
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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Table KE0-1

Description	FY 2015 Actual	FY 2016 Approved	FY 2017 Proposed	% Change from FY 2016
OPERATING BUDGET	\$335,702,790	\$372,213,105	\$367,170,726	-1.4

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 2017 proposed budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2017 Proposed Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table KE0-2 contains the proposed FY 2017 budget by revenue type compared to the FY 2016 approved budget. It also provides FY 2015 actual data.

Table KE0-2

(dollars in thousands)

Appropriated Fund	Dollars in Thousands					Full-Time Equivalents				
	Actual FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Proposed FY 2017	Change from FY 2016	Percentage Change*	Actual FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Proposed FY 2017	Change from FY 2016	Percentage Change
GENERAL FUND										
LOCAL FUNDS	221,317	257,389	246,901	-10,488	-4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
DEDICATED TAXES	71,648	66,664	66,670	6	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
SPECIAL PURPOSE										
REVENUE FUNDS	42,737	48,160	53,600	5,440	11.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND	335,703	372,213	367,171	-5,042	-1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
GROSS FUNDS	335,703	372,213	367,171	-5,042	-1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A

*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 2017 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2017 Proposed Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

Table KE0-3 contains the proposed FY 2017 budget at the Comptroller Source Group (object class) level compared to the FY 2016 approved budget. It also provides FY 2014 and FY 2015 actual expenditures.

Table KE0-3

(dollars in thousands)

Comptroller Source Group	Actual FY 2014	Actual FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Proposed FY 2017	Change from FY 2016	Percentage Change*
50 - SUBSIDIES AND TRANSFERS	310,412	335,703	372,213	367,171	-5,042	-1.4
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONAL SERVICES (NPS)	310,412	335,703	372,213	367,171	-5,042	-1.4
GROSS FUNDS	310,412	335,703	372,213	367,171	-5,042	-1.4

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

FY 2017 Proposed Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table KE0-4 contains the proposed FY 2017 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2016 approved budget. It also provides FY 2015 actual data. For a more comprehensive explanation of divisions/programs and activities, please see the Division/Program Description section, which follows the table.

Table KE0-4

(dollars in thousands)

Division/Program and Activity	Dollars in Thousands				Full-Time Equivalents			
	Actual FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Proposed FY 2017	Change from FY 2016	Actual FY 2015	Approved FY 2016	Proposed FY 2017	Change from FY 2016
(DC00) DC PROJECTS ONLY								
(CIRC) CIRCULATOR	20,443	29,393	25,093	-4,300	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(REDF) REDUCED FARES	800	800	800	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(SCHS) SCHOOL SUBSIDY	12,874	18,572	18,600	28	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (DC00) DC PROJECTS ONLY	34,118	48,766	44,493	-4,272	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(DS00) DEBT SERVICE								
(DS01) DEBT SERVICE - SERIES	10,726	10,672	10,589	-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (DS00) DEBT SERVICE	10,726	10,672	10,589	-83	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(MA00) METRO ACCESS								
(PARA) PARA-TRANSIT	26,243	29,322	23,822	-5,500	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (MA00) METRO ACCESS	26,243	29,322	23,822	-5,500	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(OP00) WMATA OPERATIONS								
(BUS1) METROBUS	184,765	182,967	187,541	4,574	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(RAIL) METRORAIL	79,852	100,486	100,726	239	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (OP00) WMATA OPERATIONS	264,617	283,453	288,267	4,813	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL PROPOSED OPERATING BUDGET	335,703	372,213	367,171	-5,042	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

(Change is calculated by whole numbers and numbers may not add up due to rounding)

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 2017 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website. "No Activity Assigned" indicates budget or actuals that are recorded at the division/program level.

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 D.C.-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 118 miles of track in the metropolitan area with 91 stations.

Program Structure Change

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has no program structure changes in FY 2017 proposed budget.

