



NVTC WMATA Committee Meeting

January 21, 2021

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Committee Meeting Agenda

- 1. Review October 29, 2020 Meeting Summary**
- 2. NVTC WMATA Committee Orientation and Schedule**
- 3. Discussion and Comments on WMATA's FY 2022 Proposed Operating & Capital Budget**
- 4. Other Items of Jurisdictional Importance**

Agenda Item #2:

NVTC WMATA Committee Orientation and Schedule

- **Overview of Scope and Responsibilities**
- **Proposed 2021 NVTC WMATA Committee Work Plan and Schedule**

Overview of Scope and Responsibilities

Commission	NVTC WMATA Committee	Regional Staffing Structure
<p><i>Meets Monthly</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Discuss and inform Commissioners during the WMATA portion of the agenda • Receive report from the WMATA Committee and WMATA Board Members • Take formal action on NVTC policy positions on WMATA 	<p><i>Meets 5-6 times a year</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a forum for consensus-based recommendations to the Commission on WMATA policy positions • Provides strategic guidance to staff on WMATA related policy matters and NVTC's responsibilities from legislation 	<p><i>Meets Bi-weekly</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NVTC staff coordinate a regional staffing structure that includes DRPT and jurisdictional staff • Prepares Virginia WMATA Board members for WMATA Board meetings • Builds consensus on Virginia issues related to WMATA and facilitates multi-jurisdictional representation

Proposed 2021 NVTC WMATA Committee Schedule*

**WMATA
Committee**

JAN - APR	MAY - AUG	SEPT - DEC	Not Scheduled
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive WMATA Committee Orientation • Discuss FY 2022 WMATA Budget and approach to draft comments to WMATA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work Sessions on the Annual Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA • Review Working Group Companion Report to the Commission on Virginia's 3% Cap on WMATA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review draft Annual Report on the Performance and Condition of WMATA • Discuss NVTC's Priorities for the FY 2023 WMATA Budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Review Letter of Comments on Blue, Orange and Silver Line Study • Develop comments on WMATA budgets revised due to COVID

**Commission
Actions**

JAN - APR	MAY - AUG	SEPT - DEC	Not Scheduled
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorize NVTC Chair to Send Letter of Comments on FY 2022 WMATA Budget 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive Updates from the WMATA Committee Chair on Committee Actions 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Receive Presentation on Working Group Companion Report to the Commission on Virginia's 3% Cap on WMATA • Consider Companion Report on Virginia's 3% Cap on WMATA 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Authorize NVTC Chair to Send Comments on Blue, Orange and Silver Line Study

*Work plan dates and content may change.

Agenda Item #3:

Discussion and Comments on WMATA's FY 2022 Proposed Operating & Capital Budget

- **Revised FY 2022 WMATA Budget**
- **Staff proposed themes to include in comments on the FY 2022 Budget**
- **Discussion**
- **Next Steps**

Background

- Congress passed the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act (the Relief Act) before the new year.
- WMATA estimates receiving approximately \$610 million* from the Relief Act.
 - The WMATA Board approved using \$95.6 million to close the FY 2021 funding gap and the GM proposes using \$514.4 million to offset a projected budget gap of \$724.2 million for FY 2022.
- On January 14 the Board authorized the WMATA GM/CEO's revisions to the public docket on the FY 2022 budget to reflect federal funding from the Relief Act.

*** Until FTA's apportionment, this is a preliminary estimate by WMATA**

Revised GM/CEO Proposed FY 2022 WMATA Budget

\$ in Millions		Amount
Revenue ¹		\$240.2
Expense		\$2,117.5
Operating Deficit		\$1,877.3
FY2022 Subsidy		\$1,153.1
Funding Gap		(\$724.2)
Additional Relief Act		\$514.4
Projected Remaining Funding Gap		(\$209.8)

¹ Revenue has been reduced by \$24M from the December presentation for advertising impacts
 Note: Amounts are rounded for presentation purposes and may not sum

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Revised GM/CEO Proposed FY 2022 WMATA Budget

(\$ in millions)	Revised GM/CEO FY 2022 Proposal (1/14/21)
Projected Remaining Funding Gap	\$209.8
Management actions to reduce the funding gap	- \$58.4
Metrobus service reductions	- \$102
Metrorail service reductions	- \$69.4
Additional costs for Silver Line Phase 2 Title VI adjustments	+ \$20.0
Final Gap/Balanced Budget	\$0.0

