



Notice of Metrobus Public Hearing No. 535

Proposed Elimination of Metrobus Route 98 Adams Morgan - U Street Link Service

Docket No. B08-4

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 535

Wednesday, November 19, 2008

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Headquarters – Board Room

600 Fifth Street, NW

Washington, DC 20001

Open House - 6 p.m.

Public Hearing – 6:30 p.m.

This public hearing is being conducted in a location accessible to persons with disabilities. 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 November 14 in order for WMATA to make necessary arrangements. For language assistance, call 202-962-2384 by November 14.



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Background. Metrobus Route 98 (Adams Morgan - U Street Link) was established in September 1999 in order to provide a convenient, low-cost transit connection between the Metrorail Red and Green Lines and the busy commercial and entertainment areas in Adams Morgan and U Street as a way to relieve traffic congestion and parking demand. Route 98 operates between the Woodley Park-Zoo/Adams Morgan Metrorail Station and the U St/African Amer Civil War Memorial/Cardozo Metrorail Station via Calvert Street, 18th Street and U Street. Service is provided every 10 minutes Sunday thru Thursday evenings from 6 p.m. to midnight, Friday evenings from 6 p.m. to 3 a.m., and Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 3 a.m. The District of Columbia provides 100 percent of the funding to subsidize this service.

Proposal. The District Department of Transportation (DDOT) has notified the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) of its intent to transfer operation of the Route 98 Adams Morgan - U Street Link service to the DC Circulator effective March 29, 2009. Therefore, it is proposed to discontinue all service on Route 98 so that DDOT can transfer this subsidy to a new DC Circulator route to be established to serve the Adams Morgan - U Street area. Details of the proposed DC Circulator route are being developed as part of the joint WMATA/DDOT Neighborhood Circulation Study. Information about this study is available on the project website at www.dcgetinvolved.com/circulationstudy or by calling the project hotline at 202-561-3700.

How to Register to Speak at the Public Hearing. All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the proposed service changes 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 Wednesday, November 26, 2008, 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 www.wmata.com/about/community, including any personal information provided.

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

Adams Morgan-U Street Link

Route 98

