



CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION AGENDA

Work Session - Washington Metropolitan Area Transit authority (WMATA)

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Monday, March 7, 2022

8:00 PM

Work Session Packet

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Suggested Action:

Reference: Work Session Minutes - January 22, 2020

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City Council Work Session Agenda Item Report

Meeting Date: March 7, 2022

Submitted by: Shaniya Lashley-Mullen

Submitting Department: Administration

Item Type: Work Session Item

Agenda Section: Work Session Packet

Subject:

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Attachments:

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WORK SESSION OF THE GREENBELT CITY COUNCIL held Wednesday, January 22, 2020, with Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA).

Mayor Byrd started the meeting at 8:01 pm. The meeting was held in Room 201 of the Community Center.

Present were Councilmembers Judith F. Davis, Emmett V. Jordan, Leta M. Mach, Edward V. J. Putens, Rodney M. Roberts, and Mayor Colin A. Byrd. Councilmember Silke I. Pope was unable to attend due to illness.

Staff members present were Nicole Ard, City Manager; Terri Hruby, Director of Planning; and Bonita Anderson, City Clerk.

Also present were Charlie Scott, WMATA Senior Government Relations Officer; Ginger Archibald, Metrobus Planner; Rosalyn Doggett (arrived at 8:18 pm), and Bill Orleans.

Ms. Archibald provided an overview of the FY2021 Proposed Service Changes and the fact sheet that she provided to the Council. Ms. Davis inquired about the impact of service with the City. Mr. Scott indicated the improvements to the weekend service.

Ms. Archibald noted that the average weekday B30 ridership is very low and that the C2 and C4 are very high. Ms. Mach indicated that it is inequitable to do away with the B30, which service Greenbelt to the Baltimore Washington International Thurgood Marshall Airport (BWI Airport). She noted that this is a disservice the City residents. Ms. Archibald noted that the MARC train is the service provider. Mr. Jordan expressed his concern about the B30 route. He noted that ridership might increase if the fare was more reasonable and if the service was more predictable. Ms. Archibald noted that the average ridership is nine people per trip. Mr. Roberts inquired about cutting \$34 million in bus services. Mr. Scott noted the budget constraints and cuts. Mr. Roberts indicated that a large number of funds would be spent on highway widening and suggested more buses instead of cutting bus service. Ms. Davis inquired about the status of RTA service. Ms. Archibald explained that the reason for low ridership was due to the weekday service that MARC provides and adding Arundel Mills Mall service.

Mr. Jordan spoke about the fare increase for the riders who travel the furthest away. Mr. Scott explained that Metro is required to advertise the fare increase to the public.

Based on a question asked by Mr. Putens, Ms. Archibald explained that the bus service timetable to Greenbelt is between 60 to 70 minutes, depending on traffic.

Based on a question asked by Mr. Roberts, Mr. Scott stated that Metro is spending roughly \$2 million on each replacement rail car. He explained that rail cars last approximately 35-40 years with a mid-life overhaul. Mr. Roberts stated that public transportation needs to improve and expand. He noted the cutting of highway and vehicle costs.

Mr. Scott provided an overview of the infrastructure assessment, along with several issues. It will be a four-year process. He noted that the upcoming phases are based on condition assessments. During replacement, there will be single-tracking or the station will be closed. Mr. Scott stated that he does not know the timeframe for the Greenbelt Metro Station platform replacement. He stated that the replacement of the parking lot lighting would be in Spring 2020.

Mr. Jordan provided photos of the Greenbelt Metro and College Park Metro Station façades and infrastructure. He noted the sidewalks near the Greenbelt Metro Station along the busway needed repairs. Mr. Jordan stated that there has been an orange cone in the parking lot for a long time due to there being a trip hazard for pedestrians.

Based on a question asked by Ms. Davis, Mr. Scott stated that the earliest start time for the Greenbelt Metro and College Park Metro Station platform reconstruction project would be 2022. Ms. Davis inquired about the cleaning service. Mr. Scott noted that WMATA was in the process of terminating the current service, which was not being done correctly. He explained the reason for the investigation of the contracting service.

Mr. Orleans inquired about privatizing the bus transportation services and the Prince George's County Council hearing on the County legislation regarding the three percent cap. Mr. Scott noted that there was a collective bargaining agreement with the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 689.

Mr. Jordan expressed concern about access to the restrooms and the distance for food and beverage. He inquired about a digital board and procurement. Ms. Archibald stated that WMATA is looking into electronic board procurement.

Ms. Davis inquired about the displays at the bus shelters. Ms. Archibald noted that they are still examining the procurement of the digital displays. Ms. Davis inquired about the number of Metro Access vehicles and the cost. Mr. Scott noted that there are 725 vans across the system and that Prince George's County has a high Metro Access ridership level. He stated that there is a cap of \$6.50 to ride Metro Access.

Ms. Davis inquired about the status of the WMATA trail. Ms. Doggett explained that it is in progress. Ms. Hruby noted the recent permitting approvals and that the City is on schedule. She stated that the City has an easement to build on the property.

Mr. Jordan inquired about the status of the bike-share stations. Ms. Hruby replied that the City had received the agreement to be implemented in 2020. He also inquired about WMATA availability for negotiating car share and e-bike programs. Ms. Archibald stated that anyone could leave them if they were dockless scooters or bikes.

Informational Items

Ms. Davis reported on the PGCMA meeting, the Chesapeake Bay Policy Committee Meeting, and the MML Legislation Committee Meeting.

Several informational items were discussed.

The meeting ended at 9:37 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

*Bonita Anderson
City Clerk*