

T&E COMMITTEE #1  
April 30, 2012

**MEMORANDUM**

April 26, 2012

TO: Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee  
FROM: <sup>GO</sup> Glenn Orlin, Deputy Council Staff Director  
SUBJECT: Briefing—Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority FY13 Operating Budget and related issues

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority is in the midst of developing its FY13 budget. The current proposal would increase the budget by \$109 million (7.6%), from \$1.434 billion in FY12 up to \$1,543 billion in FY13. Of the \$109 million increase, \$47.1 million would be assumed by higher subsidy payments from the District of Columbia, Maryland Department of Transportation, and the Virginia jurisdictions. The balance would be covered by fare increases and other miscellaneous additional revenue. The overview is presented on ©1-4, with more detail on ©5-9.

Fare increases are being considered for Metrorail, Metrobus, and station parking. On Metrorail, the “peak-of-the-peak” fare would be eliminated, but the peak fare would go up by an average of 5.7%, and the maximum fare would go up by 75 cents, to \$5.75. The off-peak fare maximum would also increase by 75 cents, to \$3.50. To encourage the elimination of paper farecards in favor SmarTrip cards, the fare penalty for using a paper farecard would increase from 25 cents to \$1.00 per trip. Metrobus fares would increase by 10 cents—to \$1.80 for a cash fare, and to \$1.70 with a SmarTrip Card—and the senior/disabled fare would go up by 5 cents. (By policy, the Council has set Ride On fares equal to Metrobus fares, for reasons of simplicity and equity.) Parking fees would increase by 25 cents per day, and the annual rental cost for a bike locker would be reduced from \$200 to \$120. The full schedule of proposed fares and charges is on ©10-11.

WMATA Board Member Michael Barnes, Board Alternate Kathy Porter, and Charlie Scott, WMATA’s Maryland Legislative Liaison, will brief the Committee.

## Metro Update

### Montgomery County Council Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy & Environment Committee

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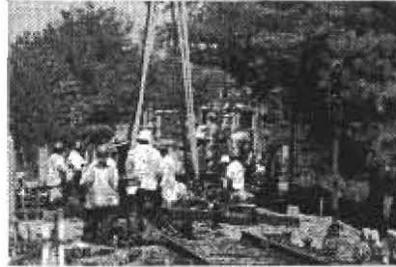
## rebuilding metro

- Launched largest capital program since original construction--\$5 billion
  - \$1 billion dedicated to National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) recommendations, safety
- Focused on enhancing safety, reliability and state of good repair
- Replacing or rehabilitating aging infrastructure
- Invested \$1 Billion in capital improvements since July 2010



## a better ride for you

- Delivering projects that strengthen the system and improve the customer experience
  - Placed 116 new Hybrid Electric Buses in service
  - Rehabilitated 112 existing buses
  - Received 241 new MetroAccess vehicles
  - Delivered over 21 miles of new running rail



## a safer ride for you

- Safety
  - Implementing NTSB recommendations
  - Strengthened roadway worker protection
  - Installed DriveCam
  - Developing Fatigue Management Program
- Escalators and Elevators
  - Rehabilitated or replaced 45 escalators and 5 elevators (all lines)
    - Includes the three Wheaton escalators, the longest within Metro system
- Stations
  - Over 10 station platform, structural and a paver tile rehabilitations – includes Shady Grove, Rockville, Twinbrook and White Flint
  - New ventilation fans
  - Tunnel repairs, station dome work and new information kiosks



