



Notice of Public Hearings

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Docket B12-01: Proposed FY2013 Fare Adjustments and

Docket B12-02: Proposed FY2013 Capital Improvement Program and Federal FY2012 Grant Applications

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that six public hearings will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on the two dockets mentioned above as follows:

Hearing No. 569
Mon, February 27, 2012
Bethesda Chevy Chase
Regional Services Center
4805 Edgemoor Ln
Bethesda, MD

Hearing No. 570
Wed, February 29, 2012
Mary Ellen Henderson
Middle School Cafeteria
7130 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA

Hearing No. 571
Thurs, March 1, 2012
Matthews Memorial Baptist Church
John H. Kearney, Sr.
Fellowship Hall
2616 Martin Luther King Jr Ave, SE
Washington, DC

Hearing No. 572
Mon, March 5, 2012
Washington Lee High School
Cafeteria
1301 N Stafford St
Arlington, VA

Hearing No. 573
Tues, March 6, 2012
St. Columba's Episcopal
Church
4201 Albemarle St, NW
Washington, DC

Hearing No. 574
Wed, March 7, 2012
First United Methodist Church
6201 Belcrest Rd
Hyattsville, MD

For Each Location: Open Forum at 6 p.m. – Public Hearing at 7 p.m.

Please note that these dates are subject to each facility's inclement weather cancellation policy.

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.



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 either of these two dockets 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. These limits apply regardless of whether the speaker is addressing one or both dockets. 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 12, 2012 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 the appropriate docket number (B12-01 and/or B12-02) 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.

SURVEY AND OPEN FORUM – Additionally, if you wish to participate in a survey on Metro's options to balance its budget, please go to www.wmata.com. The survey will open by 5 p.m. on February 22, 2012 and will close March 12, 2012 at 5 p.m. You will be asked to respond to questions about possible strategies for Metro to balance its budget and then some demographic questions. This option is in addition to your ability to speak at a public hearing or to submit a written statement. Results will be communicated to the Metro Board of Directors but will not be part of the official public hearing record.

To encourage public participation and dialogue regarding WMATA's proposed FY2013 budget and fare proposal and its FY2013 Capital Improvement Plan, preceding each of the formal public hearings, Metro will host an hour-long Open Forum to engage stakeholders and solicit public input. In one station, we will continuously play a video featuring the rebuilding of Metro, progress and milestones to date, and key components of the proposed budget. In another area, tables will be staffed by senior bus, rail,

MetroAccess, SmarTrip® and police officials who will be able to talk with participants and answer individual questions. A Human Resources recruitment table will also be at each event. A third station, a Cyber Café, will enable participants to complete an online survey regarding Metro's balanced budget and fare proposal, as well as to submit written comments for the record.

Both the survey results and the Open Forum comments will be presented to the Board but are not officially part of the public hearing record.

WMATA PROPOSAL FOR DOCKET B12-01: Proposed FY2013 Fare Adjustments

For the coming fiscal year, Metro's proposed operating and capital budgets support the critical rebuilding of its system and improving safety and reliability. The budget also provides service enhancements such as additional rush-hour rail service in preparation for the launch of the Silver line, improved escalator maintenance, enhanced bus corridor services, and increased security. Metro will also advance its fatigue management program and continue complying with National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommendations.

On the operating side, the \$1.6 billion FY2013 budget represents a net increase in expenses of \$116 million and a net decrease in revenue of \$3 million from the prior fiscal year, balanced through cost sharing by jurisdictions and customers through fare increases. This includes a proposed \$53 million (8%) increase from the jurisdictions and a proposed \$66 million fare increase on rail, bus, MetroAccess and parking. The proposed fare adjustments include an average increase of 5% on peak rail fares using SmarTrip® with elimination of the peak-of-the-peak surcharge; reduction on discounts for off-peak rail fares and a \$0.10 increase on local bus fares.

Of the \$116 million increase in funding, \$61 million supports increased expenses for existing operations. More than half of the increased expense is growth in fringe benefit costs, primarily due to health benefit costs and \$29 million in additional pension benefit expenses; the other half is due to contracted labor increases and non-personnel costs. The funding balance of \$55 million will support safety, security, reliability and other improvement programs.

The proposed fare adjustments are also designed to simplify the fare structure; create more user-friendly fares for out-of-town visitors and occasional riders; encourage the use of SmarTrip® cards; and improve bus boarding time for cash fares.

Specifically, Metro is proposing a series of possible fare changes to generate the \$66 million needed, as listed below.

