

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

Action
 Information

MEAD Number:
99971

Resolution:
 Yes No

PURPOSE

To obtain concurrence from the Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee and Board approval to:

1. Establish a project for the replacement of the Royal Street Bus Garage;
2. Establish a \$4.3 million project budget; and
3. Authorize tasks to P2D for the alternatives analysis and public hearing process.

DESCRIPTION

The City of Alexandria and the community surrounding the Royal Street Garage are in favor of redeveloping the bus garage site to higher and better use. Past studies identified twelve sites as possible locations for the new garage. Nine of those sites are no longer under consideration for a variety of reasons leaving three for further study. The first step in determining the location for a new garage is conducting an alternatives analysis that will look at each of the four sites and determine which can survive a more rigorous analysis. The sites that survive the alternatives analysis would proceed into the WMATA public hearing process to select the preferred site for the new garage. Staff will return to the Board with the results of the alternatives analysis seeking approval to hold a public hearing.

Funding for the alternatives analysis, preliminary engineering, the subsequent public hearing and WMATA project management will come from FTA grants in the amount of \$3.41 million. Additional funds are the required local match of \$0.85 million from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation. The grants and the local match are hereby used to establish the initial project budget.

FUNDING IMPACT

Budget: Capital Improvement Program

Project Title: Replacement of Royal Street Bus Garage

BUDGET INFORMATION:

Proposed

Budget: \$4,263,136

This Action: \$4,263,136

Prior Obligations: \$0

Subtotal: \$4,263,136

Remaining Budget: \$0

RECOMMENDATION

That the Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee concur and forward to the Board for approval:

1. Establishment of a project for the replacement of the Royal Street Bus Garage;
2. Establishment of a \$4.3 million project budget; and
3. Authorization of tasks to P2d for the alternatives analysis and public hearing process.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED:

SUBJECT: AMEND THE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM FOR REPLACEMENT OF ROYAL STREET BUS GARAGE

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

WHEREAS, The City of Alexandria has requested that WMATA seek a location for a new bus garage that would house the existing Royal Street Garage situated at 500 North Royal Street, Alexandria, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, Federal funding in the form of grants in the amount of \$3.41 million dollars is expected to be available; and


WHEREAS, The Commonwealth of Virginia has matched the federal funds in the amount of \$0.85 million in the Virginia Department of Rail Transportation's budget; and

WHEREAS, WMATA must establish a project to obtain the federal funds and their match and to advance the study of replacement garage sites; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors amends the Capital budget to establish a Reimbursable Project, separate from the Metro Matters budget, to fund an alternatives analysis, preliminary engineering, WMATA management and the public hearing process for the replacement of the Royal Street Bus Garage, subject to the availability of funding from FTA grants in the amount of \$3.41 million plus the required local match of \$0.85 million from the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation; 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