



Notice of Public Hearings

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Docket B12-03: Proposed Metrobus Service Changes

Purpose

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

Hearing No. 576
Mon, October 22, 2012
Dept of Housing & Community
Development
1800 Martin Luther King Ave, SE
Washington, DC

Hearing No. 577
Wed, October 24, 2012
Shirlington Library
4200 Campbell Ave
Arlington, VA

Hearing No. 578
Mon, October 29, 2012
New Carrollton Library
7414 Riverdale Rd
New Carrollton, MD

Hearing No. 579
Mon, October 29, 2012
Mary Ellen Henderson
Middle School Cafeteria
7130 Leesburg Pike
Falls Church, VA

Hearing No. 580
Tues, October 30, 2012
Lamond-Riggs Neighborhood
Library
5401 South Dakota Ave, NE
Washington, DC

For Each Location: Open House at 6 p.m. – Public Hearing at 6:30 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.

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HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK – All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the docket 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 Monday, November 5, 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 (B12-03) 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.

BACKGROUND – The Washington region is consistently in the top three "most congested traffic areas" in the country. Economic development projects, street realignments and increasing amenities for pedestrians and bicyclists result in increased traffic congestion, which affects the smooth operation and running time of buses.

Further shifting the demand for bus services are workplace location changes, increasingly developed neighborhoods, and new construction projects.

In order to serve customers efficiently, Metrobus services must change as well. Using existing budgeted resources, the goal is to maximize bus service, and more closely match capacity to demand.

The Metro Board of Directors established criteria for bus service effectiveness, including:

- Average ridership per day
- Passengers per trip
- Passengers per mile
- Subsidy per passenger
- Cost recovery

PROPOSAL – Overall, the bus service changes in this proposal aim to increase the effectiveness of Metrobus services by removing specific trips with very few riders; slightly expanding the time between buses on selected routes with extra capacity; eliminating trips or sections of routes where other bus service is available; and terminating select routes that do not meet performance criteria.

The savings realized from reducing these non-productive services will be used to add capacity on crowded routes; add running time to routes that are consistently late; add trips to expand non-rush hour service to areas of the greatest demand; and restructure routes to streamline service.

Routes seeing improvements in this bus service change proposal are:

District of Columbia

- A5 Reroute A5 via South Capitol Street
- A9 Reroute from South Capitol Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and 11th Street Bridge. Extend to McPherson Square and convert to limited-stop MetroExtra service.
- D4 Extend to Fort Totten
- H6 Reroute in Fort Lincoln
- W4 Increase frequency of midday service to every 22 minutes.
- B8 Reroute in Fort Lincoln and between Fort Lincoln & R.I. Ave Station
- 79 Add new Saturday service with 12 minute frequency

Maryland

- K6 Adjust running times
- R3 Add one later northbound evening trip.
- T18 Shorten the time between buses in the midday and rush periods.

Virginia

- 7A,F Reroute 7F weekdays and Saturdays via Braddock Rd. & N. Hampton Drive; provide more running time on 7A,F off-peak and weekend service.
- 1C Reroute to Random Hills Road; extend to West Ox Road.
- 2A,B Split into two lines: 2A to run all days from Ballston to Dunn Loring, 2B to run weekdays and Saturday from Dunn Loring to West Ox Road via Fair Oaks Mall, and the Government Center area.
- 3T Extend to Seven Corners via West Broad Street, Washington Street, East Falls Church Station, and Roosevelt Boulevard.
- 15M Reroute via Vienna Station
- 23A,C Split into two lines during peak hours: 23T (north end) from Shirlington to Tysons Corner Center via McLean Station (Silver line*); 23B (south end) from Ballston to Crystal City. Trip times at Crystal City coordinated with Crystal City-Potomac Yard transitway service. Operate 23A between Tysons Corner Center and Crystal City off-peak and weekends.

The proposed package of service realignments does not increase operating costs or the number of buses in the fleet. The changes are expected to improve overall on-time performance and customer satisfaction, increase ridership, and improve cost recovery.

