
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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Description	FY 2014 Actual	FY 2015 Approved	FY 2016 Proposed	% Change from FY 2015
Operating Budget	\$310,411,666	\$330,520,281	\$373,213,105	12.9

The mission of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is to provide the public with an efficient, affordable and safe means of travel, under the direction of the District’s Department of Transportation (Progressive Transportation Services Administration), which provides funding, policy recommendations, and coordination of services to the agency.

WMATA was created February 20, 1967. It is an interstate compact agency and, by the terms of its enabling legislation, an agency and instrumentality of the District of Columbia, State of Maryland, and Commonwealth of Virginia. This compact agency was created by the aforementioned states and the District of Columbia to plan, finance, construct, and operate a comprehensive public transit system for the Washington metropolitan area. A Board of Directors, with representatives from each of the three jurisdictions and the federal government, governs WMATA. The District has two voting members and two non-voting members on WMATA’s Board. The Progressive Transportation Services Administration of the District’s Department of Transportation (DDOT) oversees the District’s funding of WMATA and recommends policy direction, develops service initiatives, and monitors service quality. DDOT’s role is inclusive of all transit modes including Metrobus, Metrorail, and MetroAccess Paratransit service.

The agency’s FY 2016 proposed budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2016 Proposed Gross Funds Operating Budget, by Revenue Type

Table KE0-1 contains the proposed FY 2016 agency budget compared to the FY 2015 approved budget. It also provides FY 2013 and FY 2014 actual expenditures.

Table KE0-1
(dollars in thousands)

Appropriated Fund	Actual FY 2013	Actual FY 2014	Approved FY 2015	Proposed FY 2016	Change from FY 2015	Percent Change*
General Fund						
Local Funds	195,156	200,810	221,317	250,857	29,539	13.3
Dedicated Taxes	54,430	66,985	62,686	76,548	13,862	22.1
Special Purpose Revenue Funds	35,265	41,641	46,517	44,808	-1,709	-3.7
Total for General Fund	284,851	309,436	330,520	372,213	41,693	12.6
Federal Resources						
Federal Payments	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	N/A
Total for Federal Resources	0	0	0	1,000	1,000	N/A
Intra-District Funds						
Intra-District Funds	0	976	0	0	0	N/A
Total for Intra-District Funds	0	976	0	0	0	N/A
Gross Funds	284,851	310,412	330,520	373,213	42,693	12.9

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

Note: If applicable, for a breakdown of each Grant (Federal and Private), Special Purpose Revenue type and Intra-District agreement, please refer to **Schedule 80 Agency Summary by Revenue Source** in the **FY 2016 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2016 Proposed Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

Table KE0-2 contains the proposed FY 2016 budget at the Comptroller Source Group (object class) level compared to the FY 2015 approved budget. It also provides FY 2013 and FY 2014 actual expenditures.

Table KE0-2
(dollars in thousands)

Comptroller Source Group	Actual FY 2013	Actual FY 2014	Approved FY 2015	Proposed FY 2016	Change from FY 2015	Percent Change*
50 - Subsidies and Transfers	284,851	310,412	330,520	373,213	42,693	12.9
Subtotal Nonpersonal Services (NPS)	284,851	310,412	330,520	373,213	42,693	12.9
Gross Funds	284,851	310,412	330,520	373,213	42,693	12.9

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Program Description

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) operates through the following 4 programs:

D.C.-Specific (Reimbursable to WMATA) Projects – are not part of the regular jurisdictional share of the WMATA subsidy; they are programs or projects that the District pays WMATA to operate or construct. Examples of DC-Specific projects include the following: the D.C. Circulator bus system, the fare buy-down on bus-to-rail and rail-to-bus transfers, and the School Subsidy program.

This program contains the following 3 activities:

- **Circulator** – provides oversight and management for the D.C. Circulator bus system;
- **Reduced Fares** – operates a special fare buy-down on bus-to-rail and rail-to-bus transfers in Southeast Washington; and
- **School Subsidy** – operates services associated with the School Subsidy program.

Debt Service – covers the District's annual share of financing costs for bonds sold by WMATA for the construction of the original system and for ongoing transit infrastructure rehabilitation and replacement. This payment is consistent with the Ancillary Bond Repayment Participation Agreement entered between the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, the Commonwealth of Virginia, and the United States Secretary of Transportation.

