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# Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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Description	FY 2013 Actual	FY 2014 Approved	FY 2015 Proposed	% Change from FY 2014
Operating Budget	\$284,851,200	\$301,088,000	\$330,520,281	9.8

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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 Metro-Access Paratransit service.

The agency's FY 2015 proposed budget is presented in the following tables:

## FY 2015 Proposed Gross Funds Operating Budget, by Revenue Type

Table KE0-1 contains the proposed FY 2015 agency budget compared to the FY 2014 approved budget. It also provides FY 2012 and FY 2013 actual expenditures.

**Table KE0-1**  
(dollars in thousands)

Appropriated Fund	Actual FY 2012	Actual FY 2013	Approved FY 2014	Proposed FY 2015	Change from FY 2014	Percent Change*
<b>General Fund</b>						
Local Funds	138,068	195,156	200,810	221,317	20,507	10.2
Dedicated Taxes	52,186	54,430	59,119	62,686	3,567	6.0
Special Purpose Revenue Funds	31,085	35,265	41,159	46,517	5,359	13.0
<b>Total for General Fund</b>	<b>221,339</b>	<b>284,851</b>	<b>301,088</b>	<b>330,520</b>	<b>29,432</b>	<b>9.8</b>
<b>Intra-District Funds</b>						
Intra-District Funds	57,206	0	0	0	0	N/A
<b>Total for Intra-District Funds</b>	<b>57,206</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>Gross Funds</b>	<b>278,545</b>	<b>284,851</b>	<b>301,088</b>	<b>330,520</b>	<b>29,432</b>	<b>9.8</b>

\*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 2015 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

## FY 2015 Proposed Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

Table KE0-2 contains the proposed FY 2015 budget at the Comptroller Source Group (object class) level compared to the FY 2014 approved budget. It also provides FY 2012 and FY 2013 actual expenditures.

**Table KE0-2**  
(dollars in thousands)

Comptroller Source Group	Actual FY 2012	Actual FY 2013	Approved FY 2014	Proposed FY 2015	Change from FY 2014	Percent Change*
50 - Subsidies and Transfers	278,545	284,851	301,088	330,520	29,432	9.8
<b>Subtotal Nonpersonal Services (NPS)</b>	<b>278,545</b>	<b>284,851</b>	<b>301,088</b>	<b>330,520</b>	<b>29,432</b>	<b>9.8</b>
<b>Gross Funds</b>	<b>278,545</b>	<b>284,851</b>	<b>301,088</b>	<b>330,520</b>	<b>29,432</b>	<b>9.8</b>

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## Program Description

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

**DC-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 2015 proposed budget.

## FY 2015 Proposed Operating Budget and FTEs, by Program and Activity

Table KE0-3 contains the proposed FY 2015 budget by program and activity compared to the FY 2014 approved budget. It also provides the FY 2013 actual data.

**Table KE0-3**  
(dollars in thousands)

Program/Activity	Dollars in Thousands				Full-Time Equivalents			
	Actual FY 2013	Approved FY 2014	Proposed FY 2015	Change from FY 2014	Actual FY 2013	Approved FY 2014	Proposed FY 2015	Change from FY 2014
<b>(DC00) DC Projects Only</b>								
(CIRC) Circulator	10,527	18,608	24,223	5,616	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(REDF) Reduced Fares	970	1,500	800	-700	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(SCHS) School Subsidy	5,872	6,080	12,874	6,794	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Subtotal (DC00) DC Projects Only</b>	<b>17,369</b>	<b>26,188</b>	<b>37,898</b>	<b>11,710</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>(DS00) Debt Service</b>								
(DS01) Debt Service - Series	16,488	15,099	10,726	-4,373	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Subtotal (DS00) Debt Service</b>	<b>16,488</b>	<b>15,099</b>	<b>10,726</b>	<b>-4,373</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>(MA00) Metro Access</b>								
(PARA) Para-Transit	28,099	24,263	26,243	1,980	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Subtotal (MA00) Metro Access</b>	<b>28,099</b>	<b>24,263</b>	<b>26,243</b>	<b>1,980</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>(OP00) WMATA Operations</b>								
(BUS1) Metrobus	168,882	158,267	174,352	16,085	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(RAIL) Metrorail	54,013	77,271	81,302	4,031	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>Subtotal (OP00) WMATA Operations</b>	<b>222,895</b>	<b>235,538</b>	<b>255,654</b>	<b>20,116</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total Proposed Operating Budget</b>	<b>284,851</b>	<b>301,088</b>	<b>330,520</b>	<b>29,432</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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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 2015 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

### FY 2015 Proposed Budget Changes

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) proposed FY 2015 gross budget is \$330,520,281, which represents a 9.8 percent increase over its FY 2014 approved gross budget of \$301,088,000. The budget is comprised of \$221,317,113 in Local funds, \$62,686,000 in Dedicated Taxes, and \$46,517,168 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 2014 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 2015 CSFL adjustments

to the FY 2014 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 2015 CSFL budget is \$202,818,602, which represents a \$2,008,105, or 1.0 percent, increase over the FY 2014 approved Local funds budget of \$200,810,497.

