



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

# Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Overview and Financial Update

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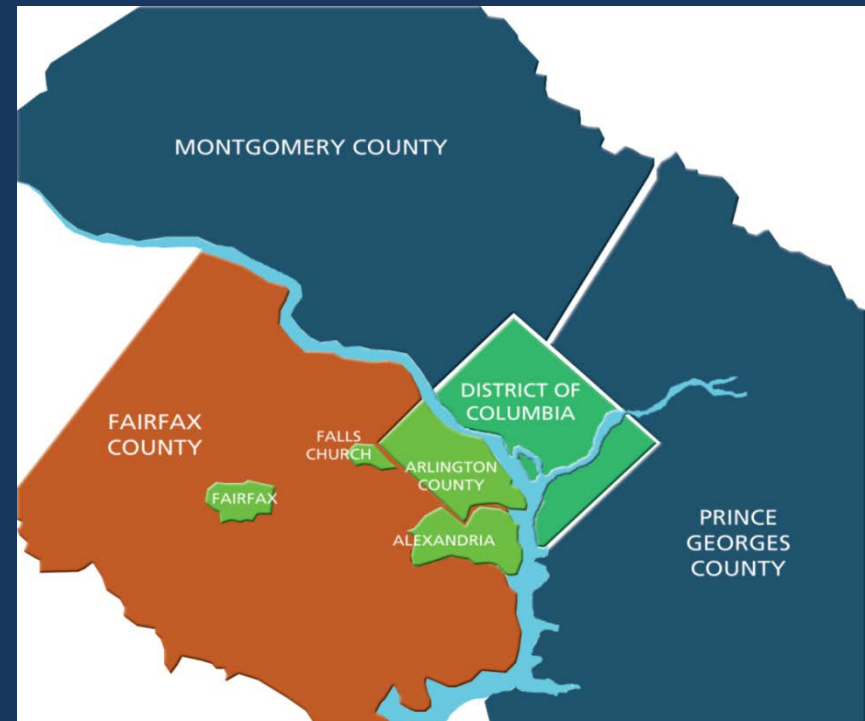
# WMATA Overview

- The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) was created in 1967 by an Interstate Compact
- WMATA was created by DC, MD and VA (“signatories”), with the consent of Congress
- WMATA began operation in 1976



# Serving the National Capital Region

- Metro serves a population area of over 3.9 million within a 1,500 square-mile radius
- Board governed by eight voting and eight alternate directors
- The District of Columbia, Maryland, Virginia and the federal government appoint two voting and two alternate members each





# Metro Keeps the Region Working

- 54% of the Washington DC region's two million jobs within ½ mile of Metro
- The \$235B of property at Metrorail stations generates \$3.1B annually in jurisdiction tax revenues
- Within ½ mile of Metrorail stations, VA collected \$470M in property tax revenue in 2010<sub>1</sub>

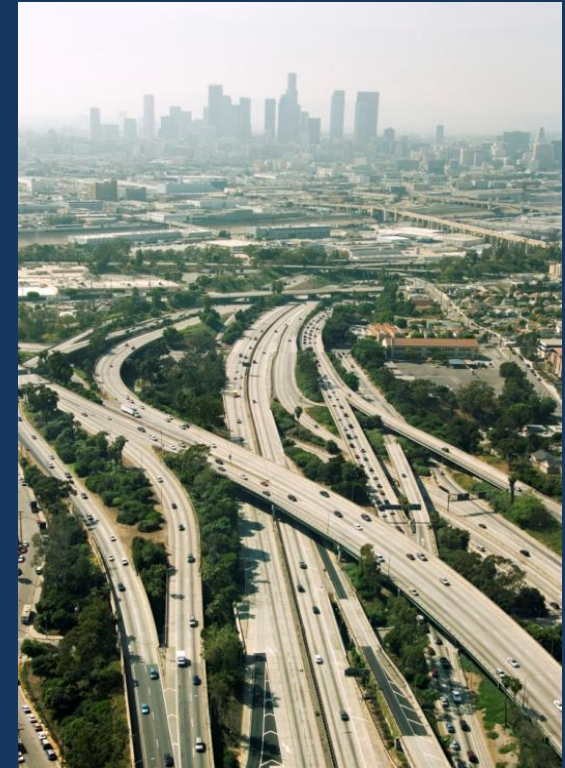


1. "Making the Case for Transit: WMATA Regional Benefits of Transit, November 2011



# What if there were no Metro?

- More cars on the road
- More lanes
- More parking spaces
- More congestion
- More money spent on auto expenses
- Poorer air quality





