

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1182

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served November 22, 1971

Application of WMA Transit Company for Authority to Make Schedule Changes on All Routes.	)	Application No. 733
Application of WMA Transit Company for Certificate Authority to Change Route F-4.	)	Application No. 734
Application of WMA Transit Company for Certificate Authority to Change Route R.	)	Application No. 735
Application of WMA Transit Company for Certificate Authority to Change Routes H and W.	)	Application No. 736
Application of WMA Transit Company for Authority to Change Route J.	)	Application No. 737
Application of WMA Transit Company for Authority to Change Route K.	)	Application No. 738
Application of WMA Transit Company for Authority to Change Route M.	)	Application No. 739
Schedule Changes for WMA Transit Company -- Route T-6.	)	Docket No. 239
	)	Docket No. 232

On November 8, 1971, WMA Transit Company filed applications for a major service realignment. This filing was supplemented several times, and we have combined these service adjustments into seven applications: Application No. 733 dealing with adjustments in time schedules; Application Nos. 734 - 736 dealing with requests for certificate authority to adjust Route F-4, Route R, and Routes H and W respectively; and Application Nos. 737 - 739 dealing with route changes on Route J, Routes K - N, and Route M respectively.

We shall herein consolidate these applications into Docket No. 239 and set them for formal hearing. We shall also set an informal Saturday morning hearing to elicit comments on these proposals from members of the general public.

These applications affect every route presently operated by WMA. They propose elimination of all Sunday service with the exception of seven round trips on Route A and seven round trips on Route J. Saturday service would also be reduced drastically with reduced service being provided on Routes A, B and V, C and O, D-S-W, F, J, K, and R. In addition, service on Routes M and I would be eliminated. Weekday schedules would be altered on all WMA routes to regularize frequencies while reducing midday and evening service.

Finally, Routes A, F, H, J, K, M, R, and W would be rerouted mainly for the purpose of eliminating circuitous routing. Route N would be absorbed into Route K.

There is presently pending Docket No. 232, WMA's proposal to reduce service on Route T-6. We prefer to examine the proposed service reductions on a unified basis and make our determinations with regard to the total effect of these applications on residents within the service area of WMA, so we shall include further consideration of Docket No. 232 with Docket No. 239.

In order to reduce public uncertainty about routes and schedules, we will consider these applications as expeditiously as possible. Because of this fact, and because of the important impact these proposals may have on members of the general public, we shall require WMA to file, one week before hearing, public copies of its direct testimony and exhibits in support of these applications. In addition, for purposes of Docket No. 239, we shall waive Rule 14-03 requiring filing of formal protests ten days prior to hearing, and allow interested parties to file formal protests up to and including commencement of formal hearings.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the effective date for all schedule changes proposed by WMA Transit Company in Application No. 733 be, and they are hereby, suspended.

2. That a formal public hearing for the presentation of evidence by applicant WMA Transit Company and all of the formal parties, be, and it is hereby, scheduled for Wednesday, December 8, 1971, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

3. That an informal public hearing for the receipt of comments and evidence from members of the general public be, and it is hereby, scheduled for Saturday, December 11, 1971, at 10:00 a.m. in the Hearing Room of the Commission, Room 314, 1625 Eye Street, N.W., Washington, D. C. 20006.

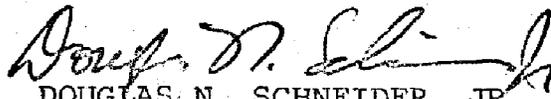
4. That WMA operate a free shuttle bus between its downtown District of Columbia terminal at 11th and E Streets, N.W., and the Commission Offices at 1625 Eye Street, N.W. on the date of the informal hearing, Saturday, December 11, 1971, from 9:30 a.m. until 20 minutes following the close of that hearing for the use of persons wishing to be heard on this matter.

5. That WMA Transit Company publish notice of the above hearings in a newspaper of general circulation on or before November 29, 1971.

6. That WMA Transit Company post notice in all its buses advising the public of the time, place, and the function of the above-ordered hearings within five days of the service date of this order, such notice to be approved by the Commission staff.

7. That WMA Transit Company submit to the Commission offices by close of business on December 1, 1971, ten copies of all exhibits and direct testimony it wishes to present at hearing in support of Application Nos. 733 - 739.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:

  
DOUGLAS N. SCHNEIDER, JR.  
Executive Director

