Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority Board Action/Information Summary



PURPOSE

To request Board approval to implement improved weekday, midday service and new evening and weekend service on regional Metrobus Route N22, Navy Yard Shuttle, in the District of Columbia and to change the operating budget accordingly. The anticipated implementation date is March 2008.

DESCRIPTION

Route N22 provides weekday service between Union Station and the Navy Yard Station via Eastern Market and the Washington Navy Yard. Service operates from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m. at frequencies of every 10 minutes during peak periods and every 18 minutes during midday hours.

Ridership averages 1,000 passengers each weekday.

The Navy Yard station terminus is only two blocks from the new Nationals Ballpark, which would provide an option for baseball fans to access the ballpark from the Red, Blue and Orange Lines, thereby providing some relief to the Green Line.

It is proposed that new N22 service be implemented on weekday evenings and on weekends in order to provide service for ballpark events. The new service would operate on a modified route that would eliminate the 12th & M Streets SE loop on the current route, in order to provide a shorter and faster route to the ballpark.

It is further proposed that the frequency of service on both the current route and on the new service would be every 10 minutes at all times.

FUNDING IMPACT

The proposed additional midday, evening and weekend service on regional Route N22 would have the following impacts on the Metrobus operating subsidy. Although N22 is a regional route, the District of Columbia would assume the full cost of the additional service for a 6-month experimental period covering the first baseball season at the new ballpark. There would be no increase in the number of peak scheduled buses. The anticipated implementation date is March 2008.

Operating Budget Impact		
	Amend FY2008 Approved Budget	Adjust FY2009 Proposed Budget
Revenue Expense Subsidy	\$50,000 \$310,000 \$260,000	\$33,000 * <u>\$205,000</u> * <u>\$172,000</u> *
		* July & August 2008

RECOMMENDATION

Approve implementation of improved midday service and new evening and weekend service on regional Metrobus Route N22, Navy Yard Shuttle, in the District of Columbia and change the budget accordingly. The anticipated implementation date is March 2008.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED:

SUBJECT: REQUEST BOARD OF DIRECTORS APPROVAL TO ESTABLISH IMPROVED WEEKDAY, MIDDAY AND NEW EVENING AND WEEKEND SERVICE ON REGIONAL ROUTE N22 IN THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

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

WHEREAS, Route N22 provides weekday service between Union Station and the Navy Yard Station via Eastern Market and the Washington Navy Yard; and

WHEREAS, Service operates from 6 A.M. to 7 P.M. at frequencies of every 10 minutes during peak periods and every 18 minutes during midday hours; and

WHEREAS, Ridership averages 1,000 passengers each weekday, and

WHEREAS, The Navy Yard Station terminus is only two blocks from the new Nationals Ballpark, which would provide an option for baseball fans to access the ballpark from the Red, Blue and Orange Lines, thereby providing some relief to the Green Line; and

WHEREAS, It is proposed that new N22 service be implemented on weekday evenings and on weekends in order to provide service for ballpark events, operating on a modified route which would eliminate the 12th & M Streets, SE loop on the current route; and

WHEREAS, It is further proposed that the frequency of service on both the current route and on the new service would be every 10 minutes at all times; and

WHEREAS, The District of Columbia has agreed to pay all of the subsidy required to operate this service at the parameters noted above until August 31, 2008; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors approves the implementation of additional weekday, midday service and new evening and weekend service on regional Route N22 in the District of Columbia effective March 2008; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors amends the FY2008 approved operating budget and adjusts the FY2009 proposed operating budget such that Non-Regional Metrobus subsidy allocated to the District of Columbia increases by \$260,000 in FY2008 and \$172,000 in FY2009; and be it further

RESOLVED, That no commitment of funding for this service is made by any jurisdiction beyond August 31, 2008; 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