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MEMO

TO: TPC Members

FROM: CSDebo

RE: Parking on the Square and Bus Shelters

DATE: Sept. 1, 2005

Dear Members:

Parking on the Square appears to be operating without detriment to Metro. The TPC had had several opportunities to discuss implementation and approved the plans for parking on the square. When first implemented, the final plan (contrary to prior discussions) had separated buses and bicycles into two lanes—both of which were too narrow. Later, after some experience, the two lanes were merged and buses and bicycles shared a wider lane—as they had for decades preceding implementation of parking on the square. This latter change was a significant improvement from the transit perspective. We have received no complaints from customers concerning implementation. The change has not created any major problems for drivers who have always had to be mindful of pedestrians, bicycles, and traffic on Capitol Square.

When the plan was developed, transit staff supported (and continues to support) reduction of the present seven to four shelters at key sites on the square when new shelters are constructed. The four shelter sites remaining are proposed to be the system's two main transfer points on the Square: Main at Carroll and Mifflin at Pinckney. Additionally shelters would remain at Pinckney in front of the glass bank and Mifflin in front of the Veterans Museum. As you can see in the diagram below—those are the four major boarding sites in the system. The other three sites have many fewer passenger boardings and would remain “stop&go” bus stops only—without shelters. All bus routes have two or more stops on the square. New bus shelters will be located in approximately the same location as the four existing shelters cited above. It is my understanding that funding for the shelters will be included in the 2006 budget and that construction is planned to take place next summer.