## a more reliable ride for you

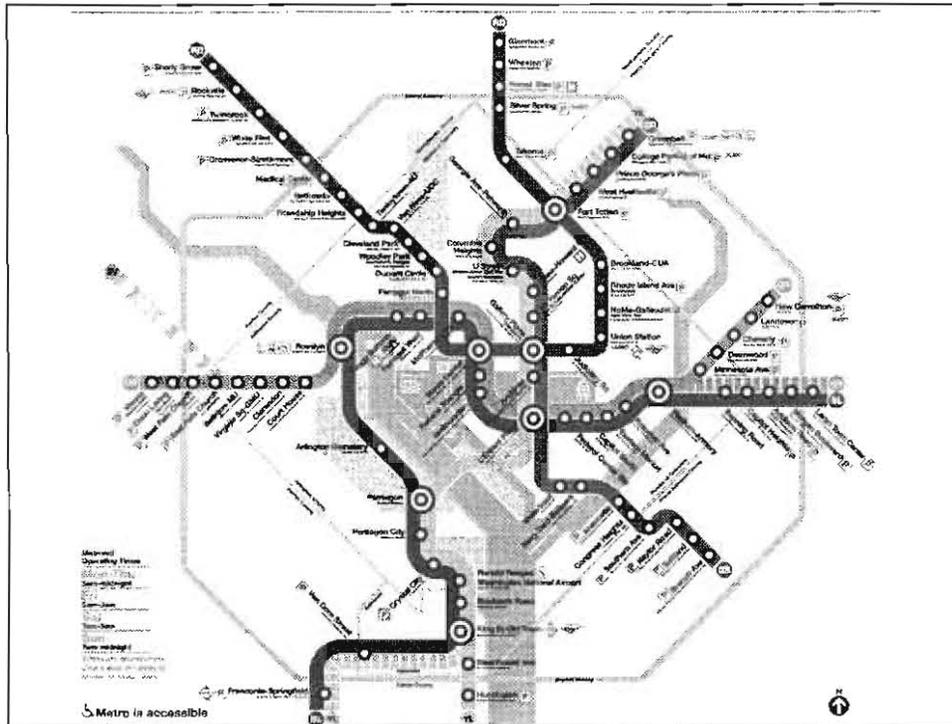
- Accelerated track work to meet NTSB recommendations and improve performance reliability
  - Replaced 36 NTSB-recommended switches
- Over 21 miles of new running rail
- New operations control center
- Opened new Glenmont Station parking garage
- Shepherd Parkway bus garage opening in September



## FY13 Operating Budget

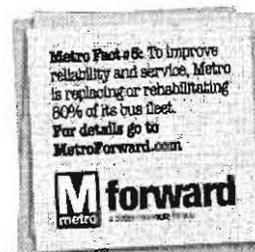
- Balanced with support of increased government subsidies and rider fares
  - Rail – eliminates peak-of-peak fare; other fares vary based upon distance; surcharge for paper farecard increases to \$1
  - Bus – increases 10 cents for cash or SmarTrip®
  - Parking – increases 25 cents
  - MetroAccess – remains double fastest fixed route fare; \$7 cap not changed
- Provides funding for numerous bus service enhancements
  - June enhancements include: C8 diverting into FDA's White Oak complex; F4 additions to reflect F6 changes; Q line adjustments to coordinate with Y line schedule
  - Additional improvements to K6, Q line and J4 are planned for later in FY13
- Implements new Metrorail service in preparation for Silver Line





## know first

- Metroforward.com
- Social media
  - [www.facebook.com/metroforward](http://www.facebook.com/metroforward)
  - [www.twitter.com/metroforward](http://www.twitter.com/metroforward)
- MetroAlerts
- Community outreach
- Station posters and murals
- Signage in and on vehicles
- Print, radio, online banners
- rush+ campaign to inform riders of new rail service patterns





# Summary of Fare Changes for Consideration

## Metrorail

- Eliminate peak-of-the-peak surcharge
- Increase peak-period rail fares by 5.7%, increase max fare to \$5.75
- Align off-peak fares with peak fares, base fare \$1.70, max fare \$3.50
- Base Fare set at \$1.70, max fare at \$3.50
- Non-SmarTrip® surcharge of \$1.00
- One-day pass \$14, valid all day
- 7-day rail fast pass \$57.50 and 28-day rail fast pass \$230
- 7-day short-trip pass \$35

## Metrobus

- Increase Bus regular fares by 10¢
- 7-day regional bus pass \$16
- Cash boarding charge for local/limited stop \$1.80
- Cash boarding charge for Express \$4.00



# Summary of Fare Changes And Preliminary Title VI Analysis

## MetroAccess

- No change to fare methodology, Fare cap of \$7.00

## Other

- Increase parking fee at park-and-ride facilities by \$0.25
- Adjust reserved parking to balance supply and demand
- Decrease bike locker rental fee to \$120

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## Title VI Analysis

- Analysis of this revised fare change proposal shows no disparate impact on Title VI populations



