



MEMORANDUM

TO: TPB Technical Committee

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SUBJECT: DMVMoves – Regional Bus Service Guidelines

DATE: August 28, 2026

In January, the TPB passed Resolution R9-2026, endorsing the [DMVMoves Plan](#) and accepting the request urged upon it to act as the lead coordinator for implementation of the Plan, including overall plan progress reporting and working with the region's transportation agencies and transit operators to move forward on implementation of the DMVMoves Plan's Regional Integration Action Plan.

A specific recommendation of the DMVMoves Plan, which was accepted in the TPB Resolution, called for the TPB to adopt service guidelines for public transportation, which would provide a consistent framework for evaluating the type and level of transit service provided across the region.

TPB staff and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) coordinated to reconvene a DMVMoves working group of local agency subject-matter experts in the field of Service Guidelines and Performance Monitoring. The working group met bi-weekly, starting in March, and developed a set of guidelines for regional bus service, based on span of service (hours per day) and frequency of service across different land use activity tiers, with dense urban locations receiving high-frequency, all-day service and other locations receiving service appropriate to their context.

On June 11, the WMATA Board Safety and Operations Committee adopted new guidelines for rail and for bus service, the latter of which are consistent with the regional bus guidelines developed by the DMVMoves working group.

The proposed bus service guidelines were briefed to the TPB at its July meeting and are now being proposed for adoption by the TPB on September 16.

In addition to the service guidelines, a "Use" statement was drafted by the working group to ensure that the guidelines are used within appropriate context. The proposed TPB Resolution will incorporate this Use statement with the goal that the resolution can be used as a model for adoption of the guidelines by public transportation governing bodies in the region.