

# Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

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Table KE0-1

Description	FY 2023 Actual	FY 2024 Actual	FY 2025 Approved	FY 2026 Approved	% Change from FY 2025
OPERATING BUDGET	\$479,610,241	\$507,183,190	\$723,917,612	\$787,599,699	8.8
FTEs	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
CAPITAL BUDGET	\$332,204,152	\$335,241,458	\$338,364,714	\$203,120,202	-40.0
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 2026 approved budget is presented in the following tables:

## FY 2026 Approved Gross Funds Operating Budget and FTEs, by Revenue Type

Table KE0-2 contains the approved FY 2026 budget and approved Full-Time Equivalents by revenue type compared to the FY 2025 approved budget. It also provides FY 2023 and FY 2024 actual data.

**Table KE0-2**

(dollars in thousands)

	Dollars in Thousands						Full-Time Equivalents					
	Actual	Actual	Approved	Approved	Change	%	Actual	Actual	Approved	Approved	Change	%
Appropriated Fund	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2025	Change*	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2025	Change
<b>GENERAL FUND</b>												
Local Funds	385,265	404,720	608,215	678,108	69,893	11.5	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Dedicated Taxes	68,485	70,048	78,702	75,492	-3,211	-4.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
Special Purpose Revenue Funds	25,860	32,415	37,000	34,000	-3,000	-8.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	N/A
<b>TOTAL FOR GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>479,610</b>	<b>507,183</b>	<b>723,918</b>	<b>787,600</b>	<b>63,682</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>N/A</b>
<b>GROSS FUNDS</b>	<b>479,610</b>	<b>507,183</b>	<b>723,918</b>	<b>787,600</b>	<b>63,682</b>	<b>8.8</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>N/A</b>

\*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 2026 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website.

## FY 2026 Approved Operating Budget, by Account Group

Table KE0-3 contains the approved FY 2026 budget at the Account Group level compared to the FY 2025 approved budget. It also provides FY 2023 and FY 2024 actual expenditures.

**Table KE0-3**

(dollars in thousands)

Account Group	Actual	Actual	Approved	Approved	Change	Percentage
	FY 2023	FY 2024	FY 2025	FY 2026	FY 2025	Change*
714100C - Government Subsidies and Grants	479,610	507,183	723,918	787,600	63,682	8.8
<b>SUBTOTAL NONPERSONNEL SERVICES (NPS)</b>	<b>479,610</b>	<b>507,183</b>	<b>723,918</b>	<b>787,600</b>	<b>63,682</b>	<b>8.8</b>
<b>GROSS FUNDS</b>	<b>479,610</b>	<b>507,183</b>	<b>723,918</b>	<b>787,600</b>	<b>63,682</b>	<b>8.8</b>

\*Percent change is based on whole dollars.

## FY 2026 Approved Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Program and Activity

Table KE0-4 contains the approved FY 2026 budget by division/program and activity compared to the FY 2025 approved budget. It also provides FY 2023 and FY 2024 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 2023	Actual FY 2024	Approved FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Change from FY 2025	Actual FY 2023	Actual FY 2024	Approved FY 2025	Approved FY 2026	Change from FY 2025
<b>(GS0005) WMATA</b>										
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>										
(G00503) Capital Projects	424,651	447,463	0	0	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(G00504) Debt Service	33,284	33,284	33,284	33,284	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(G00509) Safety Commission	1,400	1,497	1,497	1,397	-100	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(G00510) School Subsidy/Kids Ride Free	20,275	15,758	15,758	15,758	0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(G00512) Overnight Bus Service	0	9,181	11,734	0	-11,734	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
(G00513) WMATA Operating Subsidy	0	0	661,645	737,160	75,515	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
<b>SUBTOTAL (GS0005) WMATA</b>										
<b>TRANSPORTATION</b>	<b>479,610</b>	<b>507,183</b>	<b>723,918</b>	<b>787,600</b>	<b>63,682</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>TOTAL APPROVED</b>										
<b>OPERATING BUDGET</b>	<b>479,610</b>	<b>507,183</b>	<b>723,918</b>	<b>787,600</b>	<b>63,682</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>0.0</b>

(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**. For detailed information on this agency's Cost Center structure as reflected in the District's Chart of Accounts, please see **Schedule 30-CC FY 2026 Approved Operating Budget and FTEs, by Division/Office**. The schedules can be found in the **FY 2026 Operating Appendices** located on the Office of the Chief Financial Officer's website. Additional information on this agency's interagency agreements can be found in **Appendix H** in the **Executive Summary, Volume 1**.

