

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority
Board Action/Information Summary**

Action
 Information

MEAD Number:

Resolution:
 Yes No

PURPOSE

Obtain Board approval to create a calendar day pass to be used on April 17, 2008.

DESCRIPTION

The normal rules governing the use of a One-Day Pass on the Metrorail system provide that the pass is not valid until after 9:30 a.m. on that day.

On April 17, 2008, Pope Benedict XVI will host a Papal Mass at approximately 10 a.m. at the new Nationals Ballpark across from the Navy Yard Station along the Green Line. WMATA and the Archdiocese of Washington, DC have partnered to make this event a joint-promotion to encourage Metro ridership. It is anticipated that as many as 25,000 Mass patrons will take Metrorail to this event.

To service these patrons, a new pass that is valid from system opening is required. As a result of heavy security expected in connection with this visit from the Pope, Mass attendees will be required to begin their travel well before 9:30 a.m.

FUNDING IMPACT

No specific funding is required to approve this action. Any funding impact on the affected departments is expected to be minimal and will be absorbed within the existing budget constraints.

RECOMMENDATION

Approval to create a calendar day pass to be used on April 17, 2008 and sold for \$9.00.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED:

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO CREATE A CALENDAR DAY PASS TO BE USED ON
APRIL 17, 2008

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

WHEREAS, The normal rules governing the use of a One-Day Pass on the Metrorail system provide that the pass is not valid until after 9:30 A.M. on that day; and

WHEREAS, In connection with the Washington visit of Pope Benedict XVI on April 17, 2008, WMATA expects a large number of patrons who may not be familiar with the Metrorail fare system; and

WHEREAS, The heavy security expected in connection with this visit will require attendees to begin their travel before 9:30 A.M., making use of a One-Day Pass impossible; and


WHEREAS, To service these patrons, a new pass that is valid from system opening is required; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That for April 17, 2008 only, the Board of Directors approves the creation of a Calendar Day Pass which shall be valid on that date from the opening of the Metrorail system until the system closes for the night; and be it further

RESOLVED, That such pass shall be sold for \$9.00; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



Carol B. O'Keeffe
General Counsel