



Finance, Administration and Oversight Committee

Action Item III-A

September 11, 2008

**Amend the FY09 Budget to Extend
Experimental Metrobus Route N22 Service by
Six Months to March 2009; and Authorize
Public Hearing to Discontinue Routes
N22 and 98**

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

Board Approval to Extend 98 and N22 in FY09

PURPOSE:

To request Board approval to amend the FY09 budget to extend experimental Metrobus Route N22 service by six months through March 2009 and to request Board authorization for public hearing to discontinue Routes 98 and N22 effective the end of March 2009.

DESCRIPTION:

Route N22 provides service between Union Station and Navy Yard Station via Eastern Market and the Washington Navy Yard. The original N22 route operated only on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m. Effective March 30, 2008, new evening and weekend service was implemented for a six-month experimental period (March 30, 2008 to September 30, 2008) in conjunction with the opening of Nationals Park. The District of Columbia assumed the full cost of the additional service. The District desires to extend the evening and weekend service another six months until it replaces the route with DC Circulator service.

The District of Columbia has advised WMATA of its intent to transfer the entire Route N22 as well as non-regional Route 98 (Adams Morgan-U Street link) to the DC Circulator effective March 29, 2009. Therefore, a public hearing is required prior to discontinuing the Metrobus routes.

FUNDING IMPACT:

The FY09 budget included only 2 months of experimental N22 service, but since the service did not start until March 30, 2008 the DC funding was sufficient to cover the service until the end of September. Continuation of N22 evening and weekend service for six months from October 1, 2008 to March 28, 2009 would increase the Metrobus operating subsidy by \$515,000. The continuation of the experimental service on Route N22 will terminate in March 2009 and the Board must take a positive action to operate this service after said date. Operation of the service after said date will require Board approval of performance standards for consideration of accepting this service into the regionally-funded network, or for continuing to allow the District of Columbia to provide full funding.

	FY09 (6 months)
Revenue	\$ 100,000
Operating Cost	\$ 615,000
Subsidy	\$ 515,000

Discontinuing Routes N22 and 98 in March 2009 would reduce the FY09 Metrobus operating subsidy by \$878,200.

	FY09 (3 months)
Revenue	(\$ 84,700)
Operating Cost	(\$ 962,900)
Subsidy	(\$ 878,200)

Note: See Appendix for detailed Finance and Funding Impact.

RECOMMENDATION:

Amend the FY09 budget to extend experimental Metrobus Route N22 service by six months from October 1, 2008 to March 28, 2009 and authorize a public hearing to discontinue Routes 98 and N22 effective March 28, 2009.

N22 Experimental Service Extraction FY2009 Annual Budget Impact				
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	Budgeted Regional Base Day Service	6-Month Experiment Mar- Aug 2008	FAO ACTION 6-Month Continuation Sep 2008 - Feb 2009	FY2009 Amended Budget
Revenue	\$278,600	\$33,000 *	\$100,000	\$411,600
Expense	<u>\$2,910,200</u>	<u>\$205,000 *</u>	<u>\$615,000</u>	<u>\$3,730,200</u>
Subsidy	<u>\$2,631,600</u>	<u>\$172,000 *</u>	<u>\$515,000</u>	<u>\$3,318,600</u>

Subsidy Allocation:

District of Columbia	\$1,128,100	\$172,000	\$515,000	\$1,815,100
Montgomery County	\$401,400	\$0	\$0	\$401,400
Prince George's County	\$434,200	\$0	\$0	\$434,200
City of Alexandria	\$126,500	\$0	\$0	\$126,500
Arlington County	\$200,200	\$0	\$0	\$200,200
City of Fairfax	\$5,100	\$0	\$0	\$5,100
Fairfax County	\$325,100	\$0	\$0	\$325,100
City of Falls Church	\$11,000	\$0	\$0	\$11,000
	<u>\$2,631,600</u>	<u>\$172,000</u>	<u>\$515,000</u>	<u>\$3,318,600</u>

* Note

Initial 6-Month experiment impacted FY2008 and FY2009
2 months are in FY2009 and 4 months were in FY2008

