



STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REPORT 2018

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Purpose

- The purpose of this report is to provide a succinct overview of the state of regional public transportation.
- The report includes transportation operations, customer, and financial facts, including recent accomplishments and upcoming activities.
- Why is regional public transportation important?
 - Provides access to Job Opportunities.
 - Alternatives to Single-Occupancy Vehicles.
 - Reduction in overall Energy and Emissions.
 - More vibrant Activity Centers.



Sections of the SOPTR

- Part I: Fixed Route Transit Services
 - Profile sheets that include information on ridership, operational expenses, fleet size, and number of routes.
- Part II: Other Public Transit Services
 - Provides information on other transit services such as paratransit and commuter services.
- Part III: Regional Public Transportation Organizations
 - Information on organizations that operate, provide research, or project development for public transportation.
- Part IV: Public Transportation Accomplishments
 - Significant transportation projects or studies occurring during CY 2018.
- Part V: Transportation Planning Board
 - Information on how the TPB is assisting with regional public transportation.



Sample of Part I: Profile Sheet



WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WMATA) METROBUS

<https://www.wmata.com/>



OVERVIEW

Metrobus provides more than 400,000 trips each weekday serving 11,500 bus stops in the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia. Metrobus is the sixth busiest bus agency in the United States, with a fleet of more than 1,500 buses operating on 325 routes.

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Construction of Andrews Bus Facility: Metro is constructing a new facility at Andrews Federal Center in Prince George's County, along with a heavy overhaul and maintenance facility. This facility will replace the Southern Avenue Bus Garage with a fully modern Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) Silver facility that can hold 175 buses.

SYSTEM CHARACTERISTICS

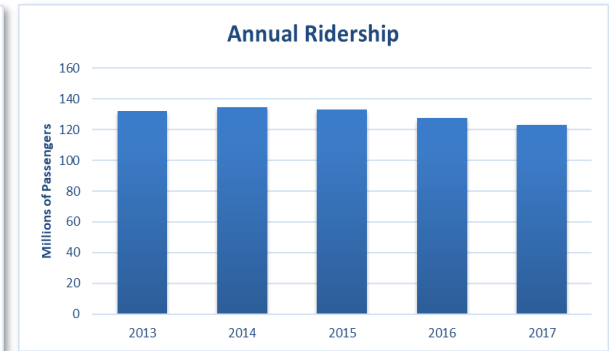
Vehicle Fleet: 1598 Buses, 319 Routes, 10 Bus Garages

Service Type: Fixed Route

PROVIDER DATA



NTD FY 2017



NTD FY 2017



Sample of Part V: TPB Activities

- Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee (RPTS)
 - The objective to provide a permanent process for the coordination of bus planning throughout the Washington region, and for incorporating regional bus plans into the long-range transportation plan.
- Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP)
 - The development of regional targets. Transit asset management (TAM) is a strategic and systematic process of operating, maintaining, and improving public transportation capital assets effectively through the life cycle of such assets.
- Long-Range Plan (Visualize 2045)
 - TPB's long-range plan which includes a set of aspirational initiatives that the board identified for their potential to address some of the region's biggest transportation challenges in the future.



Highlights from 2018

- WMATA
 - The delivery of the new 7000-series rail cars. Construction of Silver Line Phase II.
- DC Circulator
 - The addition of electric buses to the existing fleet. Free Wi-Fi on fleet.
- RideOn
 - Solar powered bus shelters. Awarded grant to purchase electric buses.
- OmniRide
 - The delivery of new motor coaches to replace the existing fleet.
- VRE
 - New York Avenue Midday Storage Facility. Multiple station improvements.
- MARC & VRE
 - Studying the feasibility of run through service.
- NVTC
 - Envision Route 7 Phase III. I-66 Commuter Choice Program



Trends

- Overall, as with the rest of the nation, ridership has been on a steady decline.
- However, some regional providers have experienced a ridership increase
 - Arlington Transit
 - OmniRide
 - VRE
- Public transportation is a costly public good, and operating costs for the region's providers have been on an increase.
- Public transportation providers are investing and investigating new plans, vehicles, amenities, services, etc. to recapture the lost ridership, and attract new riders.



Next Steps

- Accepting feedback and comments from public transit providers by June 28th.
- Present to the Technical Committee on July 12th.



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