### **CSFL Assumptions**

WMATA's CSFL funding for Other Adjustments, which is not listed in detail on table 4, reflects an adjustment for an increase of \$2,008,105 to account for an increase in the District of Columbia's proportionate share of Metro's annual operating cost.

### **Agency Budget Submission**

**Increase:** In Dedicated Taxes, the budget proposal is increased by \$3,567,000 based on a projected increase in Parking Taxes revenue that supports WMATA's specific projects. The budget in Special Purpose Revenue fund reflects an increase of \$5,358,665, which includes \$4,158,665 to align the budget with projected revenues and \$1,200,000 for expansion, including a new Circulator route along the National Mall.

**Technical Adjustment:** The District of Columbia, State of Maryland, and Commonwealth of Virginia collaboratively share part of the operating costs of the Metro system. The FY 2015 proposed budget includes adjustments in Local funds for increases of \$5,120,000 to expand DC Circulator services and \$2,000,000 to further support the Kids Ride Free initiative. The budget also includes a Local funds increase of \$6,134,128 to support the annual District Subsidy payment to WMATA.

**Transfer-In:** WMATA's Local funds budget includes an increase of \$4,063,383 to support the Metrobus Subsidy initiative. This initiative was transferred from the District Department of Transportation (DDOT).

### **Mayor's Proposed Budget**

**Transfer-Out:** WMATA transferred \$1,000,000 in Local funds to the District of Columbia Taxi Cab Commission to fund the DCTC/WMATA Coordinated Alternative to Para-transit Service ("CAPS-DC"), a pilot program in FY 2015. This program will enable approved and qualified District of Columbia taxicab companies to provide taxicab service to residents who require trips to and from dialysis facilities.

### **District's Proposed Budget**

**Enhance:** The budget proposal in Local funds reflects an increase of \$1,450,000 in one-time funding 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. The Local funds budget also includes an increase of \$731,000 to support the Summer Youth Employment Transportation initiative, which provides free ridership on the Metrobus and the Circulator to District of Columbia youth who are employed through the Summer Youth Employment program.

## FY 2014 Approved Budget to FY 2015 Proposed Budget, by Revenue Type

Table KE0-4 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2014 approved budget and the FY 2015 proposed budget.

**Table KE0-4**  
(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2014 Approved Budget and FTE</b>		<b>200,810</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Other CSFL Adjustments	Multiple Programs	2,008	0.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2015 Current Services Funding Level Budget (CSFL)</b>		<b>202,819</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Technical Adjustment: To annualize operating expenses	Multiple Programs	7,120	0.0
Technical Adjustment: To support the Annual District Subsidy Payment	Multiple Programs	6,134	0.0
Transfer-In: From DDOT to support the School Subsidy program	Multiple Programs	4,063	0.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2015 Agency Budget Submission</b>		<b>220,136</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Transfer-Out: Metro Access Program	Multiple Programs	-1,000	0.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2015 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>219,136</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Enhance: To maintain the current Circulator fare (one-time)	DC Projects Only	1,450	0.0
Enhance: To provide free bus transportation for the Summer Youth Employment program	DC Projects Only	731	0.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2015 District's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>221,317</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2014 Approved Budget and FTE</b>		<b>59,119</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Increase: To align budget with projected revenues	Multiple Programs	3,567	0.0
<b>DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2015 Agency Budget Submission</b>		<b>62,686</b>	<b>0.0</b>
No Change		0	0.0
<b>DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2015 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>62,686</b>	<b>0.0</b>
No Change		0	0.0
<b>DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2015 District's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>62,686</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2014 Approved Budget and FTE</b>		<b>41,159</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Increase: To align budget with projected revenues	Multiple Programs	5,359	0.0
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2015 Agency Budget Submission</b>		<b>46,517</b>	<b>0.0</b>
No Change		0	0.0
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2015 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>46,517</b>	<b>0.0</b>
No Change		0	0.0
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2015 District's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>46,517</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Gross for KE0 - Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority</b>		<b>330,520</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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