## Program Description

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

**WMATA Transportation** – is responsible for the operation of Metrorail, Metrobus, and Metro Access to District of Columbia residents.

This program contains the following 4 activities:

- **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 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;
- **Safety 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;
- **School Subsidy Kids Ride Free** – operates services associated with the School Subsidy program; and
- **WMATA Operating Subsidy** –funds the District's share of subsidizing the cost to operate WMATA's core transit services: Metrorail, Metrobus, and Metro Access.

## Program Structure Change

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority has no program structure changes in the FY 2026 approved budget.

## FY 2025 Approved Budget to FY 2026 Approved Budget, by Revenue Type

Table KE0-5 itemizes the changes by revenue type between the FY 2025 approved budget and the FY 2026 approved budget. For a more comprehensive explanation of changes, please see the FY 2026 Approved Budget Changes section, which follows the table.

**Table KE0-5**

(dollars in thousands)

DESCRIPTION	DIVISION/PROGRAM	BUDGET	FTE
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2025 Approved Budget and FTE</b>		<b>608,215</b>	<b>0.0</b>
No Change		0	0.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2026 Recurring Budget</b>		<b>608,215</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Enhance: To support the District's share of the annual WMATA subsidy	WMATA Transportation	69,893	0.0
Enhance: To support infrastructure maintenance costs (one-time)	WMATA Transportation	5,843	0.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2026 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>683,951</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Reduce: To adjust support for infrastructure maintenance costs	WMATA Transportation	-5,843	0.0
<b>LOCAL FUNDS: FY 2026 District's Approved Budget</b>		<b>678,108</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2025 Approved Budget and FTE</b>		<b>78,702</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Decrease: To align resources with projected revenue	WMATA Transportation	-3,210	0.0
Reduce: To align budget with projected revenue (less than \$1,000)	WMATA Transportation	0	0.0
<b>DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2026 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>75,492</b>	<b>0.0</b>
No Change		0	0.0
<b>DEDICATED TAXES: FY 2026 District's Approved Budget</b>		<b>75,492</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2025 Approved Budget and FTE</b>		<b>37,000</b>	<b>0.0</b>
Decrease: To align the budget with projected revenues	WMATA Transportation	-3,000	0.0
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2026 Mayor's Proposed Budget</b>		<b>34,000</b>	<b>0.0</b>
No Change		0	0.0
<b>SPECIAL PURPOSE REVENUE FUNDS: FY 2026 District's Approved Budget</b>		<b>34,000</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>GROSS FOR KE0 - WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY</b>		<b>787,600</b>	<b>0.0</b>

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**Note:** For more detailed information regarding the approved funding for interagency projects funded within this agency, please see **Appendix H, FY 2026 Interagency Budgets, of the Executive Summary, Volume 1** located on the OCFO's website.

## FY 2026 Approved Operating Budget Changes

Table KE0-6 contains the approved FY 2026 budget by fund compared to the FY 2025 approved budget.

**Table KE0-6**

Appropriated Fund	FY 2025 Approved	FY 2026 Approved	% Change from FY 2025
Local Funds	\$608,215,373	\$678,108,000	11.5
Dedicated Taxes	\$78,702,239	\$75,491,699	-4.1
Special Purpose Revenue Funds	\$37,000,000	\$34,000,000	-8.1
<b>GROSS FUNDS</b>	<b>\$723,917,612</b>	<b>\$787,599,699</b>	<b>8.8</b>

### Mayor's Proposed Budget

Annually, the District of Columbia, along with specific Maryland and Virginia counties within the Greater Washington Metropolitan Area, subsidize part of the operating costs of the Metro system. In FY 2026, the budget for WMATA reallocates funding among appropriated funds to ensure that each program receives its Local share of funding.

**Decrease:** The Dedicated Taxes fund proposed budget for WMATA reflects a decrease of \$3,210,239 to align resources with projected revenue. In Special Purpose Revenue funds, a proposed decrease of \$3,000,000 will align the budget with projected revenues.

**Enhance:** In Local funds, the proposed budget includes an increase of \$69,892,627 to enable the District of Columbia to meet its annual jurisdictional share of the Metro operating subsidy. The proposed Local funds budget also includes a one-time increase of \$5,842,893 to support infrastructure maintenance costs.

**Reduce:** The proposed Dedicated Taxes funds budget for WMATA reflects a reduction of \$301 to align the resources with projected revenues.

### District's Approved Budget

**Reduce:** WMATA's approved budget reflects a reduction of \$5,842,893 to account for adjustments in the District of Columbia's share of WMATA's infrastructure maintenance costs.