

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1181

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 19, 1971

Application of Alexandria,)
Barcroft and Washington)
Transit Company for Ad-)
ditional Temporary Authority)
to Extend Route 17.)

Application No. 732

Order No. 1165, served on August 12, 1971, granted ninety-day temporary authority to Alexandria, Barcroft and Washington Transit Company (A. B. & W.) to extend eight round trips of its Route 17 rush hour operations to serve Wakefield Chapel Road, Braeburn Drive and Olley Lane in Annandale, Virginia. The ninety-day period expires November 21, 1971.

On November 3, 1971, A. B. & W filed an application requesting an extension of temporary authority over this route for an additional ninety-day period. In support of its request, the company points out that in cooperation with the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, it plans to extend Route 4G to serve essentially the same area now being served by the extended Route 17. The new route, if approved by the Commission, would provide a direct service in contrast to the counter-flowing routing now being offered to the residents of the Braeburn Drive area by the Route 17, and therefore would be more attractive and desirable to them. However, the proposed extension of the 4G, even if approved by this Commission, could not be inaugurated before mid February 1972, since the additional coaches required by the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission to begin the operation will not be delivered until January 1972. The weekly ridership figures submitted to the Commission by the company, although not as high as we had hoped, do indicate that a need for service does exist in this area. Further, staff monitoring of the present operation confirms our conclusion in Order No. 1165 that the objections and concerns expressed by some residents were not sufficient to warrant denying bus service to this area. In these circumstances, we believe the granting of additional temporary authority would permit continuity of service to the residents of this

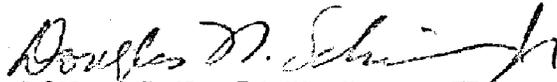
area pending the availability of additional vehicles and a decision by this Commission on the desirability of the proposed Route 4G extension. Thus, we conclude that the extension of temporary authority is both desirable and necessary and we shall therefore extend it for an additional ninety-day period.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the Alexandria, Barcroft and Washington Transit Company be, and it hereby is, granted an additional ninety (90) day temporary authority to operate the extension of Route 17, effective Monday, November 22, 1971.

2. That the Alexandria, Barcroft and Washington Transit Company continue to submit to this Commission weekly reports showing the daily ridership by trip over the extended route, as previously required by Order No. 1165.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:


DOUGLAS N. SCHNEIDER, JR.
Executive Director