



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

PROGRAM OF PROJECTS FOR FEDERAL FISCAL YEAR 2011 FUNDS

AUTHORIZED UNDER 49 USC §5309 & §5307 AND
THE PASSENGER RAIL INVESTMENT AND IMPROVEMENT ACT OF 2008
(PRIIA)

Docket B11-01 Hearing No. 555

Monday, March 21, 2011 at 4 p.m.

Metro Headquarters Building
Board Room
600 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20001

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PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – Notice is hereby given that on Monday, March 21, 2011, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) will hold a public hearing on its proposed Program of Projects and proposed applications for this Federal Fiscal Year 2011 grants to assist in financing WMATA's Fiscal Year 2012 capital improvement program. These applications will be filed under the provisions of Federal 49 USC '5309 & '5307 Federal Transit Administration Operating and Capital Assistance Grants and Section 601 of the Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008, or PRIIA, (P.L. 110-432).

WMATA PROPOSAL – WMATA's Fiscal Year 2012 Proposed Program of Projects for Fiscal Year 2011 Federal 49 USC '5309 & '5307 and PRIIA funds and the applications to the Federal Transit Administration for these funds are described below. WMATA intends to submit this Program of Projects to the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board as a proposed amendment to the proposed FY2011-2016 Transportation Improvement Program for the Washington Metropolitan area. Details of the proposed capital improvement program are included in the WMATA FY 2012 Proposed Budget, which is available at wmata.com/ProposedBudget.cfm.

WMATA FY2012 Capital Improvement Program

The WMATA Capital Improvement Program for FY2012 is expected to total \$851,106,000. Estimated costs could increase or decrease, but the project scopes should remain constant. This proposed program will be financed from the following estimated sources: \$139,365,000 from 49 USC '5307 funds, \$34,841,000 from local 49 USC '5307 matching sources, \$101,266,000 from 49 USC '5309 funds, \$25,316,000 from local 49 USC '5309 matching sources, \$150,000,000 from Federal PRIIA Grant funds, \$150,000,000 from local PRIIA matching sources, \$7,400,000 from the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program, an estimated \$110,169,000 in additional local system performance funds, along with \$132,748,000 from prior years and miscellaneous funding sources.

The Capital Improvement Program consists of the following project elements:

- A. Vehicles/Vehicle Parts**, including bus replacement and rehabilitation; rail car replacement and rehabilitation, rail car safety and reliability enhancements, MetroAccess vehicle replacement, replacement parts, preventive maintenance;
- B. Rail System Infrastructure Rehabilitation**, including rail line segment rehabilitation;
- C. Maintenance Facilities**, including bus garage rehabilitation and replacement, and rail yard and maintenance facility rehabilitation;
- D. Systems and Technology**, including power system upgrades, operations support software, business support software and equipment, and rail fare equipment;
- E. Track and Structures**, including track rehabilitation, station and tunnel leak mitigation;
- F. Passenger Facilities**, including elevator and escalator facilities, station rehabilitation, station capacity project development, bus priority corridor improvements, and bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements;
- G. Maintenance Equipment**, including rail maintenance equipment, bus maintenance equipment, and business facility equipment;
- H. Other Facilities**, including business and transit police support facilities; and
- I. Project Management and Support.**

Consideration will be given to the special needs of persons with disabilities and the elderly in implementing the projects. All projects conform to the comprehensive land use and transportation planning in the Washington Metropolitan area. No significant adverse environmental effects are anticipated as a result of these projects.

In accordance with FTA regulation 49 CFR Part 604, WMATA conducts Bus subcontracting service incidental to its mass transportation services only where permitted by exceptions contained in those regulations. Authority subcontract operations are self-supporting with rates established to return all operational costs whether direct or indirect. Services and charges are published in the Subcontracting and Special Transit Service Tariff #17 of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, effective March 1, 2008 as amended by Board Resolution 2008-56 adopted on November 20, 2008. Copies of the Tariff and Bus Subcontracting Cost Allocation Plan are available for public inspection from WMATA's Department of Bus Service.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK – All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to economic, social or environmental issues of the application to the Federal Transit Administration will be afforded the opportunity to present their views, make supporting statements and offer alternative proposals in accordance with the requirements of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Compact and 49 USC § 5307(c)(4) (formerly the Urban Mass Transportation Act, as amended). In order to establish a witness list, individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to be heard at this public hearing are requested to furnish in writing their name, mailing address, telephone number 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. 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 Monday, March 28, 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 B11-01 and/or Docket 555 in your submission.

REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION – The proposed WMATA FY2012 Capital Improvement Program are available at wmata.com/hearings.cfm and available for inspection through Monday, March 28, 2011 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday - Friday, except holidays at the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001.