
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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Table KE0-1

Description	FY 2021 Actual	FY 2022 Actual	FY 2023 Approved	FY 2024 Approved	% Change from FY 2023
OPERATING BUDGET	\$458,346,163	\$447,069,098	\$481,168,847	\$507,183,190	5.4
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
CAPITAL BUDGET	\$323,500,000	\$327,663,708	\$336,157,842	\$222,888,793	-33.7
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's appropriation to the agency. Funding policy recommendations and coordination of services are provided 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 2024 approved budget is presented in the following tables:

FY 2024 Approved Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table KE0-2 contains the approved FY 2024 budget by revenue type compared to the FY 2023 approved budget. It also provides FY 2021 and FY 2022 actual data.

Table KE0-2

(dollars in thousands)

Appropriated Fund	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023	% Change*	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023	% Change
GENERAL FUND												
Local Funds	400,758	355,636	388,865	400,200	11,335	2.9	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Dedicated Taxes	40,289	63,433	71,804	72,842	1,038	1.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Special Purpose Revenue Funds	17,300	28,000	20,500	34,141	13,641	66.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND												
	458,346	447,069	481,169	507,183	26,014	5.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
GROSS FUNDS												
	458,346	447,069	481,169	507,183	26,014	5.4	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) and Special Purpose Revenue type, please refer to **Schedule 80 Agency Summary by Revenue Source** in the **FY 2024 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

FY 2024 Approved Operating Budget, by Comptroller Source Group

Table KE0-3 contains the approved FY 2024 budget at the Comptroller Source Group (object class) level compared to the FY 2023 approved budget. It also provides FY 2021 and FY 2022 actual expenditures.

Table KE0-3

(dollars in thousands)

Comptroller Source Group	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023	Percentage Change*
50 - Subsidies and Transfers	458,346	447,069	481,169	507,183	26,014	5.4
SUBTOTAL NONPERSONAL SERVICES (NPS)	458,346	447,069	481,169	507,183	26,014	5.4
GROSS FUNDS	458,346	447,069	481,169	507,183	26,014	5.4

*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

FY 2024 Approved Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table KE0-4 contains the approved FY 2024 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2023 approved budget. It also provides FY 2021 and FY 2022 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 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023	Actual FY 2021	Actual FY 2022	Approved FY 2023	Approved FY 2024	Change from FY 2023
(DC00) DC PROJECTS ONLY										
(MSCO) Metro Safety Commission - Oversight Comm	1,897	1,687	1,400	1,497	97	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(OVBS) Overnight Bus Service	0	0	0	9,181	9,181	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(REDF) Reduced Fares	600	1,100	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(SCHS) School Subsidy	80,965	25,618	20,275	15,758	-4,518	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (DC00) DC PROJECTS ONLY	83,462	28,406	21,675	26,436	4,761	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(DS00) DEBT SERVICE										
(DS01) Debt Service - Series	33,293	33,273	33,284	33,284	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (DS00) DEBT SERVICE	33,293	33,273	33,284	33,284	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(MA00) METRO ACCESS										
(PARA) Para-Transit	34,505	39,796	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (MA00) METRO ACCESS	34,505	39,796	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(OP00) WMATA OPERATIONS										
(BUS1) Metrobus	222,389	205,291	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(OPSU) WMATA Operation Subsidy	0	0	426,210	447,463	21,254	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(RAIL) Metrorail	84,696	140,303	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
SUBTOTAL (OP00) WMATA OPERATIONS	307,086	345,594	426,210	447,463	21,254	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
TOTAL APPROVED OPERATING BUDGET	458,346	447,069	481,169	507,183	26,014	0.0	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 approved funding for the activities within this agency's programs, please see **Schedule 30-PBB Program Summary by Activity** in the **FY 2024 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 3 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 2 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; 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.

WMATA Operations – funds the District’s share of subsidizing the cost to operate WMATA’s core transit services: Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess.

Program Structure Change

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has no program structure changes in the FY 2024 approved budget.