The ratio of passengers currently using services that would see improvements to the number of passengers using non-productive services is approximately 15 to 1. Fifteen passengers will see improvements for every one passenger who may be inconvenienced.

*** These changes will be made when rail service is operational on the Silver line Phase I to Wiehle Avenue.**

The specific proposals on the Public Hearing docket are as follows:

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Routes	Line	Proposal	Effective Date
A4,5	Anacostia-Fort Drum	Reroute A5 via South Capitol Street, shorten A4 AM and PM peak period trips.	Spring 2013
A9	South Capitol Street	Reroute from South Capitol Street to Martin Luther King, Jr. Avenue and 11th Street Bridge. Extend to McPherson Square. Convert to limited-stop MetroExtra service.	Spring 2013
B8,9	Fort Lincoln shuttle	Reroute in Fort Lincoln to serve the Shops at Dakota Crossing and between Fort Lincoln & Rhode Island Avenue Station via Bladensburg Road and Montana Avenue. Discontinue B9.	Spring 2013
D3	Ivy City-Dupont Circle	Discontinue route; alternative service available on D4, D8, D6.	Spring 2013
D4	Ivy City-Franklin Square	Extend to Fort Totten via West Virginia Avenue, 18th Street NE, South Dakota Avenue, Sargent Road, Eastern Avenue, Kennedy Street, Nicholson Street, and Riggs Road. Eliminate 16th & New York Ave loop.	Spring 2013
E2,3,4	Military Road-Crosstown	Discontinue E3 and E4. Discontinue E2 between Fort Totten & Ivy City, no change to E2 between Friendship Heights and Fort Totten. Proposed extension of D4 would replace E2, E3, and E4 between Fort Totten, Riggs Park, and Ivy City.	Spring 2013
H6	Brookland-Fort Totten	Reroute in Fort Lincoln to serve Shops at Dakota Crossing.	Spring 2013
W4	Deanwood-Alabama Ave	Discontinue Maryland portion of the route; and increase frequency of midday service in the District to every 22 minutes.	Spring 2013
W6,8	Garfield-Anacostia Loop	Discontinue Jasper/Robinson/Bruce and Elvans Road loops off Stanton Road after 8PM; reduce frequency of service from 30 to 40 minutes after 8PM.	Spring 2013

MARYLAND

Routes	Line	Proposal	Effective Date
B24,25	Bowie - Belair	Replace F13 service with B24, 25 service on Whitfield Chapel Road.	Spring 2013
F1,2	Chillum Road	Reroute F1, 2 via Cooper Lane and Old Landover Road on weekdays. Reroute to Deanwood Station instead of Cheverly Station daily to replace W4 service.	Spring 2013
F12, F13	Cheverly - Washington Business Park, interlined with F12	Discontinue F13 designation; replace with service from other routes.	Spring 2013
F16,18 and F12	Washington Business Park - Springdale interlined with F12	Establish Washington Business Park – Springdale – New Carrollton Station loop.	Spring 2013
F13	Cheverly - Washington Business Park	<p>Proposal #1: Discontinue F13 and replace unduplicated segments with reroutes to other service. (See B24,25 and F1,2 above)</p> <p>Proposal #2: Revise the routing of F13 to replace W4 service. F13 to operate as a loop from Landover Road to south on Cheverly Avenue to the Cheverly Metro Station. Extend the route by operating west along Arbor Street and Tuxedo Road to north on Kenilworth Avenue to eastbound on Pepsi Place to rejoin the current route at Prince George's Hospital Center.</p>	Spring 2013
K6	New Hampshire Avenue - Maryland	Adjust weekday off peak travel times to reflect current traffic conditions.	Spring 2013
R3	Greenbelt - P. G. Plaza	Add one later northbound PM trip.	Spring 2013
T18	Annapolis Road	Improve rush and midday frequencies.	Spring 2013
W4	Deanwood - Alabama Avenue	Discontinue Maryland segment. Replace with rerouted Maryland service, see F1,2 above.	Spring 2013
Z2	Colesville - Ashton	Eliminate service on Saturdays, and on holidays when Saturday service is operated. The Z2 is a Metrobus route operated by Ride On. This is a Montgomery County initiative.	Early 2013

