### CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICERS TECHNICAL PANEL ON METRO

### **Interim Report**

Transportation Planning Board November 16, 2016



## **Technical Panel**

#### **District of Columbia**

• Rashad Young, City Administrator, District of Columbia

#### Maryland

- Tim Firestine, Chief Administrative Officer, Montgomery County
- Nicholas Majett, Chief Administrative Officer, Prince George's County

#### Virginia

- Mark Jinks, City Manager, City of Alexandria
- Mark Schwartz, County Manager, Arlington County
- Ed Long, County Executive, Fairfax County
- Tim Hemstreet, County Administrator, Loudoun County

#### Office of the Chief Financial Officer, District of Columbia

• Jeffrey DeWitt, Chief Financial Officer

#### Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

- Dennis Anosike, Chief Financial Officer
- Barbara Richardson, Chief External Affairs
- Andrea Burnside, Chief Performance Officer



# **The Interim Report – An Overview**

- Background COG Board Resolution R39-2016, June 8, 2016
- Four Areas
  - Value of Metro to the region outlining many earlier reports; DC CFO updates
  - 2. Metrics tracking the public's concerns
  - **3. WMATA funding needs** -- analyzing them through financial model developed by District of Columbia Chief Financial Officer
  - 4. Revenues reviewing data; looking at funding options



# **1.** Value of Metro to the Region

- Review of the many existing regional reports on the value of Metro have drawn similar conclusions
  - Economic activity, jobs, incomes and sales
  - Creates more efficient land use, environmental benefits
  - Reduced traffic congestion
  - Enhances tax revenues to 3 major jurisdictions due to economic growth and increased land valuations
    - Property Tax Revenue generated within half-mile of Metro Stations is estimate to bring in \$3.1 billion annually.
    - ~105 million square feet of development (~\$50 billion) is planned or under construction.



# 2. Metrics

1) Safety

2)

• Rider safety

Reliability

CURRENT QUARTER PERFORMANCE Rail Customer **On-Time Performance**  Get riders to their destination on time 74%

**KPI** Pilot

- 3) **Customer Experience** 
  - Comfortable ride and trouble-free experience

**Financial Management Metrics** 



### **3. Financial Model to Evaluate WMATA's Funding Needs**

- District of Columbia CFO financial forecasting model
- Financial Forecasting Model Elements
  - Revenue: 7 Key Inputs
  - Expenses
    - Capital 6 year CIP, Metro 2025 CIP
    - Operating 2017 budget + 5 Key Inputs
- Provides forecast for 10-year, order of magnitude
- COG CAOs Technical Panel reviewed assumptions, kicked the tires



# 4. Exploring Revenue Options (Next)

- Tax base work has been compiled by the DC CFO with regional CAOs to identify the types of revenues that could be used to help meet the funding gap for Metro.
  - A regional study was completed in 2005; comprehensively reviewed revenue options to support Metro.



# **Technical Panel: Next Steps**

- Coordinate with WMATA General Manager and WMATA Board.
- Input updated operating and capital data into financial forecasting model.
  - FY18 Operating Budget recently presented to WMATA Board
  - Capital Needs Inventory to be completed by end of 2016
- By March 2017: Technical Panel provides updated report to the COG Board of Directors covering metrics, economic value of Metro, funding needs and financing/revenue options.



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## METRO SAFETY COMMISSION

#### Update

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## Background

- MAP-21, the FAST ACT, & FTA Final Rule ... DC, MD, & VA must create the MSC to serve as the State Safety Oversight Agency for Metrorail
- Financially & legally independent of WMATA
- The MSC is a common instrumentality of the Signatories
- Signatories DC, MD, and VA





#### 1) Design, establish an independent legal entity

- Provide the MSC with full safety oversight authority
- Create an organization with the expertise to match the size & complexity of WMATA
- 2) Develop, introduce, & pass identical legislation
- 3) Reassume safety oversight responsibility from the FTA



# **MSC Compact Legislation Development**

- 1) Evaluated other SSOAs
- 2) Hired independent legal advisors to draft final legislation
- 3) Sought and received FTA review and comments
- 4) Created a legislative working group to coordinate efforts for DC, MD, and VA



MSC shall have the authority to compel compliance of orders & standards by:

- Taking legal action
- Issuing citations or fines
- Directing the prioritization of spending on safety-critical items
- Removing a vehicle, infrastructure element, or hazard
- Restricting, suspending, or prohibiting rail service
- Require WMATA to remove an individual from safety sensitive position
- Request WMATA's Office of the Inspector General to conduct safety-related audits or investigations

The MSC shall coordinate its enforcement activities with appropriate Federal and state governmental authorities



## **Next Steps**

- Hearings or equivalent have occurred in DC, MD, & VA
- Draft legislation introduced in the District
- Council of the District of Columbia vote possible in 3-4 weeks
- Filing, introduction & votes in General Assembly (GA) of Maryland & GA of Virginia



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