Fares and Fees

Metrorail Fares

CURRENT
Fares / Fees

FY2013 Proposed
Fare Options

Peak Fares

1	· Boarding charge	\$1.95	\$2.10
2	· Composite miles between 3 and 6 miles	\$0.299	\$0.316
3	· Composite miles over 6 miles	\$0.265	\$0.280
4	· Maximum peak fare	\$5.00	\$5.75
5	· OR Maximum peak fare alternative	\$5.00	\$6.00
6	· Charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare	\$0.95 - \$2.50	\$1.05 - \$2.85
7	· OR Charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare alternative	\$0.95 - \$2.50	\$1.05 - \$3.00
8	· Peak-of-the-peak surcharge	\$0.20	eliminate

Off-Peak Fares

9	· Boarding charge	\$1.60	\$1.70
10	· Composite miles between 3 and 6 miles	NA	\$0.237
11	· Composite miles over 6 miles	NA	\$0.210
12	· Maximum off-peak fare	\$2.75	\$3.50
13	· Charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare during off-peak	\$0.95 - \$2.50	\$1.05 - \$3.00
14	· Charge for first 7 composite miles	\$1.60	eliminate
15	· Charge for composite miles between 7 and 10 miles	\$2.15	eliminate
16	· Charge for composite miles greater than 10 miles	\$2.75	eliminate

OR Off-Peak Fares

17	· Boarding charge	\$1.60	\$1.90
18	· Composite miles between 3 and 6 miles	NA	\$0.284
19	· Composite miles over 6 miles	NA	\$0.252
20	· Maximum off-peak fare	\$2.75	\$4.00
21	· Charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare during off-peak	\$0.95 - \$2.50	\$1.05 - \$3.00

Magnetic Paper Fare Card Fares

22	· Fare for paper cards during peak periods	NA	\$6.00
23	· Fare for paper cards during off-peak periods	NA	\$4.00
24	· Charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare	NA	\$3.00
25	· Non-SmarTrip® fare surcharge	\$0.25	eliminate

OR - Magnetic Paper Fare Card Fare Alternative

26	· Fare for paper cards in outer zone (per zone map)	NA	\$6.00
27	· Fare for paper cards in core zone (per zone map)	NA	\$4.00
28	· Charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare	NA	\$2.00-\$3.00
29	· Non-SmarTrip® fare surcharge	\$0.25	eliminate

OR - Magnetic Paper Fare Card Fare Alternative

30	· Non-SmarTrip® fare surcharge	\$0.25	\$1.00
31	· Senior/disabled is one-half peak fare + non-SmarTrip® surcharge	\$0.10	\$0.50 + 1/2 peak fare

Metrorail, continued		CURRENT Fares / Fees	FY2013 Proposed Fare Options
Rail Passes			
32	· One-day pass, valid after 9:30 a.m.	\$9.00	eliminate
33	· One day pass, no time restriction	NA	\$14.00
34	· 7-Day fast pass for rail available on SmarTrip®	\$47.00	\$57.50
35	· 28-Day fast pass for rail available on SmarTrip®	NA	\$230.00
36	· 7-Day short-trip pass	\$32.35	eliminate
37	· OR 7-Day short-trip pass alternative avail on paper farecards	\$32.35	\$35.00
38	· 28-Day short-trip pass available on paper farecards	NA	\$140.00
Other Rail Fares			
39	· Bus-to-rail transfer utilizing SmarTrip® card	\$0.50 discount	no change
40	· 30-Day DC SmartStudent pass & DC One Card, within DC	\$30.00	\$32.00
41	· DC Student farecards & DC One Card - 10 rail trips within DC	\$9.50	\$10.00
42	· Transit Link card on MARC and VRE	\$102.00	\$108.00
43	· Transit Link card on MTA	\$157.00	\$166.00
Metrobus Fares and Fees			
Regular Fares			
44	· SmarTrip® boarding charge for local/limited-stop bus	\$1.50	\$1.60
45	· SmarTrip® boarding charge for express bus	\$3.65	no change
46	· Cash boarding charge for local/limited-stop bus	\$1.70	\$2.00
47	· Cash boarding charge for express bus	\$3.85	\$4.00
48	· Cash/SmarTrip® boarding charge for airport designated routes	\$6.00	no change
Senior/Disabled: One-half Regular Fares			
49	· SmarTrip® boarding charge for local/limited-stop bus	\$0.75	\$0.80
50	· SmarTrip® boarding charge for express bus	\$1.80	no change
51	· Cash boarding charge for local/limited-stop bus	\$0.85	\$1.00
52	· Cash boarding charge for express bus	\$1.90	\$2.00
53	· Cash/SmarTrip® boarding charge for airport designated routes	\$1.80 - \$1.90	\$3.00
Bus Transfers			
54	· Bus-to-bus transfers utilizing SmarTrip® card	\$0.00	no change
55	· Rail-to-bus transfer utilizing SmarTrip® card	\$0.50 discount	no change
56	· Transfer from MARC, VRE, and MTA	\$0.00	no change
57	· Transfer from regional bus partners	varies	no change
Bus Passes			
58	· 7-Day Regional Bus pass	\$15.00	\$16.00
59	· 7-Day Regional senior/disabled pass	\$7.50	\$8.00
Other Fare Media			
60	· Package of 10 tokens, available to organizations	\$17.00	\$20.00
61	· DC student tokens - 10 trips per pack	\$7.50	\$8.00
62	· DC student pass on DC One Card - 10 trips	\$7.50	\$8.00
MetroAccess Fares			
63	· MetroAccess fare (within ADA 3/4 mile service corridor)	varies	varies
64	· Maximum fare	\$7.00	\$7.40

