

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1034

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served April 3, 1970

Application of D. C. Transit)
System, Inc., for Temporary)
Authority to Serve New)
Metroliner Station in)
Lanham, Maryland.)

Application No. 617

In Application No. 617, filed March 27, 1970, D. C. Transit System, Inc., has requested temporary authority to operate experimental express bus service between the Metroliner Station at the Beltway in Lanham, Maryland and points in Rockville, Bethesda and Silver Spring in Montgomery County. The description of the proposed route is as follows:

SOUTHBOUND - From the terminal stand on the east side of North Washington Street opposite the Rockville Plaza Motel "U" turn from northbound to southbound roadway then continue south on North and South Washington Street, east on East Jefferson Street, southerly on Rockville Pike and Wisconsin Avenue, southeasterly on East-West Highway, northeasterly on Colesville Road, east and south on the Capital Beltway (I-495), west on John Hanson Highway, over Cloverleaf and cut-off roads to eastbound Ardmore-Ardwick Road, east on Ardmore-Ardwick Road, north on cut-off to Cobb Road and easterly on Cobb Road (roadway to station) to Beltway R.R. Station.

NORTHBOUND - From Beltway R.R. Station westerly on Cobb Road (roadway from station), westbound John Hanson Highway and cut-off and Cloverleaf to eastbound John Hanson, east on John Hanson Highway, over Cloverleaf to northbound Beltway, north and west on Capital Beltway (I-495), over Cloverleaf to westbound Colesville Road, southwesterly on Colesville Road, northwesterly

on East-West Highway, northerly on Wisconsin Avenue and Rockville Pike, west on East Jefferson Street and north on South and North Washington Street to terminal stand opposite Rockville Plaza Motel.

PASSENGER STOPS

1. Terminal Stand opposite Rockville Plaza Motel
2. Regular bus stops on Rockville Pike at Montrose Road
3. In front of Governors House Motel - 8400 Wisconsin Avenue
4. Regular bus stops on Colesville Road at Fenton Street in Silver Spring
5. Beltway R.R. Station - Lanham, Maryland

NOTE: EASTBOUND - Passengers will be permitted to board only at No. 1, 2, 3 or 4 stop and must alight at the Beltway R.R. Station.

WESTBOUND - Passengers will be permitted to board at the Beltway R.R. Station and must alight at No. 1, 2, 3 or 4 stop.

The fare is \$1.00 for all passengers.

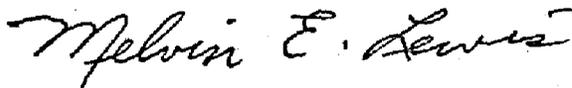
The service is to be provided pursuant to a contract with the Department of Transportation as a part of its High Speed Rail Demonstration Project between Washington and New York City involving the Metroliner. The DOT contract contemplates that the experiment will run for a period of six months.

The WMA Transit Company (WMA) has filed a protest against the granting of the application asserting that it serves a portion of the route over which D. C. Transit proposes to operate, that the service would be duplicative of its service and would create destructive competition and that WMA is ready, willing and able to provide the service.

We will authorize Transit to operate this service beginning Monday, April 6, 1970. The provision of good local transportation to service Metroliner passengers is an important adjunct to the Metroliner experiment and we consider that an urgent and immediate need exists for such transportation between the Lanham station and Montgomery County. The essence of the WMA protest is that some equitable financial arrangement should be made between the carriers but that issue can be worked out either between the carriers or through the Commission. We believe that the public should not be made to wait for the service pending resolution of the dispute between the companies. To assist in a resolution of the questions raised by the WMA protest, we will schedule a hearing on it at a time to be determined. The temporary authority herein granted will be subject to amendment based on our findings at the conclusion of that hearing.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Application No. 617 of D. C. Transit System, Inc., to provide express bus service between the Beltway Railroad Station at Lanham, Maryland and points and places in Montgomery County be, and it is hereby, approved, effective April 6, 1970 and until the authority is amended or revoked after hearing.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS
Executive Director