING IMPACT:

There will be a loss of parking revenue but will be reimbursed by Capital funds.	
Project Manager:	Belinda Barrett
Project Department/Office:	CFO/LAND

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	
Anticipated actions after presentation	Spring 2022- Customer notification of Summer Platform Shutdown schedule May-September 2022- Period that Metro would not collect parking fees at Landover, Cheverly and Deanwood Metro stations and daily parking fees for Metro customers at New Carrollton and Minnesota Ave.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval to waive parking fees during the Summer 2022 Platform Shutdown at Landover, Cheverly and Deanwood stations and continuing to charge the non-rider rate at New Carrollton and Minnesota Ave, waiving daily parking fees for Metro riders using a SmarTrip® card to exit the parking facility.-

SUBJECT: WAIVER OF COLLECTION OF PARKING FEES DURING ORANGE LINE
PLATFORM IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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 jurisdiction over the rates and fares to be charged for service performed by transit facilities owned or controlled by WMATA; and

WHEREAS, Certain Orange Line stations will undergo platform improvements scheduled to begin on or about May 27, 2022; and

WHEREAS, Staff recommends temporarily waiving collection of parking fees at New Carrollton, Landover, Cheverly, Deanwood and Minnesota Avenue Metro station parking facilities, except for the Non-Rider parking fee at New Carrollton and Minnesota Avenue, during the platform improvement projects;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors waives collection of parking fees at New Carrollton, Landover, Cheverly, Deanwood and Minnesota Avenue Metro station parking facilities, except for the Non-Rider parking fee at New Carrollton and Minnesota Avenue, during the platform improvement projects for a period not to exceed four 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 Compact Section 8(b).

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

/s/ Patricia Y. Lee

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Executive Vice President and General Counsel