

WMATA Board Chairman Briefs the Commission



WMATA Board Chairman
Mort Downey

In a 90-minute work session with the Commission in April, Mort Downey, Chair of the WMATA Board, briefed Commissioners on WMATA's FY2016 budget and the next capital funding agreement (FY2017 to FY2022). He addressed questions about safety, the new collective bargaining agreement, and progress in state of good repair projects.

In addition to extensive discussion of the FY2016 budget, key points from the work session include:

Eight Car Trains - The tentative agreement to exercise an option to purchase 220 new Series 7000 cars is "decoupled" from the new capital funding agreement. The new cars will continue to meet service needs and provide safer, more reliable transport. The 128 cars purchased under the Full Funding Grant Agreement for the Silver Line address additional capacity required by the Silver Line expansion. They will be deployed across the system in compliance with the FFGA.

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Join the Business-to-Government dialogue about what transit means to business and economic competitiveness.

Take a look at our [updated flyer and preliminary agenda](#) to see our partners in the business community and our special guests.

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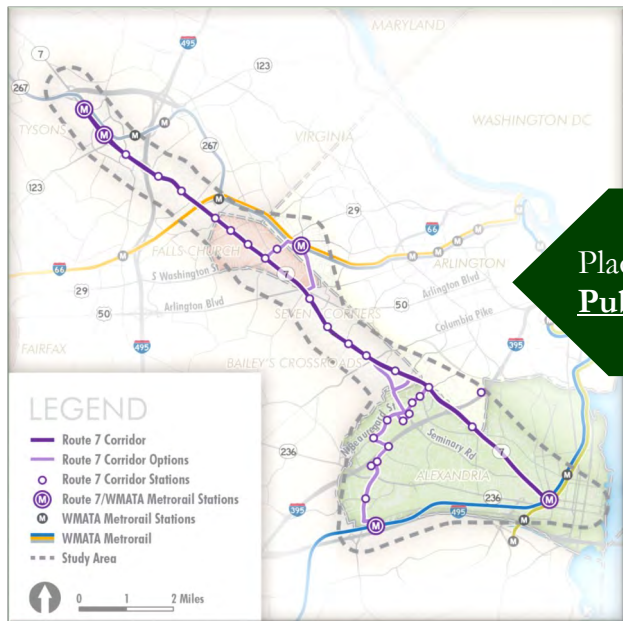
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- ◆ [Envision Route 7 Website](#)
- ◆ [NVTC Launches Envision Route 7](#)
- ◆ [Presentation to the League of Women Voters March 22, 2015](#)
- ◆ [Presentation to the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission January 7, 2015](#)



Emergency Planning Kickoff

WMATA's Emergency Manager Barbara Childs-Pair joined NVTC's Management Advisory Committee April meeting to identify how the region's transit systems can work together to make sure riders can get where they need to go during a Metro station evacuation. In June, NVTC will convene a working group of MAC members, transit system planners, emergency planners, and first responders in its first work session to develop and update plans for all NoVa Metro stations.

TPB Highlights

- ◆ [Study identifies pedestrian/bicycle access improvements at Metrorail stations](#)
- ◆ [TPB approves Virginia funding for Transportation Alternatives Program \(TAP\) projects](#)
- ◆ [FY2016 TLC Technical Assistance Program applications due June 3rd](#)
- ◆ [TPB briefed on MWCOG and WMATA actions subsequent to January Metrorail incident](#)

Transit Policy Developments

- ◆ [NVTC FY2017-2021 SYIP Testimony](#)
- ◆ [NVTC Comments on HB2](#)
- ◆ [NVTC Letter on NEPP](#)
- ◆ [Deadline for MAP-21 Approaches](#)
- ◆ [\\$500 Million in Next TIGER Round](#)
- ◆ [DOT Makes Case for GROWAMERICA](#)

NoVA Transit In the News

- ◆ [Can a tolling and transit deal fix I-66 after decades of failure?](#)
- ◆ [Sec. Layne Makes Case for I-66 HOV-3 and Tolling](#)
- ◆ [VRE Kicks Off Major Expansion Plan with New Spotsylvania Station](#)

**PlanIt Metro blog presents
Metrail Revenue by Station:
Visualized!**

TSDAC to Continue Review of Operating and Capital Programs

On April 24th, the [Transit Service Delivery Advisory Committee \(TSDAC\)](#) voted unanimously to [accept the findings and recommendations of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation \(DRPT\)](#) that no jurisdiction had experienced a loss in total transit capital assistance. [DRPT's analysis](#) also showed that as a result of the shift in the calculation of the state share from net to gross, [NVTC's WMATA Compact jurisdictions will lose approximately \\$5.2 million in state funds in FY2015](#). This is consistent with NVTC's analysis. Neither TSDAC nor DRPT sought action to address this issue now. Instead, TSDAC will continue to monitor the operating and capital programs. TSDAC will meet again next fall in order to address ways to improve the capital assistance program. The Commonwealth Transportation Board is expected to consider DRPT's report at its May meeting.

FY2014 Audit Financials - WMATA will release FY2014 audit financials soon and provide a plan to address deficiencies. The financials and plans will be provided to the General Assembly and the Director of the Department of Rail and Public Transportation in compliance with a directive included in the Commonwealth’s budget. The [language of the WMATA budget amendment is linked here](#).

Progress in Applying for Federal Reimbursements - Although WMATA failed to apply for federal funding in FY2013 and FY2014, it now has applied for more than \$700 million in funds. Failure to apply did not result in a loss of funds. Management has been directed to expend funds on appropriate activities under an old TIGER grant rather than return them to the federal treasury, to come current in applying for reimbursement on all federal grants and to take necessary steps to stay current.

Management Changes - WMATA has a new Chief Financial Officer, Controller, Treasurer, Chief of Grants Management, and Chief of Procurement, as well as a newly established division of financial management. The Governance Committee held a session on the appropriate profile for a new General Manager.

WMATA News

- ◆ [Silver Line Phase II Delayed 13 months](#)
- ◆ [WMATA Board receives update on NEPP](#)
- ◆ [Red Line trains return to Automatic Train Control \(ATC\)](#)
- ◆ [7000 Series trains now service Blue Line](#)

WMATA Virginia Ridership March 2015			
	Mar. 2014	Mar. 2015	Percent Change
Metrorail			
Total	8,238,141	8,854,060	7.5%
Weekday Average	300,908	318,030	5.7%
Metrobus			
Total	1,668,270	1,713,197	2.7%
Weekday Average	68,674	69,820	1.7%
MetroAccess			
Total	23,935	25,821	7.9%

Joining VTA in Williamsburg, May 20-21?



[Register here](#) and join NVTC at the Virginia Transit Association Annual Conference for an agenda packed with insight into federal and state funding, best practices in outreach, and innovations in customer service. NVTC Commissioner Tom Rust will share his insights as a long time legislator. NVTC’s Kate Mattice and David Koch have organized a roundtable on Transit Oriented Development in Small Communities.



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