Source: Jan. 14, 2021 [WMATA Finance and Capital Committee](#)

Revised GM/CEO Proposed FY 2022 WMATA Budget

Other Key Highlights

- Forgoes 3% subsidy growth*
- Assumes Silver Line Phase 2 revenue service begins July 2021
- Does not shift any additional operating expenses to the capital program for preventive maintenance
- Includes an estimated \$108 million for additional coronavirus relief aid for local bus operators

*\$42 million of legislative exclusions are included in the proposed FY2022 subsidy

Source: Jan. 14, 2021 [WMATA Finance and Capital Committee](#)

GM/CEO Proposed FY 2022 Metrorail Service Comparison

	July - December 2021 (Proposed)	January - June 2022 (Proposed)
Rail Hours	M - F (5AM - 11 PM) Sat (7 AM - 11 PM) Sun (8 AM - 11 PM)	M - F (5AM - 9 PM) Sat (7 AM - 9 PM) Sun (8 AM - 9 PM)
Rail Headways	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Weekdays</u>: 12 minutes (Blue, Orange, Green, Yellow, Silver) 6 minutes (Red) <u>Sat - Sun</u>: 15 minutes (Blue, Orange, Green, Yellow, Silver) 12 minutes (Red) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <u>Weekdays</u>: 30 minutes (Blue, Orange, Green, Yellow, Silver) 15 minutes (Red) <u>Sat - Sun</u>: 30 minutes (Blue, Orange, Green, Yellow, Silver) 15 minutes (Red)
Rail Service Levels	80% of pre-pandemic levels	30% of pre-pandemic levels
Rail Turnbacks	None	Yellow and Red Lines
Rail Stations Closed	None	22
Rail FTE Reductions	0	1,147

Source: Jan. 14, 2021 [WMATA Finance and Capital Committee](#)

GM/CEO Proposed FY 2022 Metrobus Service Comparison

	July - December 2021 (Proposed)	January - June 2022 (Proposed)
Bus Service	WMATA would continue FY 2021 Amended Metrobus Service Levels which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • extended late night hours on 34 lines • restoration of peak service on 7 lines • restoration of weekday all-day service on 4 lines • restoration of Saturday service on 10 lines • restoration of Sunday service on 9 lines 	Rollback all FY 2021 revised additions
Bus Service Levels	82% of pre-pandemic levels	50% of pre-pandemic levels
Bus FTE Reductions	0	1,414

Source: Jan. 14, 2021 [WMATA Finance and Capital Committee](#)

Staff proposed timeline to develop and submit comments to WMATA

January NVTC WMATA Committee Meeting

Information Item

- Comments and Discussion

February Commission Meeting

Information Item

- Additional Comments and Discussion
- After Commission discussion, staff will work with NVTC WMATA Committee Chair to refine and develop a draft letter

March Commission Meeting

Action Item

- Approve a letter of comments which staff will include in the formal WMATA public comment process
- WMATA GM/CEO will provide remarks at the meeting

Staff recommended themes to include in comments on the Proposed FY 2022 WMATA Budget

- Open Silver Line Phase 2 as soon as possible with full service to all stations
- Avoid or minimize shifting operating expenses to the capital program for preventive maintenance, maintain state of good repair capital program support, and preserve dedicated funding debt capacity
- Preserve a sufficient level of Metrorail and Metrobus service to serve essential workers and position the region for a quick economic recovery
- Continue to seek additional federal support to avoid layoffs and close the budget gap in FY 2022 and subsequent fiscal years
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Discussion

1. Does the Committee support the recommended themes to include in the comments?
2. Are there any additional themes that the Committee would like to include in the comments?

Next Steps

- **February 4:** Commission will discuss FY 2022 WMATA Budget
- **February 20 - March 16** (*tentative*): Public Comment Period on the WMATA GM/CEO's Proposed Budget
- **March 4:** Commission will authorize the NVTC Chair to submit a letter of comments on the FY 2022 WMATA Budget (*Reminder that the WMATA GM/CEO will speak at the March Commission Meeting*)
- **March:** Public Hearings
- **April:** WMATA Board anticipates adopting the Operating and Capital Budgets

Agenda Item #4: Other Items of Jurisdictional Importance



Thank You.



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