

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1108

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 2, 1970

Application of WMA Transit)
Company for Authority to)
Amend Certificate -)
Route X-1)

Application No. 662

Docket No. 223

Order Number 1044 issued May 27, 1970, granted WMA Transit Company (WMA) 180-day temporary authority to operate regular route rush-hour service between Laurel, Maryland and the District of Columbia. That authority became effective June 22, 1970, and will expire on December 19, 1970.

By Application No. 662 filed November 25, 1970, WMA seeks to amend its WMATC Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity No. 8 to authorize regular route service between the District of Columbia and Laurel, Maryland as follows:

Southbound - Leave from Gorman Avenue and Sandy Springs Road, east on Gorman Avenue (Route 198), south on Irving Street and Bowie-Laurel Road (Route 197), west on Briarcroft Lane, south on Briarwood Drive, east on Contee Road, south on Bowie-Laurel Road (Route 197), Baltimore-Washington Parkway, and Kenilworth Avenue, west on East Capitol Street Bridge, C Street, N.E., Maryland Avenue, N.E., and Constitution Avenue, N.E. and N.W., south on 3rd St., N.W. and S.W., west on C Street, S.W., south on 6th Street, S.W., west on D Street, S.W., Southwest Bus Terminal, and D Street, S.W., north on 12th Street, S.W., west on Independence Avenue, S.W., north on 14th Street, S.W. and N.W., west on H Street N.W., and north on Connecticut Avenue, N.W. to terminal between H and Eye Streets, N.W.

Northbound - Leave from Farragut Square Terminal, north on Connecticut Avenue, N.W., east on Eye Street, N.W., south on 14th Street, N.W. and S.W., east on Independence Avenue, S.W., south on 12th Street, S.W., east on D Street, S.W. through Southwest Bus Terminal, east on D Street, S.W., north on

6th Street, S.W., east on C Street, S.W., north on 4th Street, S.W., east on Independence Avenue, S.W. and S.E., and East Capitol Street Bridge, north on Kenilworth Avenue, Baltimore Washington Parkway, and Bowie-Laurel Road (Route 197), west on Contee Road, north on Briarwood Drive, east on Briarcroft Lane, north on Bowie-Laurel Road (Route 197) and Irving Street, and west on Route 198 (Talbot Avenue and Gorman Avenue) to Sandy Springs Road.

WMA further requests that its temporary authority granted by Order No. 1044 be extended beyond December 19, 1970, pending our decision on its application so that the citizens of Laurel would continue to receive uninterrupted service. Under the Compact we are unable to grant temporary authority in excess of 180 days, and therefore WMA's request must be denied.

However, we believe that it is in the best interest of the riding public to make every attempt to reach a decision WMA's application prior to the expiration of the existing operating authority. We also believe that this matter is of sufficient public interest to warrant an evening hearing in order to elicit comments from members of the public.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That Application No. 662 be, and it is hereby, set for hearing on Thursday, December 10, 1970, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.
2. That an informal hearing on this matter be, and it is hereby, set for Monday, December 14, 1970, at 7:30 p.m. at Multi-Purpose Room, Montpelier Elementary School, 9200 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, Maryland.
3. That the applicant post notice in its buses advising the public of the nature of these two hearings, their time, and their place.
4. That the applicant publish notice of the hearings in both a newspaper of general circulation in the Metropolitan District and in a newspaper with local Laurel circulation, once, as soon as possible after the date of this order.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS
Executive Director