FY 2016 Approved Budget to FY 2017 Proposed Budget, by Revenue Type

Table KE0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2016 approved budget and the FY 2017 proposed budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2017 Proposed Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

Table KE0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2016 Approved Budget and FTE		257,389	0.0
Removal of One-Time Funding	Multiple Programs	-7,000	0.0
Other CSFL Adjustments	Multiple Programs	4,244	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2017 Current Services Funding Level (CSFL) Budget		254,633	0.0
Decrease: To reallocate funding within agency (across funds types)	Multiple Programs	-6,272	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2017 Agency Budget Submission		248,361	0.0
No Change		0	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2017 Mayor's Proposed Budget		248,361	0.0
Enhance: To establish the G9 Metrobus for Rhode Island Ave	Multiple Programs	1,040	0.0
Reduce: To reflect projected savings from a lower utilization of Metro Access Services	Multiple Programs	-2,500	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2017 District's Proposed Budget		246,901	0.0

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(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2016 Approved Budget and FTE		66,664	0.0
Increase: To align budget with projected revenues	Multiple Programs	6	0.0
DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2017 Agency Budget Submission		66,670	0.0
No Change		0	0.0
DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2017 Mayor's Proposed Budget		66,670	0.0
No Change		0	0.0
DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2017 District's Proposed Budget		66,670	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2016 Approved Budget and FTE		48,160	0.0
Increase: To reallocate funding within agency (across funds types)	Multiple Programs	5,440	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2017 Agency Budget Submission		53,600	0.0
No Change		0	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2017 Mayor's Proposed Budget		53,600	0.0
No Change		0	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2017 District's Proposed Budget		53,600	0.0
GROSS FOR KE0 - WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY		367,171	0.0

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FY 2017 Proposed Budget Changes

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) proposed FY 2017 gross budget is \$367,170,726, which represents a 1.4 percent decrease from its FY 2016 approved gross budget of \$372,213,105. The budget is comprised of \$246,900,726 in Local funds, \$66,670,000 in Dedicated Taxes funds, and \$53,600,000 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 2016 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 2017 CSFL adjustments to the FY 2016 Local funds budget are described in table 5 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 2017 CSFL budget is \$254,633,138, which represents a \$2,755,607, or 1.1 percent, decrease from the FY 2016 approved Local funds budget of \$257,388,745.

CSFL Assumptions

The FY 2017 CSFL calculated for WMATA included adjustment entries that are not described in detail on table 5. These adjustments include a reduction of \$7,000,000 to account for the removal of one-time funding appropriated in FY 2016 to support the Kids Ride Free initiative.

CSFL funding for WMATA also includes an increase of \$4,244,393 for Other Adjustments to account for FY 2016 Financial Plan projection in subsidies and transfers.

Agency Budget Submission

Annually, the District of Columbia, the states of Maryland and Virginia, and other counties within the Greater Metropolitan Washington Area subsidize part of the operating costs of the Metro System. In FY 2017, WMATA reallocates funding along appropriated funds to ensure that each program receives its total share of funding.

Increase: The FY 2017 budget proposed by WMATA includes an increase of \$6,000 in Dedicated Taxes due to a projected increase in parking taxes. The Special Purpose Revenue funds budget reflects an increase of \$5,439,640 based on FY 2017 revenue projections for parking meters. This increase will accommodate the movement of certain operational expenditures from Local funds to Special Purpose Revenue.

Decrease: WMATA's Local funds budget proposal reflects a decrease of \$6,272,412 due to the agency's plan to move operational expenses to Special Purpose Revenue funds in FY 2017.

Mayor's Proposed Budget

No Change: The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's budget proposal reflects no change from the agency budget submission to the Mayor's proposed budget.

District's Proposed Budget

Enhance: The FY 2017 proposed budget includes an enhancement of \$1,040,000 to support a new rush-hour bus service along Rhode Island Avenue. The new bus line, called the G9, will provide services to the neighborhoods of Woodridge, Langdon, Brookland, Brentwood, Edgewood, Eckington, Bloomingdale, Ledroit Park, and Shaw.

Reduce: The FY 2017 proposed budget was reduced by \$2,500,000 in Local funds because of projected lower utilization of Metro Access services due to increased utilization of Transport DC services.