



Commuter Bus Management Plan Update

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Agenda

- Overview of commuter bus service
- Overview of regulations/plan
- Current status
- Next Steps

Commuter Bus Service

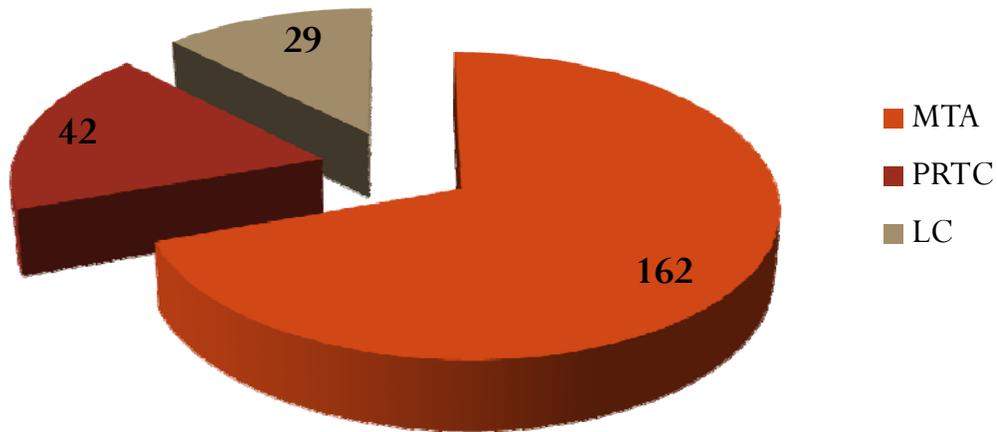
- Commuter bus service provides transportation for regional residents for DC based employers.
- Region-wide service in 15 counties and cities
- Majority of the service provides connections to locations in the city with high federal employment
- Three major agencies provide the bulk of the service
 - MTA- Maryland Transit Administration
 - PRTC/Omniride- Potomac Rappahannock Transportation Commission
 - LC- Loudoun County Transit
 - Other smaller carriers



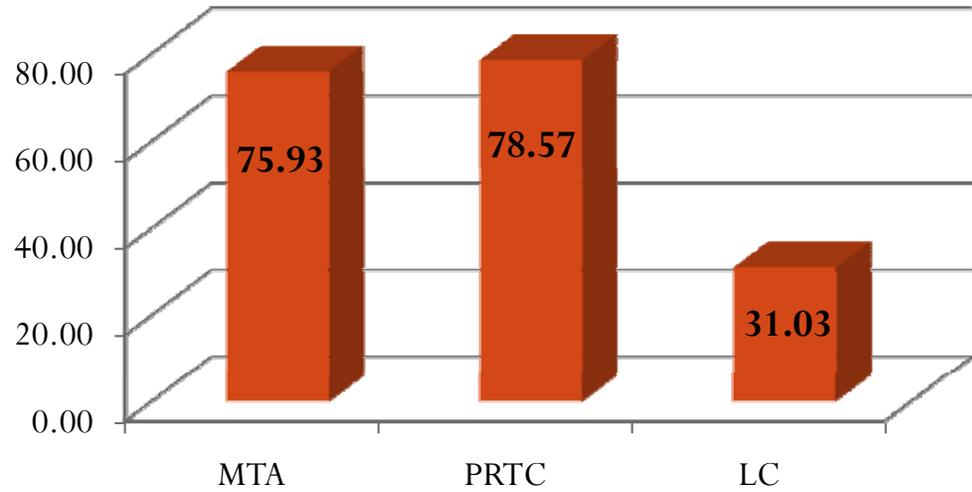
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- Heaviest volume occurs during AM and PM peak (7:00am-9:30am, 3:30pm-6:30pm)
- Approximately 223 pick up locations
- Approximately 175 locations are shared with, or on the same block as a Metro bus stop
- Approximately 200 plus buses travelling daily in the District Monday-Friday
- Time sensitive schedules similar to Metro bus service

Number of stops by Commuter Bus Service Provider



Percent of Commuter Bus Stops Shared with Metro Bus Stops by Agency



Challenges

- Identification of the universe of commuter bus providers
- No regulations or policy for commuter bus operations in the District
- Coordination with transit agencies
- Conflicts with Metro bus service
- Conflicts with curbside usage
- Parking needs for layover purposes between AM and PM schedules
- PM schedule creates the largest conflict

District Commuter Bus Plan

- Regulations
 - Short term implementation
 - Establishes consistency on operations and signage
 - Formalizes approval process for stops
 - Clearly defines “commuter bus service provider”
- Operational plan
 - Immediate implementation
 - Resolves current issues
 - Standardizes operations on public space

District Commuter Bus Plan(cont'd)

Regulations

- Specific regulations have been crafted pertaining to commuter bus service and the use of public space
 - A permit will be required for the placement of signs in public space
 - The permit holder will be required to indicate specific routes in the District and locations of signs
 - Permit will describe specifications for signs

District Commuter Bus Plan(cont'd)

Operational Plan

- Limit the number of curbside stops
- Piggyback on WMATA's new bus flag design
- Identify shared Metro bus stops
- Coordinate with agencies to resolve conflict locations
- Sign installation
- Identify centralized parking locations

Next Steps

- Agencies submitting all pickup locations by March 25th
- Identify locations for signage placement on public space vs. Metro stops
- Meeting with providers to occur on April 15th
- Complete review process by April 30th
- Begin sign installation on May 17th
- Expected draft rulemaking promulgation in summer 2010

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