

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1150

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served June 18, 1971

Application of Washington,	)	Application No. 698
Virginia, and Maryland Coach	)	
Company for Reduction of	)	Docket No. 230
Service on Saturdays and Sundays.)	)	

On May 20, 1971, W. V. & M. Coach Company (W. V. & M.) notified us of its intent to make reductions in its weekend service schedule. The changes consisted of altering the base schedules of Routes 1, 2, 3, and 4 after 6:30 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays. The new schedule would have each of the above-numbered routes operate on a one-hour headway after 7:00 p.m. on weekend nights.

In addition, W. V. & M. also proposed to eliminate all Sunday service on Route 3-S, between Seven Corners and Herndon, and on Route 5-K between Rosslyn and Fairfax. After consultation with the staff, however, W. V. & M. has agreed to operate one trip on the Route 5-K the 6:37 p.m. from Rosslyn, which appeared to be serving a significant number of patrons.

Passenger counts were submitted to us with this proposal which support the proposition that a cutback in the frequency of this weekend service will adversely affect a minimum number of persons. In the case of the elimination of 3-S Sunday service, only one passenger per trip was being carried, and the Sunday Route 5-K service, with the exception of the trip which will be retained, averaged three passengers per trip.

On June 17, 1971, we received a request from the Fairfax County Public Utilities Commission that a public hearing be held on these service reductions. We believe that it is proper for us to receive the views of all interested parties concerning bus service in the metropolitan district, and we will, therefore, grant the requested public hearing.

The schedule changes involved are planned to be effective June 20, 1971, two days hence. Driver picks have already been made, along with other arrangements to operate the new schedules. To disrupt those plans at this point would entail a disproportionate expense in relation to the number of riders involved. Therefore, we will not approve the schedule changes pending hearing. If, after the hearing is held, it becomes apparent that some of the schedules should be restored, we will do that.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That a public hearing be held on the base schedule service reductions in Saturday and Sunday service of Routes 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 of W. V. & M. Coach Company, on Friday, July 2, 1971, at 10:00 a.m. in the hearing room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.
2. That W. V. & M. Coach Company post notice of the hearing in all of its buses.
3. That W. V. & M. Coach Company publish notice of the hearing once in a newspaper of general circulation in the Washington Metropolitan Area at least seven (7) days before July 2, 1971.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

  
DOUGLAS N. SCHNEIDER, JR.  
Executive Director