		CURRENT	FY2013 Proposed
Parking Fees		Fares / Fees	Fare Options
65	· District of Columbia	\$3.25 - \$4.25	\$3.50 - \$4.50
66	· Montgomery County	\$4.00 - \$4.75	\$4.25 - \$5.00
67	· Prince George's County	\$4.25	\$4.50
68	· Virginia	\$4.50	\$4.75
69	· Monthly reserved parking fee	\$65.00	\$45.00-\$65.00
70	· Parking meters \$1.00/60 minutes	\$1.00	no change
71	· Prince George's parking garage at New Carrollton	\$85.00	no change
72	· Non-Metro Rider parking fees	\$8.25 - \$25.00	no change
Other Fees			
73	· Bicycle locker rental	\$200.00 (annual)	\$120.00 (annual)
74	· Surcharge on Entry/Exit for station improvements, two stations per Compact Jurisdiction	NA	\$0.05

The public hearings will seek comment on the proposed fare changes to Metrobus, Metrorail, MetroAccess, parking and other fees. The projected start date for any adopted fare changes is on or about July 1, 2012. Full details on the FY2013 operating and capital budget proposal may be found at www.wmata.com/about_metro/public_rr.cfm

WMATA PROPOSAL FOR DOCKET B12-02: Proposed FY2013 Capital Improvement Program and Federal FY2012 Grant Applications

In 2011, Metro launched the largest, most aggressive capital program since the system's original construction in the early 1970's. Over the last year, the agency has made significant progress in rebuilding the system ranging from replacing track and rail infrastructure, to repairing escalators and replacing buses and MetroAccess vehicles. On the safety side, Metro is working aggressively to comply with NTSB recommendations, as well as make other critical safety investments.

The capital budget accelerates spending to rebuild Metro, with nearly a billion dollars in expenditures projected in FY2013. Funded through contributions from the Federal Government and Metro's Jurisdictional partners, Maryland, Virginia and the District, more than 90 percent of the capital budget will go directly to projects that improve the safety and reliability of the system.

The FY2013 capital budget will advance NTSB recommendations, including signal system upgrades and replacement of Metro's oldest railcars, the 1000-series fleet, with new 7000-series cars, as well as provide for track and infrastructure projects and the rehabilitation and replacement of escalator and elevators throughout the system among many other projects.

WMATA's Fiscal Year 2013 Proposed Program of Projects for Federal Fiscal Year 2012 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

input to FY2013-2018 Transportation Improvement Program for the Washington Metropolitan area.

WMATA FY2013 CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM

The WMATA Capital Improvement Program for FY2013 is expected to total \$904,098,281. 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, \$35,206,124 from local 49 USC §5307 matching sources, \$101,266,000 from 49 USC §5309 funds, \$25,581,626 from local 49 USC §5309 matching sources, \$150,000,000 from federal PRIIA grant funds, \$150,000,000 from local PRIIA matching sources, \$4,800,000 from the Federal Congestion Mitigation and Air Quality (CMAQ) program (including matching sources), an estimated \$112,680,000 in additional local system performance funds, and the remaining \$185,199,531 coming 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;
- G. Other Improvements**, including station capacity project development, bus priority corridors, and bicycle and pedestrian facility improvements;
- H. Maintenance Equipment**, including rail and bus maintenance, and business facility equipment;
- I. Other Facilities**, including business and transit police support facilities; and
- J. Project Management and Support**

Consideration will be given to the special needs of people with disabilities and seniors 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 Federal Transit Administration (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. WMATA's 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 Services.

REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

The proposed WMATA FY2013 Capital Improvement Program is included in the WMATA FY2013 Proposed Budget, which is available on-line:

http://www.wmata.com/about_metro/docs/ProposedFY2013Budget.pdf.

The FY2013 Proposed Budget is also available for inspection through 5 p.m. March 12, 2012 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.

The program of projects outlined in the FY2013 Proposed Budget will be the final program of projects unless modified prior to final approval by the WMATA Board of Directors.