N22 and Route 98 Service Elimination

	FY2009 Annual Budget			Possible 4th Quarter FY2009 Budget Reduction
	N22	Rt98	Combined	
Base Day				
Revenue	\$278,600	\$60,200	\$338,800	(\$84,700)
Expense	\$2,910,200	\$941,400	\$3,851,600	(\$962,900)
Subsidy	\$2,631,600	\$881,200	\$3,512,800	(\$878,200)
<u>Subsidy Allocation:</u>				
District of Columbia	\$1,128,100	\$881,200	\$2,009,300	(\$502,100)
Montgomery County	\$401,400	\$0	\$401,400	(\$100,400)
Prince George's County	\$434,200	\$0	\$434,200	(\$108,600)
City of Alexandria	\$126,500	\$0	\$126,500	(\$31,600)
Arlington County	\$200,200	\$0	\$200,200	(\$50,100)
City of Fairfax	\$5,100	\$0	\$5,100	(\$1,300)
Fairfax County	\$325,100	\$0	\$325,100	(\$81,300)
City of Falls Church	\$11,000	\$0	\$11,000	(\$2,800)
	\$2,631,600	\$881,200	\$3,512,800	(\$878,200)



**AMEND THE FY09 BUDGET TO EXTEND
EXPERIMENTAL METROBUS ROUTE N22
SERVICE BY SIX MONTHS TO MARCH 2009;
AND AUTHORIZE PUBLIC HEARING TO
DISCONTINUE ROUTES N22 AND 98**

Presented to the Board of Directors:

Finance, Administration and Oversight Committee

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Background

- Route N22 provides service between Union Station and Navy Yard Station via Eastern Market and the Washington Navy Yard.
- The original N22 route operated only on weekdays between 6 a.m. and 7 p.m.
- Effective March 30, 2008, new evening and weekend service was implemented for a six-month experimental period (ending September 30, 2008) in conjunction with the opening of Nationals Park.
- The District of Columbia assumed the full cost of the additional service.



Proposed Service

- The District desires to extend the evening and weekend service another six months (October 1, 2008 to March 28, 2009) until the route is replaced with DC Circulator service.
- The District of Columbia has advised WMATA of the intent to transfer Route N22 as well as non-regional Route 98 (Adams Morgan – U Street link) to the DC Circulator effective March 29, 2009.



Funding Impact

- Continuation of N22 evening and weekend service for six months from October 1, 2008 to March 28, 2009 would increase the Metrobus operating subsidy by \$515,000.

	FY09 (6 months)
Revenue	\$100,000
Operating Cost	\$615,000
Subsidy	\$515,000

- Discontinuing Routes N22 and 98 in March 2009 would reduce the FY09 Metrobus operating subsidy by \$878,200.

	FY09 (3 months)
Revenue	\$84,700
Operating Cost	\$962,900
Subsidy	\$878,200



Recommendation

- Amend the FY09 budget to extend experimental Metrobus Route N22 service by six months from October 1, 2008 to March 28, 2009.
- Authorize a public hearing to discontinue Routes 98 and N22 effective March 28, 2009.

PRESENTED AND ADOPTED:

SUBJECT: REQUEST BOARD APPROVAL TO AMEND THE FY09 BUDGET TO EXTEND EXPERIMENTAL METROBUS ROUTE N22 SERVICE BY SIX MONTHS TO MARCH 2009 AND REQUEST BOARD AUTHORIZATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING TO DISCONTINUE ROUTES 98 AND N22 EFFECTIVE MARCH 2009

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

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

WHEREAS, The original N22 route operated only on weekdays between 6:00 A.M. and 7:00 P.M.; and

WHEREAS, Effective March 30, 2008, new evening and weekend service was implemented for a six-month experimental period in conjunction with the opening of Nationals Park; and

WHEREAS, The District of Columbia assumed the full cost of the additional service; and

WHEREAS, The District of Columbia desires to extend the evening and weekend service another six months until it replaces the route with the DC Circulator service; and

WHEREAS, The District of Columbia has advised Metro of its intent to transfer non-regional Route 98 (Adams Morgan-U Street Link) and Route N22 to the DC Circulator effective March 2009; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors' amends the budget to increase the Metrobus subsidy by \$515,000 in FY09; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the full amount of the increase will be allocated to the District of Columbia during the extended six-month period; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the continuation of the experimental service on Route N22 will terminate on March 28, 2009 and that the Board of Directors must take a positive action to operate this service after March 28, 2009. Operation of the service after

March 28, 2009, will require the Board of Directors approval of performance standards for consideration of accepting this service into the regionally funded network, or for continuing to allow the District of Columbia to provide full funding; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes a public hearing to discontinue Metrobus Routes 98 and N22; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,



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General Counsel