

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1109

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served December 8, 1970

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

Application 662

Docket No. 223

In Order Number 1044, issued May 27, 1970, we authorized WMA Transit Company (WMA) to operate a regular route rush-hour service between Laurel, Maryland and Farragut Square in the District of Columbia, for a period of 180 days, the maximum period for which temporary authority may be granted under the Compact. On November 25, 1970, WMA filed Application No. 662 seeking permanent authority to operate the Laurel-Farragut Square route via Capitol Hill. In Order No. 1108, issued December 2, 1970, we set a formal hearing on the application for Thursday, December 10, 1970, at 10:00 a.m., and an informal evening hearing for Monday, December 14th, in Laurel.

On December 3, 1970, WMA filed a letter withdrawing the application for permanent authority, which it may do under the Compact. WMA asserted that the service is not sufficiently patronized to allow the anticipation that the service will be self-sustaining within a reasonable period of time. Greyhound has been operating, and we are informed, will continue to operate, the Laurel to Washington service over Route 197 and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, the same route traversed by WMA to Washington. Thus, the discontinuance of WMA service does not leave the passengers who have been using it without alternative service.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the hearing set for Thursday, December 10, 1970, at 10:00 a.m. in the hearing room of the Commission, 1625 I Street, N.W., Washington, D. C., on Application No. 662 be, and it is hereby, canceled.

2. That the informal hearing set for Monday, December 14, 1970, at 7:30 p.m. at Multi-Purpose Room, Montpelier Elementary School, 9200 Muirkirk Road, Laurel, Maryland, on Application No. 662 be, and it is hereby, canceled.

3. That WMA Transit Company post notices on its buses advising the public of the cancellation of these two hearings, that the Laurel-Washington service it has operated pursuant to Order No. 1044 will not be operated after December 19, 1970, and indicating the Greyhound telephone number that may be called for information regarding the alternative service offered by Greyhound.

FOR THE COMMISSION:



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Executive Director