

March 19, 2013

Tom Biesiadny, Fairfax County Director of Transportation  
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**RE: Silver Line Bus Service Recommendations**

Dear Mr. Biesiadny:

On behalf of the Board of Directors for the Reston Association (RA), I am writing to request the implementation of specific actions related to the adequacy of commuter and intra-Reston bus services in preparation for the opening of the Metro Silver Line.

As described in recent public meetings, the Fairfax County Department of Transportation (FCDOT) is currently developing a plan for bus route and schedule changes to accommodate the opening of the Silver Line at Wiehle Avenue.

Reston Association appreciates the efforts of FCDOT in developing this plan and we respectfully request the following actions be considered for incorporation into the final plan document:

1. The provision of links to all Reston and surrounding neighborhoods must be established to provide peak period service to the Wiehle Station for commuters.
2. Make available more convenient intra-Reston bus services to encourage Silver Line riders to leave their cars at home.
3. Put in place 10 minute transfer times at Reston Town Center to serve the Wiehle station.
4. Utilize the Circulator bus plans for the Sunrise Valley and Sunset Hills routes.
5. Put in place bus routes to facilitate use of the Herndon Monroe Park & Ride as a collector for the Silver Line.
6. Intra-Reston routes must be more convenient with the inclusion of measures, such as bi-directional loop service and shorter headways to eliminate the need for long, round-about, circuitous trips with layovers at Town Center; weekday peak/off-peak; and late evening and weekend services.
7. Provide other bus route options, if bi-directional loop service is not feasible for south Reston RIBS service in the near term to the Wiehle station.
8. Provide a reverse RIBS routing identification table to show Restonians the bi-directional RIBS service during peak hours.
9. Avoid changes to the RIBS service that may negatively impact the effectiveness of the timed-transfer connections at the existing bus transfer station in Reston Town Center.

10. Work closely with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to maximize the coordination of bus and rail transfer connections, particularly in the periods of longer rail and bus headways as well as the on-time performance of rail service.
11. Increase the amount of mid-day and evening bus service, which will feed Metrorail operations.
12. Expand Park & Ride opportunities and/or alternative parking opportunities as collectors for bus riders outside of and within Reston.
13. Extend RIBS 4 to the Wiehle Station.
14. Continue the express Pentagon and Crystal City schedules to eliminate the potential time delays in additional transfers.
15. Set a reduced fee or free bus service for the South Reston Park & Ride to encourage ridership during the initial year of Wiehle Station rail service.
16. Integrate automated information systems with bus and rail to develop real-time information for bus riders and to enhance communications through the use of smart phone applications and other potential wireless options.
17. Six months from the opening of Wiehle Station, FCDOT staff should review the implementation plan and meet with the Reston Association Transportation Advisory Committee to consider plan enhancements and improvements.

On behalf of the Reston Association, I want to thank you and your staff, in advance, for considering our requests for plan improvements to commuter and intra-Reston bus services in preparation for the opening of the Metro Silver Line.

If you have questions, comments or if you would like to discuss further this matter with me, please call me at (703-203-2727) or e-mail me at [BODKnueven@reston.org](mailto:BODKnueven@reston.org).

On Behalf of the Board of Directors of the Reston Association,



Ken Knueven  
President

**CC:** Hon. Catherin M. Hudgins, Fairfax County, Hunter Mill District Supervisor  
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Association Board of Directors  
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