Administrative Item #10 12-18-08

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Board Action/Information Summary

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TITLE:

DC Circulator MOU Continuation with District

PURPOSE:

To obtain authorization for the General Manager to continue the Memorandum of Agreement (titled, "Agreement Between the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and the District Department of Transportation to Contract and Manage the DC Circulator Service" May 11, 2005) for the contract management of the DC Circulator through December 31, 2009. Additionally, approval is requested to continue the performance period of the current contract with First Transit, including the existing routes through December 31, 2009. Approval is also requested to include the possible addition of future routes.

DESCRIPTION:

The District Department of Transportation has determined that it wishes for WMATA to continue the management and operation of the DC Circulator contract through the calendar year, 2009.

The Circulator continues to experience significant growth in ridership and plans to expand in March 2009. Providing high quality, frequent and convenient bus service for the downtown areas has been and will continue to be the hallmark of the Circulator service. Continuity of operations is critical to the success of the Circulator.

The anticipated cost of continuing management services will be \$6,867,772 for the remainder of FY09, which has all ready received budget approval. The anticipated costs for the first 6 months of FY10 is \$8,518,081. The total costs for operation of service for calendar year 2009 will not exceed \$15,385,853.00.

FUNDING IMPACT:

All costs for managing the contract service will be fully reimbursed by the District of Columbia; therefore; there will be no impact from this action.

RECOMMENDATION:

1) Authorization to continue the MOU with the District to manage and operate the DC Circulator through December 31, 2009; 2) approval to continue the performance period of the current contract with First Transit, including the existing routes through December 31, 2009; and 3) authorization to include possible addition of future routes.