Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority Board Action/Information Summary

Action Information	MEAD Number:	Resolution:

PURPOSE

Obtain approval from the Board of Directors on a proposed resolution clarifying Resolution No. 2007-47 adopted by the Board on December 13, 2007 revising the Authority's fare structure.

DESCRIPTION

In adopting Resolution No. 2007-47 on December 13, 2007, the Board approved increasing Special Fares and phasing out the sale and use of tokens.

Metro has received letters from Fairfax County and the District of Columbia requesting that the Special Fares not be increased over prior levels and staff took the necessary steps to implement that request.

Metro Board Members and social service agencies have communicated with staff that the action to eliminate sales of tokens placed an undue hardship on segments of our riders so staff has taken the necessary action to continue the sale of tokens to all interested purchasers. Token sales will continue until a suitable substitute can be developed, tested and implemented. Staff will report back to the Board with a plan for elimination of tokens in November 2008.

FUNDING IMPACT

There is no direct financial impact to Metro for these issues; local jurisdictions will be required to pay higher subsidy for the special fare routes.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Board of Directors approve the proposed resolution clarifying treatment of various fares and fare policies initially approved under Resolution No. 2007-47.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED:

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF CHANGES TO FARE STRUCTURE

PROPOSED RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF THE WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, On December 13, 2007 in Resolution No. 2007-47 the Board of Directors revised the Authority's fare structure; and

WHEREAS, These revisions have raised interpretive questions on the treatment of various fares and fare policies; and

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Authority and the region as a whole to clarify these concerns: now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors hereby amends Resolution 2007-47, Attachment A as follows:

- 1. Delete the line under Metrobus Fares and Fees which reads "Increase all special fares by 25 cents"; and
- 2. Delete the line under Metrobus Fares and Fees which reads "Eliminate regular Metrobus tokens";

and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Manager will provide a report to the Board in November of 2008 concerning the elimination of tokens;

RESOLVED, That in all other respects the Board reaffirms Resolution No. 2007-47; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution will be effective immediately and retroactive to January 6, 2008.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency.

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