
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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Table KE0-1

Description	FY 2018	FY 2019	FY 2020	FY 2021	% Change
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Approved	from FY 2020
OPERATING BUDGET	\$418,728,302	\$425,752,659	\$467,622,161	\$458,357,463	-2.0
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
CAPITAL BUDGET	\$129,426,806	\$120,328,659	\$319,500,000	\$323,500,000	1.3
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A

The mission of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) is to provide the public with a safe, efficient and affordable means of travel. This budget reflects only the District of Columbia government appropriation to the agency, and provides funding policy recommendations and coordination of services under the direction of the District's Department of Transportation (Transit Delivery Division).

Summary of Services

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 Project Delivery 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 2021 approved budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2021 Approved Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table KE0-2 contains the approved FY 2021 budget by revenue type compared to the FY 2020 approved budget. It also provides FY 2018 and FY 2019 actual data.

Table KE0-2

(dollars in thousands)

	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020	% Change*	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020	% Change
Appropriated Fund												
GENERAL FUND												
Local Funds	284,880	123,014	335,152	342,662	7,510	2.2	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Dedicated Taxes	84,768	258,489	84,470	77,295	-7,175	-8.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Special Purpose												
Revenue Funds	49,080	44,250	48,000	38,400	-9,600	-20.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
TOTAL FOR												
GENERAL FUND	418,728	425,753	467,622	458,357	-9,265	-2.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
GROSS FUNDS	418,728	425,753	467,622	458,357	-9,265	-2.0	0.0	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 2021 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2021 Approved Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

Table KE0-3 contains the approved FY 2021 budget at the Comptroller Source Group (object class) level compared to the FY 2020 approved budget. It also provides FY 2018 and FY 2019 actual expenditures.

Table KE0-3

(dollars in thousands)

	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020	Percentage Change*
Comptroller Source Group						
50 - Subsidies and Transfers	418,728	425,753	467,622	458,357	-9,265	-2.0
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONAL SERVICES (NPS)	418,728	425,753	467,622	458,357	-9,265	-2.0
GROSS FUNDS	418,728	425,753	467,622	458,357	-9,265	-2.0

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

FY 2021 Approved Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table KE0-4 contains the approved FY 2021 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2020 approved budget. It also provides FY 2018 and FY 2019 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 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020	Actual FY 2018	Actual FY 2019	Approved FY 2020	Approved FY 2021	Change from FY 2020
(DC00) DC PROJECTS ONLY										
(CIRC) Circulator	21,942	0	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(MSCO) Metro Safety Commission - Oversight Commission	637	750	750	1,897	1,147	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(REDF) Reduced Fares	600	600	600	600	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(SCHS) School Subsidy	19,451	22,948	22,870	22,870	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (DC00) DC PROJECTS ONLY	42,630	24,298	24,220	25,367	1,147	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(DS00) DEBT SERVICE										
(DS01) Debt Service - Series	18,450	29,293	33,293	33,293	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (DS00) DEBT SERVICE	18,450	29,293	33,293	33,293	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(MA00) METRO ACCESS										
(PARA) Para-Transit	22,464	27,305	31,341	34,505	3,164	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (MA00) METRO ACCESS	22,464	27,305	31,341	34,505	3,164	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(OP00) WMATA OPERATIONS										
(BUS1) Metrobus	212,264	209,447	225,985	222,389	-3,596	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(RAIL) Metrorail	122,921	135,411	152,783	142,803	-9,980	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (OP00) WMATA OPERATIONS	335,184	344,858	378,768	365,192	-13,576	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET	418,728	425,753	467,622	458,357	-9,265	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Note: For more detailed information regarding the approved funding for the activities within this agency's programs, please see **Schedule 30-PBB Program Summary by Activity** in the **FY 2021 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:

DC-Specific (Reimbursable to WMATA) Projects – are not part of the regular jurisdictional share of the WMATA subsidy; they are programs or projects for which the District pays funds directly.

This program contains the following 3 activities:

- **Metro Safety Commission - Oversight Commission** –The Metrorail Safety Commission has safety regulatory and enforcement authority over the WMATA Metrorail system and acts as the state safety oversight authority for WMATA;

- **Reduced Fares** – operates a special fare buy-down on bus-to-rail and rail-to-bus transfers in Southeast Washington; and
- **School Transit 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 the FY 2021 approved budget.

FY 2020 Approved Budget to FY 2021 Approved Budget, by Revenue Type

Table KE0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2020 approved budget and the FY 2021 approved budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2021 Approved Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

Table KE0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2020 Approved Budget and FTE		335,152	0.0
Removal of One-Time Costs	DC Projects Only	-13,500	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2021 Recurring Budget		321,652	0.0
Enhance: To support operational requirements (one-time)	Multiple Programs	29,876	0.0
Reduce: To realize programmatic cost savings in nonpersonal services	WMATA Operations	-9,404	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2021 Mayor's Proposed Budget		342,124	0.0
Enhance: To support operational requirements	Wmata Operations	538	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2021 District's Approved Budget		342,662	0.0

Table KE0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2020 Approved Budget and FTE		84,470	0.0
Increase: To align budget with projected revenues	Multiple Programs	2,808	0.0
Reduce: To align budget with projected revenues	WMATA Operations	-9,983	0.0
DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2021 Mayor's Proposed Budget		77,295	0.0
No Change		0	0.0
DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2021 District's Approved Budget		77,295	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2020 Approved Budget and FTE		48,000	0.0
Reduce: To align budget with projected revenues	WMATA Operations	-9,600	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2021 Mayor's Proposed Budget		38,400	0.0
No Change		0	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2021 District's Approved Budget		38,400	0.0
GROSS FOR KE0 - WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY		458,357	0.0

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FY 2021 Approved Budget Changes

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) approved FY 2021 gross budget is \$458,357,463, which represents a 2.0 percent decrease from its FY 2020 approved gross budget of \$467,622,161. The budget is comprised of \$342,662,161 in Local funds, \$77,295,302 in Dedicated Taxes, and \$38,400,000 in Special Purpose Revenue funds.

Recurring Budget

The FY 2021 approved budget for the Washington Area Metropolitan Area Transit Authority includes a reduction of \$13,500,000 to account for the removal of one-time funding appropriated in FY 2020 to support the Kids Ride Free initiative.

Mayor's Proposed Budget

Annually, the District of Columbia and states of Maryland and Virginia, including the counties within the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area, subsidize part of the operating costs of the Metro System. In FY 2021, the budget for WMATA reallocates funding along appropriated funds to ensure that each program receives its local share of funding.

Increase: In the proposed budget submission for Dedicated Taxes, an increase of \$2,808,000 aligns the budget with projected revenues.

Enhance: The budget proposal in Local funds includes a one-time enhancement of \$29,876,000, which is comprised of \$15,229,000 to support the projected increases in the District's share of the annual subsidies that supports WMATA's operations, \$13,500,000 to support the Kids Ride Free program, and \$1,147,000 to support the Metro Safety Commission.

Reduce: The proposed budget in the WMATA Operations program is reduced by \$9,404,000 in Local funds, to account for realized programmatic cost savings in nonpersonal services, and by \$9,982,689 in Dedicated Taxes and \$9,600,000 in Special Purpose Revenue funds, to align the budget with projected revenues.

District's Approved Budget

Enhance: The Local funds budget for WMATA includes an enhancement of \$538,000 to support bus operations and improve service delivery efficiency.