## FY2013 Proposed Operating Budget

- The \$1.6 billion proposed operating budget will:
  - Continue advancing an aggressive safety program, complying with NTSB requirements and addressing worker fatigue management
  - Preparation for Silver Line service
  - Expand select rush-hour service
  - Improve capacity to perform equipment maintenance
  - Increase escalator preventive maintenance
  - Maintain Metro Access service
  - Enhance security



# FY2013 Proposed Operating Budget (April)

<b>Proposed Budget</b>	<b>FY2012</b>	<b>FY2013</b>	<b>CHANGE</b>
	<b>Budget</b>	<b>Budget</b>	<b>\$ %</b>
<b>Revenue (including Fare Change)</b>			
MetroRail Passenger Fare	\$582	\$626	\$44 8%
MetroBus Passenger Fare	125	138	13 10%
MetroAccess Passenger Fare *	6	8	2 28%
Parking	48	49	1 2%
Other Revenue	51	53	2 4%
<b>Total Revenue</b>	<b>\$812</b>	<b>\$874</b>	<b>\$62 8%</b>
<b>Expense</b>			
Baseline Operating Expenses	\$1,465	\$1,531	\$66 5%
System Improvements		35	35
Dulles Transition Plan		20	20
Expense Efficiencies and Funding		(10)	(10)
<b>Total Expense</b>	<b>\$1,465</b>	<b>\$1,576</b>	<b>\$111 8%</b>
Preventive Maintenance	(31)	(31)	0
Bus Funding from FY2011 Surplus		(2)	(2)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,434</b>	<b>\$1,543</b>	<b>\$109 8%</b>
<b>SUBSIDY</b>	<b>\$622</b>	<b>\$669</b>	<b>\$47 8%</b>

\* FY2013 MetroAccess revenue budget was underestimated.



# Jurisdiction Contribution \$47 M

(\$ Millions)	FY2012 Subsidy	UPDATED	
		FY2013 Proposed	Subsidy Variance
<b>District of Columbia</b>	\$233.3	\$249.1	\$15.8
Montgomery County	\$104.7	\$112.7	\$7.9
Prince George's County	\$141.7	\$150.9	\$9.2
<b>Maryland Total</b>	<b>\$246.4</b>	<b>\$263.6</b>	<b>\$17.2</b>
City of Alexandria	\$22.3	\$24.3	\$2.0
Arlington County	\$37.4	\$41.7	\$4.3
City of Fairfax	\$1.4	\$1.4	(\$0.0)
Fairfax County	\$79.3	\$87.3	\$7.9
City of Falls Church	\$1.8	\$1.9	\$0.0
<b>Virginia Total</b>	<b>\$142.3</b>	<b>\$156.5</b>	<b>\$14.1</b>
<b>Total Subsidy</b>	<b>\$622.0</b>	<b>\$669.1</b>	<b>\$47.1</b>

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FY2013 Proposed Fare Changes