MetroAccess – provides curb-to-curb wheelchair lift-equipped van service for persons unable to use accessible conventional bus or rail services. In the District, the service has nearly 9,200 certified riders, who make approximately 54,000 trips per month. WMATA contracts with private carriers for the Paratransit service.

WMATA Operations – ensures that Metrorail and Metrobus operate efficiently and timely within the District of Columbia.

This program contains the following 2 activities:

- **Metrobus Operations** – operates approximately 350 bus routes on 135 lines throughout the metropolitan area, serving an average yearly ridership of 135 million. The District has the most concentrated level of Metrobus service in the region and the largest share of Metrobus ridership. Over half of Metrobus riders are District residents; and
- **Metrorail Operations** – operates approximately 38 miles of the Metrorail system and 40 stations in the District. It provides approximately 226.5 million trips per year. WMATA manages a total of 106 miles of track in the metropolitan area with 86 stations.

Program Structure Change

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has no program structure changes in the FY 2016 proposed budget.

FY 2016 Proposed Operating Budget and FTEs, by Program and Activity

Table KE0-3 contains the proposed FY 2016 budget by program and activity compared to the FY 2015 approved budget. It also provides the FY 2014 actual data.

Table KE0-3
(dollars in thousands)

Program/Activity	Dollars in Thousands				Full-Time Equivalents			
	Actual FY 2014	Approved FY 2015	Proposed FY 2016	Change from FY 2015	Actual FY 2014	Approved FY 2015	Proposed FY 2016	Change from FY 2015
(1000) Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority								
(1100) Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	976	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Subtotal (1000) Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority	976	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(DC00) D.C. - Specific Projects								
(CARD) Transportation Tech. School	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(CIRC) Circulator	19,109	24,223	29,393	5,170	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(REDF) Reduced Fares	1,500	800	800	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(SCHS) School Subsidy	6,080	12,874	18,572	5,698	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Subtotal (DC00) D.C. - Specific Projects	26,689	37,898	48,766	10,868	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(DS00) Debt Service								
(DS01) Debt Service - Series	15,099	10,726	10,672	-54	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Subtotal (DS00) Debt Service	15,099	10,726	10,672	-54	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(MA00) MetroAccess								
(PARA) Paratransit	24,263	26,243	29,322	3,079	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Subtotal (MA00) MetroAccess	24,263	26,243	29,322	3,079	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(OP00) WMATA Operations								
(BUS1) Metrobus Operations	166,133	174,352	183,967	9,614	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(RAIL) Metrorail Operations	77,252	81,302	100,486	19,184	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Subtotal (OP00) WMATA Operations	243,385	255,654	284,453	28,799	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total Proposed Operating Budget	310,412	330,520	373,213	42,693	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Note: For more detailed information regarding the proposed funding for the activities within this agency's programs, please see **Schedule 30-PBB Program Summary by Activity** in the **FY 2016 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2016 Proposed Budget Changes

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) proposed FY 2016 gross budget is \$373,213,105, which represents a 12.9 percent increase over its FY 2015 approved gross budget of \$330,520,281. The budget is comprised of \$250,856,578 in Local funds, \$76,548,167 in Dedicated Taxes funds, \$1,000,000 in Federal Payments, and \$44,808,360 in Special Purpose Revenue funds.

Current Services Funding Level

The Current Services Funding Level (CSFL) is a Local funds ONLY representation of the true cost of operating District agencies, before consideration of policy decisions. The CSFL reflects changes from the FY 2015 approved budget across multiple programs, and it estimates how much it would cost an agency to continue its current programs and operations into the following fiscal year. The FY 2016 CSFL adjustments to the FY 2015 Local funds budget are described in table 4 of this agency's budget chapter. Please see the CSFL Development section within Volume 1: Executive Summary for more information regarding the methodology used and components that comprise the CSFL.

WMATA's FY 2016 CSFL budget is \$219,867,113, which represents a \$1,450,000, or 0.7 percent, decrease from the FY 2015 approved Local funds budget of \$221,317,113.

CSFL Assumptions

The FY 2016 CSFL calculated for WMATA included an adjustment entry that is not described in detail on table 4. This adjustment is a reduction of \$1,450,000 to account for the removal of one-time funding appropriated in FY 2015 to maintain a \$1.00 Circulator fare for one year to enable the Department of Transportation to conduct an open, public process for considering the appropriateness of a fare increase.

