

## Response to Questions on the FY 2008 Advertised Budget Plan

**Request By:** Supervisor Hudgins

**Question:** What is the weekday ridership on Route 505 CONNECTOR, serving Reston?

**Response:**

- Route 505 is the only FAIRFAX CONNECTOR route which operates mid-day service at 15 minute intervals. All other routes operate mid-day service at 30 or 60 minute intervals.
- The average weekday ridership on Route 505 CONNECTOR in FY 2006, operating on 15 minute intervals, was 970 riders. This level is an increase of 17.4 percent over FY 2003, when service was operating at 30 minute intervals. As a point of comparison, average growth in the entire Reston/Herndon Division was 18.3 percent for that same time period. The following data reflects changes in service and ridership levels, since 2003.

FISCAL YEAR	INTERVAL	AVERAGE PASSENGERS PER TRIP	AVERAGE WEEKDAY RIDERSHIP	% INCREASE ROUTE 505	% ANNUAL GROWTH-ENTIRE R/H DIVISION
2003	30 minutes	11.2	826		
2004	Changeover year	8.0	795	-4%	2%
2005	15 minutes	9.4	944	19%	9%
2006 Change 2003/2006	15 minutes	9.7	970 17.4%	3%	6% 18.3%

- In October 2003, the Board of Supervisors approved the use of Plaza America proffer funds to expand Route 505 from 30 minute to 15 minute headway timing during the mid-day hours. The proffer has continued to support this level of service through the current fiscal year, but sufficient proffer funds are not available in FY 2008 to continue this enhanced service level. As a result, a consideration item in the amount of \$300,000 in General Funds has been included to continue Route 505 service at the enhanced level in FY 2008.
- If funding is not available, the Department would attempt to accommodate Route 505 passengers in a revised 30 minute frequency which would be based on those trips with higher ridership volumes.