



Notice of Public Hearing
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Proposed Adjustments to Metrorail Weekend Frequency,
Metrobus Service and Increase to Anacostia Special Bus Fare

Docket B11-02

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that six public hearings will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on the proposed changes as follows:

Hearing No. 556

Monday, May 16
Treetops Professional Place - Atrium
8181 Professional Place
Hyattsville, MD

Hearing No. 558

Tuesday, May 17
St. Mary's Armenian Apostolic Church
Fellowship Hall
4125 Fessenden St, NW
Washington, DC

Hearing No. 560

Wednesday, May 18
First Baptist Church of Wheaton
Fellowship Hall
10914 Georgia Ave
Wheaton, MD

Hearing No. 557

Tuesday, May 17
George Washington Middle School Auditorium
1005 Mt. Vernon Ave
Alexandria, VA

Hearing No. 559

Wednesday, May 18
Arlington County Board Room, 3rd Floor
2100 Clarendon Blvd
Arlington, VA

Hearing No. 561

Thursday, May 19
Matthews Memorial Baptist Church
John H. Kearney, Sr. Fellowship Hall
2616 Martin Luther King Jr Ave, SE
Washington, DC

Open House at 5:30 p.m. – Town Hall Meeting at 6 p.m. – Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m.

The locations of all public hearings are wheelchair accessible. Any individual who requires special assistance such as a sign language interpreter or additional accommodation to participate in the public hearings, or who requires these materials in an alternate format, should contact Danise Peña at 202-962-2511 or TTY: 202-638-3780 as soon as possible in order for Metro to make necessary arrangements. For language assistance, such as an interpreter, please call 202-962-1082.

For more information, please visit www.wmata.com/hearings



PROPOSAL – Over the past year, Metro has been making significant progress rebuilding its foundation including safety, service reliability, and financial stability. Through a series of strategic investments and organizational changes, the agency has started to turn around its safety culture, address National Transportation Safety Board recommendations, acquire new vehicles, and rehabilitate aging rail and bus infrastructure – the nuts and bolts work of returning the system to a state of good repair to ensure current and continued safe operations.

As part of its rebuilding effort, Metro is undertaking the largest capital program since the construction of the Metrorail system. The proposed FY2012 operating budget of \$1.5 billion provides a critical support to the rebuilding program, as well as maintains the system's core bus, rail and paratransit services without fare increases.

Even while taking on this major capital program, Metro is simultaneously becoming more resource-efficient. Over the last three years, Metro has implemented \$165 million in business efficiencies through consolidations, suspending non-essential programs, and automating certain functions. In the coming fiscal year, the proposed budget accounts for the elimination of an additional \$74.2 million in operating budget without adversely impacting customers or laying off Metro employees who live in the region and contribute to the local economy.

Last year, rather than bear service reductions, Metro's customers said they preferred to contribute more to support core services and they stepped up support for Metro by shouldering a fare increase. Fares are expected to generate a total of \$700 million in revenues next year. The jurisdictions also stepped up support by increasing contributions by \$25 million.

Despite an aggressive program of management efficiencies, Metro faces substantial cost drivers, including wages and fringe benefits, paratransit service growth, and carryover costs in the coming year. Metro will require an additional \$66 million in additional support to stay on the path of improvement and maintain services without major reductions.

As outlined in this document, a number of measures are being considered to provide for the needed funding, including additional jurisdictional contributions and modest service adjustments, which have an annualized value of \$7 million, with partial year FY2012 value of \$5.3 million. The public hearings will seek comment on the proposed FY2012 budget and on adjustments to Metrobus and Metrorail service as outlined below:

- Bus Service
 1. The elimination of the E6, K1 and N8 routes;
 2. A restructuring of the M4 to extend that route to Knollwood Retirement Home to partially replace the E6 service;
 3. Shorten Routes 70 and 71 to operate between Silver Spring and Archives at all times and reduce peak period frequency. Establish new Route 74 to operate between Fort McNair/Buzzard Point and Gallery Place - Chinatown on weekdays between 5 AM and 8 PM. Restructure Route V8 to operate

via Fort McNair and extend to Gallery Place - Chinatown evenings and weekends. Discontinue Route V7 after 8 PM on weekdays.

4. Eliminate the Anacostia special fare which will increase the fare from \$1.00 to \$1.50 for SmarTrip® and to \$1.70 for cash on routes 94, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, M8, M9, W2, W3, W6 and W8 as well as for stops at or south of Good Hope Road for routes 90, B2, P1, P2, P6 and U2.
 5. Coincident with the fare increase described in Subsection 4 immediately above, increase the bus-to-rail and rail-to-bus transfer value from \$0.50 to \$1.00 for those customers transferring to or from routes 94, A2, A4, A5, A6, A7, A8, M8, M9, W2, W3, W6 and W8 pursuant to an agreement with the District of Columbia as required by Compact § 79; and
- Rail Service
 - Widen Saturday headways from 12 minutes to 18 minutes until 9:30 PM and to 25 minutes after 9:30 PM until closing; and
 - Widen Sunday headways from 15 minutes to 20 minutes until 9:30 PM and to 25 minutes after 9:30 PM until closing.
 - Paratransit Service
 - Patrons using MetroAccess for a trip comparable to the fixed routes listed in Subsection 4 currently pay \$2.00 but will pay \$3.00 if the Anacostia special fare proposal is adopted because the established fare for MetroAccess is twice the equivalent fixed route fare.

The projected start date for any adopted fare or service change is on or about September 25, 2011. Full details on the entire proposal to address the budget shortfall, including items not listed above, may be found at www.wmata.com.

In accordance with section 62 of the WMATA Compact, Metro will conduct six public hearings at the locations listed in this notice. Information on the hearings will be provided in area libraries, on Metrobus, Metrorail, and MetroAccess vehicles, and online at www.wmata.com/hearings.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK – All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the proposal will be afforded the opportunity to present their views and make supporting statements and to offer alternative proposals. In order to establish a witness list, individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to be heard at these public hearings are requested to furnish in writing their name and organization affiliation, if any, via email to speak@wmata.com. The request may also be mailed 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 202-962-1133. Please submit only one speaker's name per letter. Lists of individual speakers will not be accepted. Please note that this information may be releasable to the public under the WMATA Public Access to Records Policy (PARP). The PARP can be viewed on WMATA's website at wmata.com/about_metro/public_rr.cfm under the link marked "Legal Affairs". 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. Relinquishing of time by one speaker to another will not be permitted.

HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS – Written statements and exhibits must be received by 5 p.m. on Tuesday, May 24, 2011 by the Office of the Secretary and may be emailed to writtentestimony@wmata.com. They may also be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Alternatively, statements may be faxed to 202 962-1133. Please reference Hearing B11-02 in your submission. Please note that any personal information such as name, e-mail address, address, or telephone number you provide in the statement may be releasable to the public under the WMATA Public Access to Records Policy, available at the website link noted above.

Additionally, if you wish to participate in a survey on possible options to resolve the funding shortfall, please go to <http://survey.wbanda.com/budgetsurvey/>. You will be asked for your name and address and then asked to respond to questions about possible strategies for funding the shortfall. Your name and address will not be released to anyone. This option is in addition to your ability to speak at a public hearing or to submit a written statement. The site will open by 5 p.m. on Monday, May 9, 2011 and will close at noon on Friday, May 20, 2011.