



**Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee**

**Board Action Item VII-B**

**April 24, 2008**

**Royal Street Relocation Project**

**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 planning 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 (12) sites as possible locations for the new garage. Nine (9) of those sites are no longer under consideration for a variety of reasons leaving three (3) 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 three (3) 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 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:

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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 Improvement Program to establish a Reimbursable Project 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 Transportation; and be it finally

*RESOLVED*, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

  
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Carol B. O'Keeffe  
General Counsel



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

*Presented to the Board of Directors:*

**Planning, Development and Real Estate Committee**

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## Benefits / Costs

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- Benefit to Customers
  - Replacement of outdated & deteriorated 1945 garage;
  - Provides modern facility to enhance maintenance & improve service reliability.
- Implications on Service:
  - No effect on routes serviced by Royal Street Bus Garage;
  - Increased deadhead costs.



## BACKGROUND

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- The City of Alexandria, developers and the community surrounding the Royal Street Garage are in favor of redeveloping the bus garage site to higher and better use.
- The initial twelve sites identified as possible locations for the new garage have been reduced to 3 potential replacement sites.
- The first step in determining the location for a new garage is conducting an alternatives analysis that will look at each of the 3 sites and determine which can survive a more rigorous analysis.
- Only the sites that survive the alternatives analysis would proceed into the one collective WMATA Public Hearing Process to select the preferred site for the new garage.
- Funding for the alternatives analysis, preliminary engineering, the subsequent public hearing and WMATA project management will come from an FTA grant in the amount of \$3.41m and \$0.85m in matching Virginia funds.





# Possible Replacement Sites

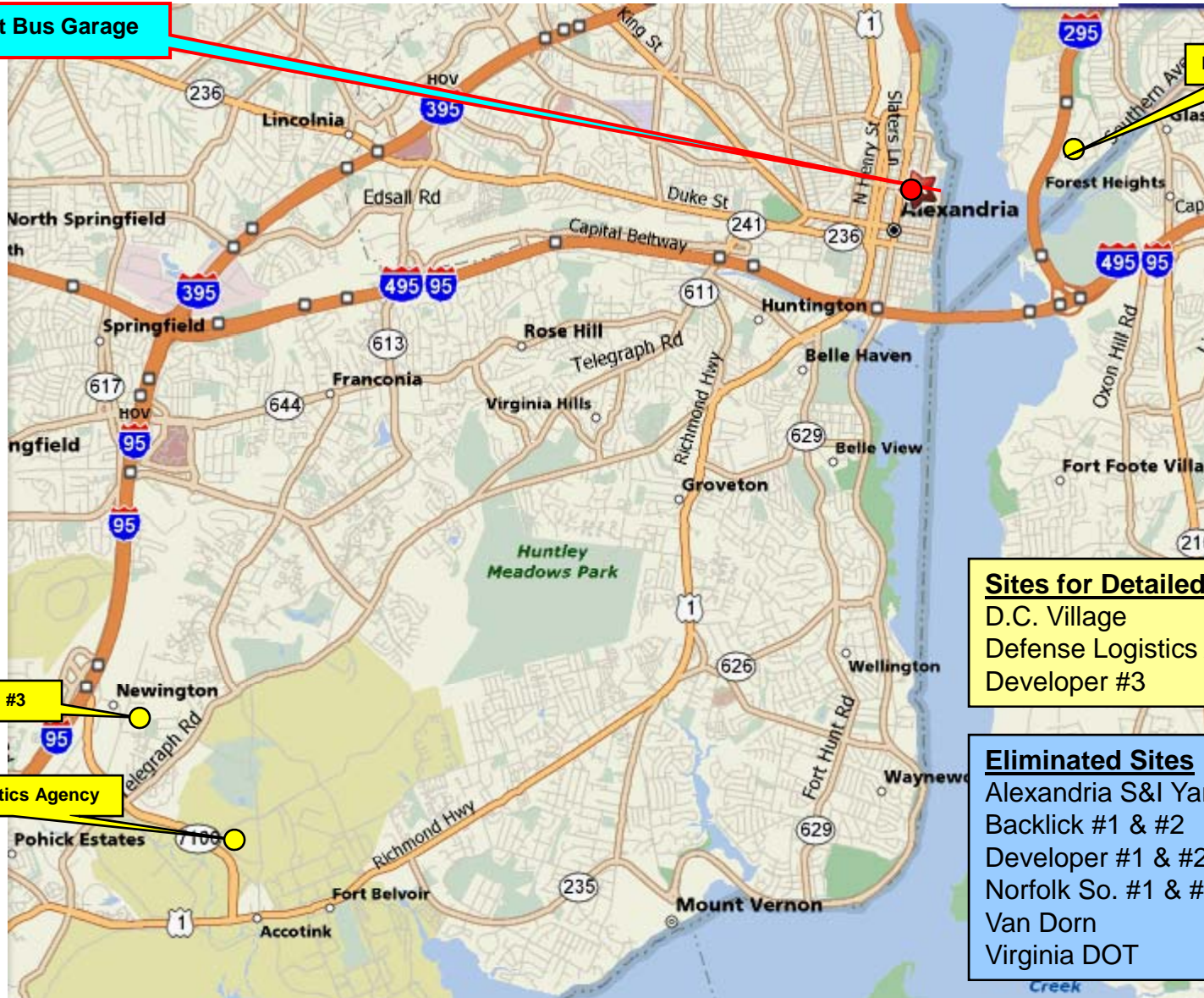




# Potential Replacement Sites

Royal Street Bus Garage

D.C. Village



### Sites for Detailed Study

- D.C. Village
- Defense Logistics Agency
- Developer #3

### Eliminated Sites

- Alexandria S&I Yard
- Backlick #1 & #2
- Developer #1 & #2
- Norfolk So. #1 & #2
- Van Dorn
- Virginia DOT



# Recommendation

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