Fares and Fees

	CURRENT Fares / Fees	FY2013 Proposed Fare Options	Fare Proposal for Consideration	
<b>Metrorail Fares</b>				
<b>Peak Fares <sup>1</sup></b>				
1	· Boarding charge	\$1.95	\$2.10	\$2.10
2	· Composite miles between 3 and 6 miles	\$0.299	\$0.316	\$0.316
3	· Composite miles over 6 miles	\$0.265	\$0.280	\$0.280
4	· Maximum peak fare	\$5.00	\$5.75	\$5.75
5	· OR Maximum peak fare alternative	\$5.00	\$6.00	
6	· Charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare	\$0.95 - \$2.50	\$1.05 - \$2.85	\$1.05 - \$2.85
7	· OR Charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare alternative	\$0.95 - \$2.50	\$1.05 - \$3.00	
8	· Peak-of-the-peak surcharge <sup>2</sup>	\$0.20	eliminate	eliminate
<b>Off-Peak Fares <sup>3</sup></b>				
9	· Boarding charge	\$1.60	\$1.70	\$1.70
10	· Composite miles between 3 and 6 miles <sup>4</sup>	NA	\$0.237	\$0.237
11	· Composite miles over 6 miles	NA	\$0.210	\$0.210
12	· Maximum off-peak fare	\$2.75	\$3.50	\$3.50
13	· Charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare during off-peak	\$0.95 - \$2.50	\$1.05 - \$3.00	\$1.05 - \$2.85
14	· Charge for first 7 composite miles	\$1.60	eliminate	eliminate
15	· Charge for composite miles between 7 and 10 miles	\$2.15	eliminate	eliminate
16	· Charge for composite miles greater than 10 miles	\$2.75	eliminate	eliminate
<b>OR Off-Peak Fares</b>				
17	· Boarding charge	\$1.60	\$1.90	
18	· Composite miles between 3 and 6 miles	NA	\$0.284	
19	· Composite miles over 6 miles	NA	\$0.252	
20	· Maximum off-peak fare	\$2.75	\$4.00	
21	· Charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare during off-peak	\$0.95 - \$2.50	\$1.05 - \$3.00	
<b>Magnetic Paper Fare Card Fares</b>				
22	· Fare for paper cards during peak periods <sup>1.5</sup>	NA	\$6.00	
23	· Fare for paper cards during off-peak periods <sup>3.5</sup>	NA	\$4.00	
24	· Charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare	NA	\$3.00	
25	· Non-SmarTrip® fare surcharge	\$0.25	eliminate	
<b>OR - Magnetic Paper Fare Card Fare Alternative <sup>5</sup></b>				
26	· Fare for paper cards in outer zone (per zone map)	NA	\$6.00	
27	· Fare for paper cards in core zone (per zone map)	NA	\$4.00	
28	· Charge for senior/disabled is one-half peak fare	NA	\$2.00-\$3.00	
29	· Non-SmarTrip® fare surcharge	\$0.25	eliminate	
<b>OR - Magnetic Paper Fare Card Fare Alternative</b>				
30	· Non-SmarTrip® fare surcharge <sup>6</sup>	\$0.25	\$1.00	\$1.00
31	· Senior/disabled non-SmarTrip® surcharge	\$0.10	\$0.50	\$0.50
<b>Rail Passes</b>				
32	· One-day pass, valid after 9:30 a.m.	\$9.00	eliminate	eliminate
33	· One day pass, no time restriction	NA	\$14.00	\$14.00
34	· 7-Day fast pass for rail available on SmarTrip®	\$47.00	\$57.50	\$57.50
35	· 28-Day fast pass for rail available on SmarTrip®	NA	\$230.00	\$230.00
36	· 7-Day short-trip pass	\$32.35	eliminate	
37	· OR 7-Day short-trip pass alternative avail on paper farecards	\$32.35	\$35.00	\$35.00
38	· 28-Day short-trip pass available on paper farecards	NA	\$140.00	
<b>Other Rail Fares</b>				
39	· Bus-to-rail transfer utilizing SmarTrip® card	\$0.50 discount	no change	no change
40	· 30-Day DC SmartStudent pass & DC One Card, within DC <sup>7</sup>	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
41	· DC Student farecards & DC One Card - 10 rail trips within DC <sup>7</sup>	\$9.50	\$10.00	\$10.00
42	· Transit Link card on MARC and VRE <sup>8</sup>	\$102.00	\$108.00	\$108.00
43	· Transit Link card on MTA <sup>8</sup>	\$157.00	\$166.00	\$166.00