Agency Budget Submission

Increase: Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's budget proposal includes an increase of \$303,327 in the WMATA Operations program, which aligns the budget with operational goals.

Decrease: In Local funds, WMATA proposes a decrease of \$303,327 to align the budget with scheduled debt service payments. The proposed budget in Dedicated Taxes includes a decrease of \$138,360 to align the budget with projected revenues. The proposed budget in Special Purpose Revenue funds includes a decrease of \$1,708,808 based on a projected decline in Circulator fare revenue that supports WMATA's DC - Specific projects.

Technical Adjustment: The FY 2016 Federal Payments request for Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority increased by \$1,000,000 to align the budget with the President's Budget Request. This funding will allow WMATA to expand the Mass Transit Innovation (Metro Momentum Plan).

Mayor's Proposed Budget

Enhance: In order to adjust for projected increases in the District's share of the annual subsidies that supports WMATA's operations, the budget proposal in Local funds includes an increase of \$38,691,992. A provision for funding in FY 2016 to support the Kids Ride Free initiative accounts for an increase of \$7,000,000. Additional adjustments in Local funds includes an increase of \$1,600,000, which is comprised of \$1,100,000 to support the Circulator expansion and \$500,000 for Circulator program planning.

Shift: An adjustment in Dedicated Taxes increases the budget allocation for WMATA operations by \$14,000,527 to reflect reclassification of a corresponding amount from Local funds to Dedicated Taxes. Of this amount, \$4,116,360 comes from a revised revenue estimate, and \$9,884,167 is the projection for additional revenues based on a proposed increase in parking taxes.

Reduce: In order to leverage cost savings via operational efficiency, funding for the School Transit Subsidy is adjusted to match the current volume of ridership. This adjustment accounts for a decrease of \$1,302,000 in Local funds.

Transfer-Out: The budget in Local funds reflects an adjustment for a transfer of \$1,000,000 to the District of Columbia Taxicab Commission to support the Paratransit program related to Commercial Revitalization Support Grants.

FY 2015 Approved Budget to FY 2016 Proposed Budget, by Revenue Type

Table KE0-4 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2015 approved budget and the FY 2016 proposed budget.

Table KE0-4
(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2015 Approved Budget and FTE		221,317	0.0
Removal of One-Time Funding	Multiple Programs	-1,450	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2016 Current Services Funding Level (CSFL) Budget		219,867	0.0
Increase: To align resources with operational goals	Multiple Programs	303	0.0
Decrease: To align budget with scheduled debt service payments	Debt Service	-303	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2016 Agency Budget Submission		219,867	0.0
Enhance: To support WMATA operations	WMATA Operations	38,692	0.0
Enhance: To support the Kids Ride Free initiatives	Multiple Programs	7,000	0.0
Enhance: To support and annualize costs of existing program	D.C. - Specific Projects	1,600	0.0
Shift: To Dedicated Taxes because of new parking tax revenue	WMATA Operations	-14,001	0.0
Reduce: To streamline operation efficiency	D.C. - Specific Projects	-1,302	0.0
Transfer-Out: Reduction of Commercial Revitalization Support Grants	Metro Access	-1,000	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2016 Mayor’s Proposed Budget		250,857	0.0
DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2015 Approved Budget and FTE		62,686	0.0
Decrease: To align budget with projected revenues	Multiple Programs	-138	0.0
DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2016 Agency Budget Submission		62,548	0.0
Shift: New parking tax revenue dedicated to WMATA	Multiple Programs	14,001	0.0
DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2016 Mayor’s Proposed Budget		76,548	0.0

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Table KE0-4
(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
FEDERAL PAYMENTS: FY 2015 Approved Budget and FTE		0	0.0
Technical Adjustment: To align with the President's FY 2016 Budget Request	WMATA Operations	1,000	0.0
FEDERAL PAYMENTS: FY 2016 Agency Budget Submission		1,000	0.0
No Change		0	0.0
FEDERAL PAYMENTS: FY 2016 Mayor's Proposed Budget		1,000	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2015 Approved Budget and FTE		46,517	0.0
Decrease: To align budget with projected revenues	Multiple Programs	-1,709	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2016 Agency Budget Submission		44,808	0.0
No Change		0	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2016 Mayor's Proposed Budget		44,808	0.0
Gross for KE0 - Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority		373,213	0.0

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