

LEGISLATIVE MONITORING UPDATE

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Metro Legislation – Virginia

March 10 – Metro dedicated funding legislation passed by General Assembly

- Establishes annual dedicated funding for Metro of \$154 million
 - Motor Vehicle Fuel Sales Tax
 - Northern Virginia Transportation District Fund
 - Revenue from the existing Motor Vehicle Rental Tax
 - Existing NVRTA revenues or local dollars (WMATA jurisdictions in Northern Virginia)
 - Existing 2% regional Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT)
 - Existing \$0.15/\$100 Grantor's Tax
- Limits WMATA board to 8 participating members
- Requires a 3 percent annual growth cap on operating assistance budget increases
- Requires adoption of a 6-year capital improvement program and a strategic plan
- Contingent on DC and MD enacting legislation



Metro Legislation – Virginia

April 9 – Governor Northam submitted amendments to Metro legislation

- Proposes additional \$30 million in annual revenue
 - Increase the regional Transient Occupancy Tax (TOT) to 3% in Northern Virginia
 - Increase the regional Grantor’s Tax to \$0.20/\$100 in Northern Virginia

April 18 – Reconvened Session on proposed amendments



Metro Legislation – Maryland

April 5 - Metro dedicated funding legislation passed by General Assembly

- Establishes annual dedicated funding for Metro of \$167 million
 - Mandated appropriation from the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund
- WMATA must submit annual financial and performance reports
- Requires a 3 percent annual growth cap on operating assistance budget increases
- Contingent on DC and VA enacting legislation



Metro Legislation – Maryland

April 6 – General Assembly passed the Metro Board Member Act

- Changes MD’s board appointees to be the Secretary of Transportation (or designee) and alternating appointment by Governor from Montgomery and PGC
- Encourages Compact signatories to support the following reforms:
 - Reduce size of WMATA Board of Directors and require transportation expertise
 - Improve the independent investigation and oversight of the Authority
 - Prohibit elected officials from serving on the Board
 - Remove the veto authority
 - Provide equitable compensation for board members
 - Enhance transparency and improve stakeholder input

April 9 – General Assembly passed the Oversight Enhancement Act

- Establishes requirements to strengthen the office of the inspector general
- Needs to be considered by Virginia and DC in future sessions to be enacted

April 9 – Last day of Session, passed bills sent to Governor Hogan



Metro Legislation – District of Columbia

March 21 – Mayor Bowser introduced the Fiscal Year 2019 Budget Support Act of 2018

April 10 – DC Council Approved Dedicated Funding for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Emergency Act of 2018

- Establishes annual dedicated funding for Metro of \$178.5 million
 - Revenue generated from a sales tax
- Contingent on DC and VA enacting legislation

May 29 – Final Committee of the Whole and Council consideration of the FY19 budget



Dates of Importance

April 11 – VA Special Session on budget begins

April 18 – VA Reconvened Session

May 28 – MD Governor must sign or veto bills

May 29 – Budget out of the Council of the District of Columbia



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