VIRGINIA

Routes	Line	Proposal	Effective Date
7A,E,F,Y	Lincolnia North Fairlington	1) Reroute 7F weekday and Saturday service via Braddock Rd. & N. Hampton Dr. (Stonegate); 2) Cut back 7A,F service from Landmark to Lincolnia; 3) Adjust 7A,F off-peak and weekend running times; 4) Eliminate selected 7Y short trips between Pentagon and downtown.	June 2013
8S-Z	Foxchase – Seminary Valley	Restructure line (reroute 8W, discontinue 8X). Adjust running times	June 2013
16F	Columbia Pike-Federal Triangle MetroExtra	Reduce frequency of short trips between Pentagon and downtown to every 20-30 minutes.	June 2013
29K, N	Alexandria-Fairfax	Cut back service from GMU/Fairfax City to Fairfax Circle; adjust weekday and Saturday running times.	June 2013
1C Silver Line*	Fair Oaks-Dunn Loring	Reroute west end of line to use Random Hills Road; extend to West Ox Road	Dec 2013/ Silver Line Opening
2A,B,C,G Silver Line*	Washington Boulevard	Restructure to split into two lines: 2A-- All days Ballston-Dunn Loring. 2B-- weekdays and Saturday Dunn Loring-West Ox Road via Fair Oaks Mall, with west end rerouted to serve Government Center area. Discontinue 2C (replaced by Fairfax Connector 401/402 between Dunn Loring and Tysons Corner).	Dec 2013/ Silver Line Opening
2T Silver Line*	Tysons Corner-Dunn Loring	Reroute north end of line to use Westpark Drive, International Drive, and Tysons Boulevard; terminate at Tysons Corner Station (Silver Line).	Dec 2013/ Silver Line Opening
3A-E Silver Line*	Lee Highway	Reroute west of East Falls Church Station	Dec 2013/ Silver Line Opening
3T Silver Line*	Pimmit Hills	Extend to Seven Corners	Dec 2013/ Silver Line Opening
15K,L Silver Line*	Chain Bridge Road	Reroute west end to East Falls Church Station via Westmoreland Street	Dec 2013/ Silver Line Opening

VIRGINIA

15M Silver Line*	George Mason Univ- Tysons Corner	Reroute via Vienna Station; terminate at Tysons Corner Station	Dec 2013/ Silver Line Opening
23A-C Silver Line*	McLean-Crystal City	1) Restructure Arlington service (split into two lines during peak hours): 23T (north end) operate Shirlington-Tysons Corner Center via McLean Station (Silver line*); 23B (south end) Ballston-Crystal City. Adjust trip times at Crystal City. 2) Discontinue 23C (McLean-Langley segment replaced by proposed Fairfax Connector 724). 3) Off peak and weekends: operate 23A between Tysons Corner Center and Crystal City.	Dec 2013/ Silver Line Opening
24T Silver Line*	McLean Hamlet- East Falls Church	Discontinue route. Service replaced by 15K,L and proposed Fairfax Connector 724.	Dec 2013/ Silver Line Opening
28A Silver Line*	Leesburg Pike	Reroute at Tysons Corner Center to serve Tysons Corner Station	Dec 2013/ Silver Line Opening
28T Silver Line*	Tysons Corner-West Falls Church	Discontinue route. Service replaced by 28A, X and Fairfax Connector Tysons Circulator.	Dec 2013/ Silver Line Opening
28X Silver Line*	Leesburg Pike Limited	Reroute Tysons trips to serve Tysons Corner Station	Dec 2013/ Silver Line Opening

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