# Metro's Value to Virginia

- Metrorail provides 40.97 total miles of rail in VA with 25 stations
  - Will be 52.37 miles and 31 stations with full extension to Dulles Airport and Loudoun County
  - Provides approximately 211,000 average weekday trips to Northern Virginia residents
- Metrobus operates 48 bus lines serving Virginians
  - 65,000 average weekday riders in five Northern Virginia jurisdictions
- MetroAccess provides shared ride, door-to-door paratransit service to over 1,200 customers in Northern Virginia on an average weekday



# FY 15 State Funding for Metro

State Funding	FY 15 Allocations
Operating: Match to NVTC Jurisdictions	\$99.6M
Capital: Match to NVTC Jurisdictions	\$42.1M
Capital: PRIIA (federal Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 to support safety and state of good repair)	\$50.0M
Capital: Metro 2025 Program (supporting 8 car trains, expanding high volume stations, and improving bus network)	\$9.0M
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$200.7M</b>





# Rebuilding the Foundation

Metro Forward: \$5 billion, six-year investment program







# Momentum Delivers Metro 2025



## Longest possible trains to provide more seats

*More cars + power improvements and maintenance facilities to operate all 8-car trains during rush hours*



## Improved flow through major stations

*More escalators, stairs and mezzanine space added at transfer Stations to accommodate more riders more comfortably*



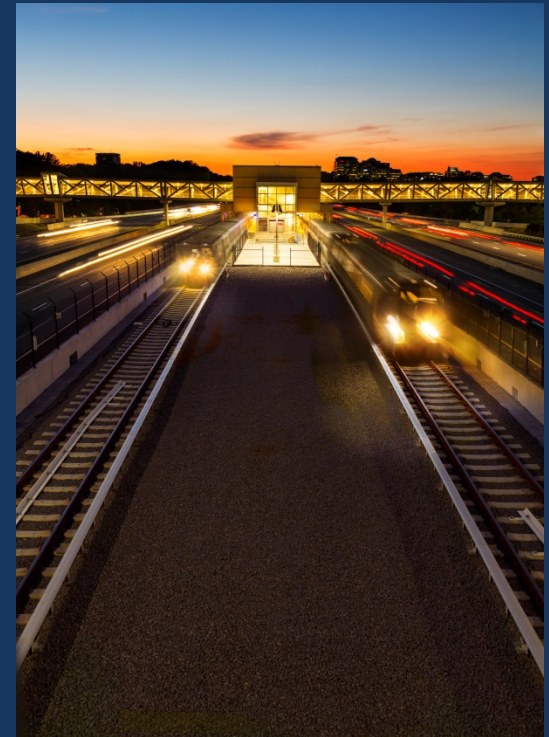
## More reliable, faster bus service

*Bus-only lanes along major corridors, additional limited-stop and express service, and more buses will upgrade bus service*



# Silver Line Update

- Silver Line Phase 1 service began July 26, 2014
- Seeing over 15,000 boardings on an average weekday at the five new Silver Line stations
- Achieving over 60% of the ridership projected for the end of the first year
- Wiehle Station and Tysons Corner doing particularly well



Picture courtesy Dulles Transit Partners



# Progress Toward Addressing Federal Oversight Review

- WMATA received a final Financial Management Oversight (FMO) report from the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) on June 10, 2014
- The FMO review identified nine findings, five advisory comments, and a total of 45 recommendations
- WMATA committed to 65 Corrective Action Plan (CAP) items in response to FTA's findings
- WMATA has made significant progress and documentation has been submitted by WMATA for 62 of the 65 CAPs



# Progress Toward Addressing Federal Oversight Review (cont'd)

- Of the three outstanding CAPs
  - Two material weakness CAP submissions, originally due September 8, 2014, have been extended to June 30, 2015
  - An advisory comment CAP has a committed due date of June 30, 2015
- The outstanding CAPs deal with reconciliation and revision of federal grants, which require complex and meticulous work to ensure accuracy
- FTA recognized the complexity and granted the extension



# Focus on Procurement and Grants Management Reforms

- Focus on procurement reforms to ensure adherence to federal procurement regulations and ensure they are conducted with “full and open competition”
- Revisions to procurement and grants management policy is a top priority of WMATA and training has been completed for all current, relevant employees
  - 448 employees trained on updated procurement policies
  - 267 employees trained on updated grants management
- Focus on long term compliance monitoring to ensure implementation; will use compliance monitoring software



# Thank You!

WMATA appreciates the support of the General Assembly and the Commonwealth of Virginia