FY 2023 Approved Budget to FY 2024 Approved Budget, by Revenue Type

Table KE0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2023 approved budget and the FY 2024 approved budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2024 Approved Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

Table KE0-5

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2023 Approved Budget and FTE		388,865	0.0
Removal of One-Time Costs	WMATA Operations	-7,516	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 Recurring Budget		381,349	0.0
Increase: To support operational requirements	WMATA Operations	3,620	0.0
Decrease: To support operational requirements	DC Projects Only	-3,620	0.0
Shift: To align with current Dedicated Taxes revenue projections	WMATA Operations	1,429	0.0
Enhance: To support subsidy payment to Metro (one-time)	WMATA Operations	9,041	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 Mayor’s Proposed Budget		391,819	0.0
Enhance: To support overnight bus service within the District of Columbia	DC Projects Only	9,181	0.0
Reduce: Cost savings in the Kids Ride Free and Adult Learners' Transit Subsidy programs	DC Projects Only	-800.0	0.0
LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2024 District’s Approved Budget		400,200	0.0
DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2023 Approved Budget and FTE		71,804	0.0
Increase: To align budget with projected revenues	WMATA Operations	2,467	0.0
Shift: To align with current Dedicated Taxes revenue projections	WMATA Operations	-1,429	0.0
DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2024 Mayor’s Proposed Budget		72,842	0.0
No Change		0	0.0
DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2024 District’s Approved Budget		72,842	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2023 Approved Budget and FTE		20,500	0.0
Increase: To align budget with projected revenues	WMATA Operations	13,641	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2024 Mayor’s Proposed Budget		34,141	0.0
No Change		0	0.0
SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2024 District’s Approved Budget		34,141	0.0
GROSS FOR KE0 - WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY		507,183	0.0

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Note: For more detailed information regarding the approved funding for interagency projects funded within this agency, please see Appendix J, FY 2024 Interagency Budgets, in the Executive Summary budget volume.

FY 2024 Approved Operating Budget Changes

Table KE0-6 contains the approved FY 2024 budget by fund compared to the FY 2023 approved budget.

Table KE0-6

Appropriated Fund	FY 2023 Approved	FY 2024 Approved	% Change from FY 2023
Local Funds	\$388,864,847	\$400,199,817	2.9
Dedicated Taxes	\$71,804,000	\$72,842,280	1.4
Special Purpose Revenue Funds	\$20,500,000	\$34,141,093	66.5
GROSS FUNDS	\$481,168,847	\$507,183,190	5.4

Recurring Budget

The FY 2024 budget for WMATA includes a reduction of \$7,516,000 to account for the removal of one-time funding approved in FY 2023, which supported WMATA's annual subsidy and enabled the District to meet its jurisdictional share of the operating subsidy after accounting for a decline in Dedicated Tax revenue projections.

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 2024, the budget for WMATA reallocates funding among appropriated funds to ensure that each program receives its Local share of funding.

Increase: The budget proposal in Local funds includes an increase of \$3,620,486 in the WMATA Operations program to account for the consolidation of several budget lines and to align the District's budget to match WMATA's process for invoicing the District for its quarterly subsidy payments.

The proposed increase of \$2,467,000 in Dedicated Tax funds in the WMATA Operations program is to align the budget with projected revenue.

The Special Purpose Revenue funds budget proposal reflects an increase of \$13,641,093 in the WMATA Operations program, which aligns the budget with the District's projected revenues.

Decrease: The proposed budget includes a decrease of \$3,620,486 in Local funds. This adjustment reflects a reduction in DC Specific Projects; consolidates several budget lines; and aligns the District's budget structure to match WMATA's invoices to the District for its quarterly subsidy payments.

Shift: The proposed Local funds budget for WMATA includes a shift of \$1,428,720 from Dedicated Taxes funds to Local funds to reflect a proposed policy change that converts some Dedicated Tax revenue to Local revenue.

Enhance: The FY 2024 proposed Local funds budget for WMATA reflects a one-time enhancement of \$9,041,000 to enable the District to meet its jurisdictional share of the Metro operating subsidy.

District's Approved Budget

Enhance: WMATA's approved FY 2024 Local funds budget includes an increase of \$9,181,250 due January 1, 2024. This recurring enhancement in nonpersonal services will support overnight bus service within the District of Columbia and accounts for assumed five percent year-over-year inflationary costs.

Reduce: The approved Local funds budget is reduced by \$800,000 to reflect cost savings in the Kids Ride Free and Adult Learners Transit Subsidy programs