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Re: Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority's (WMATA) Proposed State of Good Operation (SOGO) Changes

Chairman Mortimer Downey and Members of the WMATA Board:

At its September 16, 2015 meeting, the Alexandria Transportation Commission held a public hearing on proposed SOGO changes relevant to the City's residents, employees, and visitors. This included proposed changes to Metrobus routes 5A, 7A, 7H, 7X, 7Y, 9A, 10A, 10B, 10R, 10S, 21A, 21D, 28X, and 29N.

The Commission voted to offer its conditional endorsement of WMATA's proposed SOGO service changes affecting Alexandria with one exception. In regard to the proposed elimination of the 10R route, the Commission requests that WMATA consider restructuring rather than fully eliminating service. The 10R route provides a direct connection to Rosslyn for Alexandria residents and commuters. It also supports riders impacted by recent service reductions to the Metrorail Blue Line.

In consideration of the proposed elimination of the 10R route, the Commission discussed the need for additional outreach to transit users and the public in general. Improved public education tools could better inform Blue Line riders about transit options of which they may be currently unaware. Such tools could include augmented service maps or smart technology applications that clearly display the various transit services available between activity centers. One feature could include a map of all bus routes and rail lines within walking distance of any street address in the WMATA service area, illustrating all of the points accessible via a single-seat ride from that location.

As implementation of the proposed SOGO changes moves forward, WMATA should coordinate with City of Alexandria and Alexandria Transit Company (DASH) staff to ensure that sufficient vehicles exist for it to operate any service devolved by WMATA.

The Alexandria Transportation Commission appreciates WMATA's consideration of its position on proposed SOGO changes. We look forward to WMATA's continued coordination with the City.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nathan M. Macek". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name being the most prominent.

Nathan M. Macek

Chair, Alexandria Transportation Commission

cc: Honorable Mayor William D. Euille and Members of City Council
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