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	CURRENT Fares / Fees	FY2013 Proposed Fare Options	Fare Proposal for Consideration	
<b>Metrobus Fares and Fees</b>				
<b>Regular Fares</b>				
44	· SmarTrip® boarding charge for local/limited-stop bus	\$1.50	\$1.60	\$1.60
45	· SmarTrip® boarding charge for express bus	\$3.65	no change	no change
46	· Cash boarding charge for local/limited-stop bus	\$1.70	\$2.00	\$1.80
47	· Cash boarding charge for express bus	\$3.85	\$4.00	\$4.00
48	· Cash/SmarTrip® boarding charge for airport designated routes	\$6.00	no change	no change
<b>Senior/Disabled: One-half Regular Fares</b>				
49	· SmarTrip® boarding charge for local/limited-stop bus	\$0.75	\$0.80	\$0.80
50	· SmarTrip® boarding charge for express bus	\$1.80	no change	no change
51	· Cash boarding charge for local/limited-stop bus	\$0.85	\$1.00	\$0.90
52	· Cash boarding charge for express bus	\$1.90	\$2.00	\$2.00
53	· Cash/SmarTrip® boarding charge for airport designated routes	\$1.80 - \$1.90	\$3.00	\$3.00
<b>Bus Transfers</b>				
54	· Bus-to-bus transfers utilizing SmarTrip® card	\$0.00	no change	no change
55	· Rail-to-bus transfer utilizing SmarTrip® card <sup>9</sup>	\$0.50 discount	no change	no change
56	· Transfer from MARC, VRE, and MTA	\$0.00	no change	no change
57	· Transfer from regional bus partners	varies	no change	no change
<b>Bus Passes</b>				
58	· 7-Day Regional Bus pass	\$15.00	\$16.00	\$16.00
59	· 7-Day Regional senior/disabled pass	\$7.50	\$8.00	\$8.00
<b>Other Fare Media</b>				
60	· Package of 10 tokens, available to organizations	\$17.00	\$20.00	\$18.00
61	· 30-Day DC SmartStudent pass & DC One Card Pass <sup>7</sup>	\$30.00	\$32.00	\$32.00
62	· DC student tokens - 10 trips per pack <sup>7</sup>	\$7.50	\$8.00	\$8.00
63	· DC student pass on DC One Card - 10 trips <sup>7</sup>	\$7.50	\$8.00	\$8.00
<b>MetroAccess Fares</b>				
64	· MetroAccess fare (within ADA 3/4 mile service corridor) <sup>10</sup>	varies	varies	varies
65	· Maximum fare	\$7.00	\$7.40	no change
<b>Parking Fees <sup>11</sup></b>				
66	· District of Columbia	\$3.25 - \$4.25	\$3.50 - \$4.50	\$3.50 - \$4.50
67	· Montgomery County	\$4.00 - \$4.75	\$4.25 - \$5.00	\$4.25 - \$5.00
68	· Prince George's County	\$4.25	\$4.50	\$4.50
69	· Virginia	\$4.50	\$4.75	\$4.75
70	· Monthly reserved parking fee	\$65.00	\$45.00-\$65.00	\$45.00-\$65.00
71	· Parking meters \$1.00/60 minutes	\$1.00	no change	no change
72	· Prince George's parking garage at New Carrollton	\$85.00	no change	no change
73	· Non-Metro Rider parking fees	\$8.25 - \$25.00	no change	no change
<b>Other Fees</b>				
74	· Bicycle locker rental	\$200.00 (annual)	\$120.00 (annual)	\$120.00 (annual)
75	· Surcharge on Entry/Exit for station improvements, two stations per Compact Jurisdiction <sup>12</sup>	NA	\$0.05	\$0.05

<sup>1</sup> Peak fares are in effect from opening through 9:30 a.m. and from 3:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. weekdays, except on national holidays. Peak fares are in effect from midnight until closing Friday and Saturday nights.

<sup>2</sup> Peak-of-the-peak hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and from 4:30 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. weekdays, except on national holidays.

<sup>3</sup> Off-Peak fares are in effect during all other hours on weekdays. Saturday and Sunday and all national holidays.

<sup>4</sup> Off-Peak fares are capped at a rate of increase above prior fares.

<sup>5</sup> Fare change for magnetic paper fare cards on rail will be effective following the Labor Day holiday in September 2012.

<sup>6</sup> Non-SmarTrip® fare surcharge is in addition to the peak or off-peak fare charged. This fare change option for magnetic paper fare cards will be effective on or around July 1, 2012.

<sup>7</sup> The District of Columbia may choose to absorb the increase in student fares by increasing the school

<sup>8</sup> Metro's portion of the Transit Link Cards on MARC, VRE and MTA.

<sup>9</sup> Anacostia and Congress Heights rail stations have an additional \$0.50 discount for all transfers between bus and rail for qualifying bus routes.

<sup>10</sup> MetroAccess fare is twice the equivalent fixed route SmarTrip® fare based on fastest trip. Effective February 27, 2011. No change in supplemental zone fares is being proposed.

<sup>11</sup> Parking fees consist of Metro's base fee plus jurisdiction surcharge. Fee for Prince George's parking garage at New Carrollton is \$70 base fee plus \$15 surcharge.

<sup>12</sup> Rail stations with surcharge are designated per jurisdiction discretion pending Board approval.