



Metro Fare Increase Proposal

Summary of Comments Received

Presented to the RAC, December 5, 2007



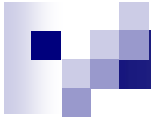
Testimony Received

- 422 people provided input as part of the public hearing process
 - 150 speakers at six public hearings
 - 272 written comments submitted to WMATA



Public Hearing Testimony

- 150 Speakers at 6 hearings
 - 6 speakers at Reston, Virginia (Hearing 525)
 - 48 speakers at JGB (Hearing 526)
 - 28 speakers at Rockville (Hearing 527)
 - 14 speakers at St. Luke's Center (Hearing 528)
 - 31 speakers at Arlington (Hearing 529)
 - 23 speakers at Landover (Hearing 530)



Written testimony:

- 272 pieces of written testimony submitted by U.S. Mail or emailed to public-hearing-testimony@wmata.com



Comments by Jurisdiction

- Written and In-Person Testimony:
 - Maryland (43%)
 - Virginia (24%)
 - District of Columbia (15%)
 - Not disclosed (18%)



Favor/Oppose Increase:

- Majority opposed to fare increase:
 - 93.3% opposed to fare increase
 - 4.7% in favor of fare increase
 - 1.8% had neutral on increase



Specific Comments Received

- Fare increase too high (47%)
 - Of those that made this comment:
 - 51% from Maryland
 - 24% from Virginia
 - 10% from the District of Columbia
 - 15% not specified



Specific Comments Received

- Structure of proposed fares will cause ridership loss (26%)
 - Of those that made this comment:
 - 53% from Maryland
 - 26% from Virginia
 - 6% from the District of Columbia
 - 15% not specified



Specific Comments Received

- Current service doesn't merit increase (46%)
- Additional subsidies and/or dedicated funding needed (18%)
- Need for Metro to cut expenses (11%)
- Metro should earn additional revenue from other sources (9%)



Specific Comments - Parking

- Opposition to increase in reserved parking spaces (7%)
- Proposed increase in cost for metered parking spaces too high (4%)



Recommendations from RAC

Does the RAC think that aspects of the proposal are appropriate? Examples:

- Balance of revenue sources in proposal
- Differential between cash and SmarTrip bus fares
- Keeping bus pass prices unchanged
- Keeping off-peak fares unchanged



Recommendations from RAC

(Continued)

- Increasing the number of reserved parking spaces
- Making transfers only available on SmarTrip