



TPB REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE

Meeting Summary: August 30, 2016

ATTENDEES

Pierre Holloman, Alexandria
Anna Chamberlin, DDOT
Kyle Nembhard, MTA
Allison Paisner, DDOT
Nick Perfili, WMATA
Jonathan Parker, WMATA
Sonali Soneji, VRA
Cody Christensen, STV
Randy White, Fairfax Co.

Steve Yaffe, Arlington,
Jason Davis, Arlington,
Carrie Watters, Frederick Translt (phone)
Malcom Watson, Fairfax County (phone)
Andy Meese, TPB
Jon Schermann, TPB
Mike Farrell, TPB
Bill Orleans, Public

AGENDA

1. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS, *Pierre Holloman, Chair*

Call to order and introductions.

2. WMATA NIGHT BUS STUDY, *Jonathan Parker, WMATA*

- Spoke to a presentation.
- Study predates WMATA GM proposal for reduced Metrorail hours of service.
- Minnesota Avenue transfers 30-50 persons/hour an night.

Questions:

- Bill Orleans: Cost only \$1.5M annually? Yes. What is the coordination with locals? With private services? There would be a number of operator labor issues with night bus among local operators that would have to be addressed.
- Kyle Nembhard: How quickly can this be implemented? Depends on branding, maps, signage and extent of new service. Goal is within a year.
- Steve Yaffe: Metrobus 10 or Metroway would be the night bus service along PY Transitway? What is the spare ratio for maintenance? What would cause Metro to reconsider?

3. LONG BRIDGE STUDY UPDATE, *Anna Chamberlin, District DOT*

- Spoke to a presentation.
- Phase II of the study wrapping up in next few months.
- Notice of Intent on EIS in last Friday's Federal Register (8/26).
- Public scoping to being 9.14, plus interagency meetings. Info for public meeting to be posted by that date.
- Considers five other bridges and Long Bridge.
- ROW constraints Mandarin Hotel.

- Eight alternatives being examined.

Questions:

- Steve Yaffe: Would Flood plains and climate change be considered? What is asset condition of bridge? CSX in charge of bridge condition.
- When will Virginia Avenue tunnel be done? Sometime next year?
- Who owns ROW? Complicated. One document allows bridge to be built. Bridge section who knows. NPS owns land. CSX has Congressional easement.
- Any option for new bridge and keep old bridge as ped/bikeway? Always an option.

4. WMATA UNIVERSITY PASS PROGRAM, Tracey Foster, WMATA

- Spoke to a presentation.
- New methods for fare products. Metro Select Pass in March, Univ Pass in September. All intended to increase revenue and ridership.
- Looked at urban and suburban universities.
- Students must vote to approve: examples of Winnipeg and Univ. of Chicago (=6% of CTA ridership). Also done for this pass program.
- With AU Univ Pass, Tenleytown Metro boardings already up. Also at Col Heights and Van Ness.
- Revenue is from 10,000 AU students and 1,000 Washington College of Law = 11,0000 x \$1/day x 130 days/semester.
- New smart cards: no stored value, only pass product.
- Program monitoring: looking at use and revenue impacts. Surveys for both Metrorail and bus riders.
- Will look at capacity to handle any more universities and thousands of students before expansion.

Questions:

- Julie Hershorn: Who pays? Student fees
- Bill Orleans: What about ADA students? Looking at options and discussing with Counsel
- Steve Yaffe: Marymount would like to add within two years. Farebox – who made the changes? Stepney
- Pierre Holloman: What if students want, but university does not? May affect university shuttle programs? That is what happened with GW; students wanted it but administration stopped. WMATA will not proceed until both onboard.

5. FEDERAL RULEMAKING UPDATE: TRANSIT ASSET MANAGEMENT AND TRANSIT SAFETY, Eric Randall, TPB

- Spoke to a presentation.

6. WORK PROGRAM UPDATE, Eric Randall, TPB

- Spoke to a presentation.

7. ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 2:00 PM.

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