

2022 Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA

NVTC's 2022 *Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA* includes strategies for Metro to improve operational efficiency and reduce the growth in costs, the uses of Virginia's dedicated capital funding, recent major accomplishments in the capital program, and reliability, ridership and financial performance data.

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Highlights of NVTC's Recommendations to Metro:

Rebuild customer confidence by continuing the return of the 7000-series railcars to service and offering frequent and reliable rail service, improving the **physical safety and security** of customers and **reforming the management and safety culture**.

Work with partner jurisdictions **to enforce fare payment uniformly across the system** to address customer safety and security.

Implement a simple and convenient Metrorail fare structure and customer experience that makes it easy to pay fares, manage transit benefits and transfer to other systems.

Continue to increase non-fare revenues from real estate and advertising.

Seek to manage labor cost escalation in collective bargaining and seek amendments to the Wolf Act.

Recommendations for the Commission:

Explore the implications, challenges and opportunities of **local transit agencies assuming the operation of Metrobus services** in Northern Virginia.

Develop options for a new financial operating model for Metro that reflects Virginia's unique funding and modal relationship with Metro, examines existing and potentially new revenues and explores opportunities to reform federal, state and/or Metro laws or policies around Metro budget and subsidy.





Future Operating Budget Gaps

The pandemic has accelerated the structural challenges to Metro's financial operating model, which will result in future operating gaps as federal COVID aid is exhausted. This long-term operating funding gap is partially due to slow ridership recovery, but it will persist with a moderately smaller gap even if ridership recovered to 100% of pre-pandemic levels.

Solving these multi-year operating gaps will necessitate some difficult choices. NVTC is working with our local, Commonwealth and federal partners to support Metro as it evolves to meet the Northern Virginia transit needs of a post-pandemic transit world.

Operating Budget Outlook

Federal aid has acted as a temporary stopgap and will be exhausted in FY 2024.

Metro projects the FY 2025 operating budget gap at \$738 million which grows to \$924 million in FY 2029.

