

Notice of Metrobus Public Hearing No. 536

Proposed Elimination of Metrobus Routes 2W, 12A, 12C, 12D, 12E, 12F, 12G, 12L, 12M, 12R, 12S, 20F, 20W, 20X, 20Y

For Replacement with Fairfax Connector Service

Docket No. B09-1

Notice is hereby given that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will hold a public hearing on the above service proposal as follows:

Hearing Number 536

Wednesday, February 18, 2009
Centreville Public Library
14200 Saint Germain Drive
Centreville, VA 20121
Public Hearing - 7 p.m.

This public hearing is being conducted in a location that is wheelchair accessible. Any individual who requires special assistance, such as a sign language interpreter, to participate in the public hearing should contact Ms. Danise Peña at 202-962-2511 or TTY: 202-638-3780 by February 13 in order for Metro to make necessary arrangements. For language assistance, call 202-962-2384 by February 13.

For additional information: wmata.com/community_outreach



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority 600 Fifth Street N.W. Washington, DC 20001

<u>Proposal</u>. Metrobus Routes 2W (Vienna-Oakton Line), 12A-S (Centreville North, Centreville South, Little Rocky Run-Vienna, and Stringfellow Road-Vienna Lines) and 20F-Y (Chantilly-Greenbriar Line) serve the I-66 and U.S. Route 50 corridors between the Centreville and Chantilly areas of western Fairfax County and Vienna/Fairfax-GMU Station. A total of 149 weekday a.m. and p.m. peak trips are operated on 15 routes. Average weekday ridership totals approximately 2,900.

In Fall 2007, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation held public meetings to solicit comments on a proposal to operate Metrobus Routes 2W, 12A-S, and 20F-Y as Fairfax Connector service. On February 25, 2008, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors approved the transfer of these routes to Fairfax Connector operation. By letter dated May 7, 2008, Fairfax County notified Metro of its intent to transfer Routes 2W, 12A,C,D,E,F,G,L,M,R,S, and 20F,W,X,Y to Fairfax Connector operation. Therefore, a Metro public hearing is required prior to discontinuing the Metrobus routes.

If approved by the Metro Board, Metrobus Routes 2W, 12A-S, and 20F-Y would be discontinued and replaced by Fairfax Connector service beginning in June, 2009. Fairfax County Department of Transportation staff will be present at the Metro hearing to respond to comments concerning the planned Fairfax Connector service. The full docket containing Metrobus route maps relevant to the proposal is available for review at Metro headquarters and wmata.com/community_outreach.

How to Register to Speak at the Public Hearing. All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the proposed service change will be afforded the opportunity to present their views, make supporting statements and offer alternative proposals. Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to be heard at this public hearing are requested to furnish in writing their name, address, telephone number and organization affiliation, if any, by noon on the date of the hearing to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. Alternatively, you may fax this information to the Office of the Secretary at 202-962-1133. Please submit only one speaker's name per letter. Lists of individual speakers will not be accepted. Others present at the hearing may be heard after those persons on the witness list have been called and heard. Public officials will be heard first and will be allowed five minutes each to make their presentations. All others will be allowed three minutes each and will be heard in order of registration. Relinquishing of time by one speaker to another will not be permitted. Those who are unable to speak at the hearings are encouraged to submit written statements.

How to Submit Written Statements. Written statements and exhibits may be submitted until 5 p.m. on February 25, 2009, to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. Alternatively, you may send an e-mail to public-hearing-testimony@wmata.com or send by fax to 202-962-1133. Please reference the Hearing and/or Docket Number shown on the front of this document in your submission. All comments received will be posted

without change to wmata.com/about/community, including any personal information provided.

Review of Testimony and Approval of Proposals Outlined in the Public Hearing Docket. The proposal outlined in this docket is not final and is subject to change in response to testimony received during the public hearing process and local jurisdictional review. Following the public hearing, Metro staff will review all testimony presented, both written and oral, and prepare a report with recommendations in regard to the proposed service change to the Metro Board of Directors for its consideration and appropriate action. The Board may change or reject the proposal or staff recommendation with or without alternatives being provided. Implementation of the proposal outlined in the public hearing docket is dependent upon approval of the Board of Directors.