

Overview of Local and Regional Transit Systems Serving the Washington Metropolitan Area

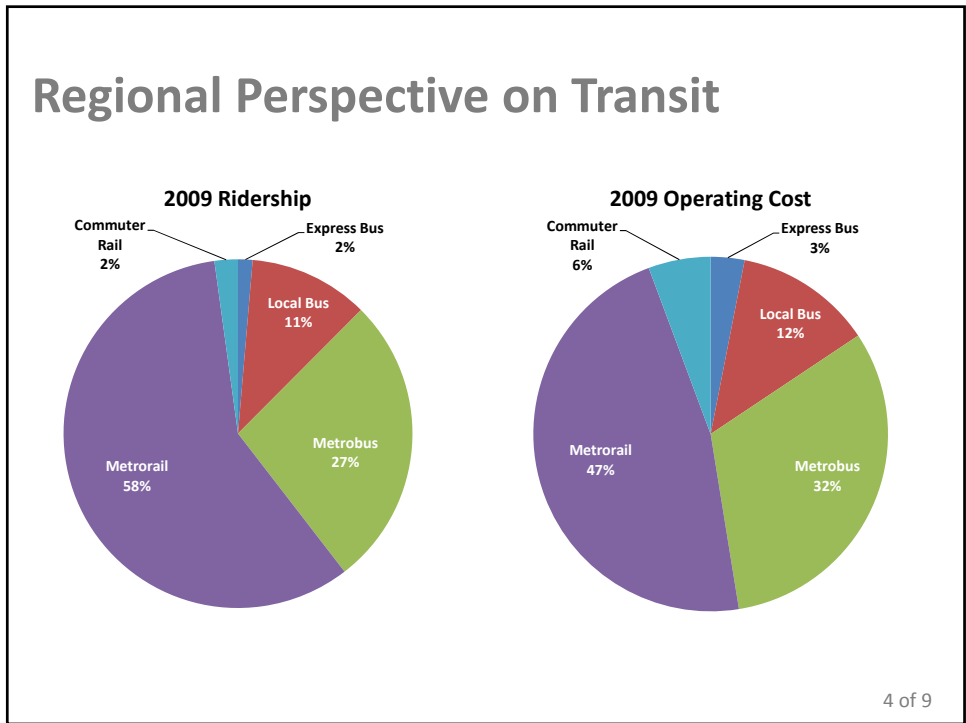
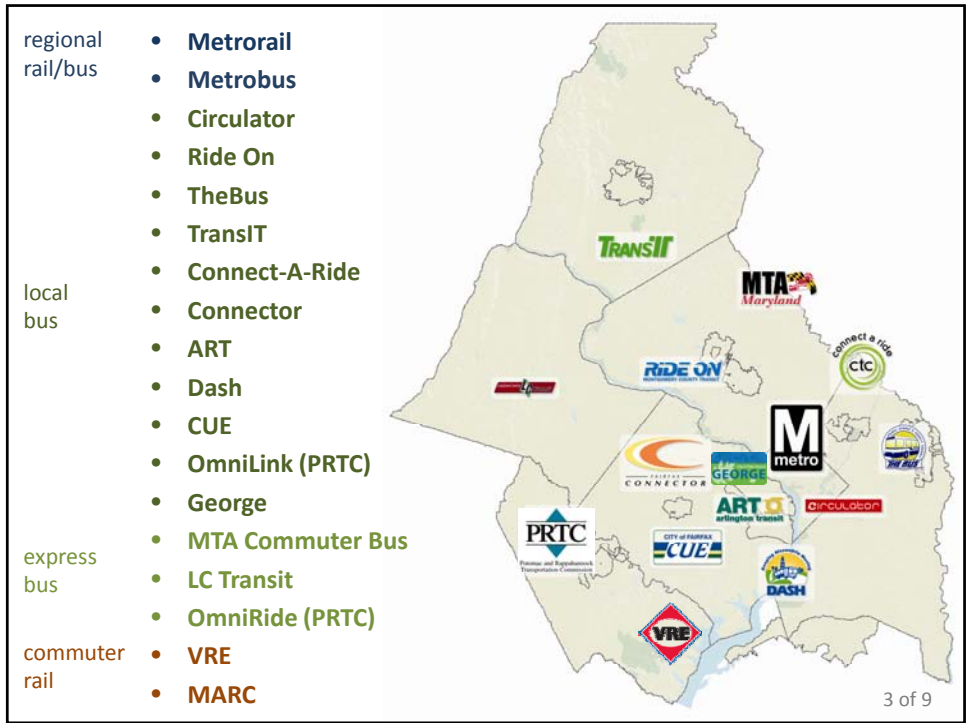
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Regional Perspective on Transit

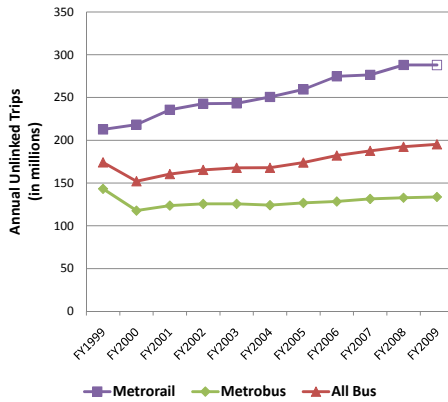
- At the **March 17 TPB meeting**, information was requested on the ridership and costs of the local and regional bus transit systems serving the metropolitan area.
- The Committee will be briefed on a draft **overview of the local and regional transit systems** prepared by the Regional Bus Subcommittee.

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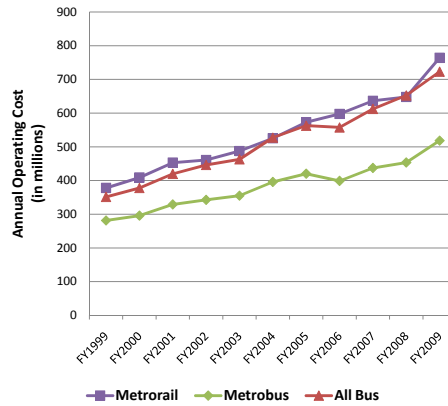


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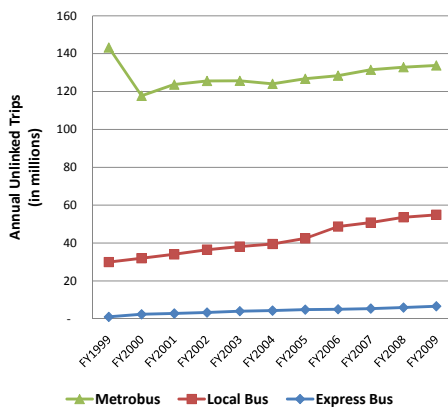
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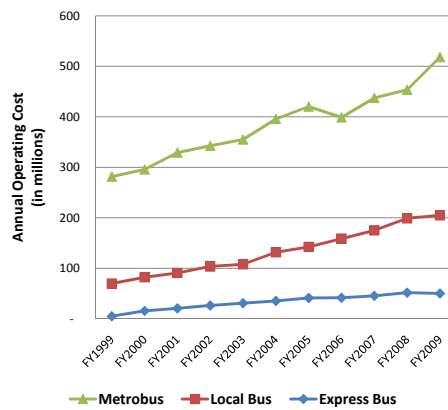
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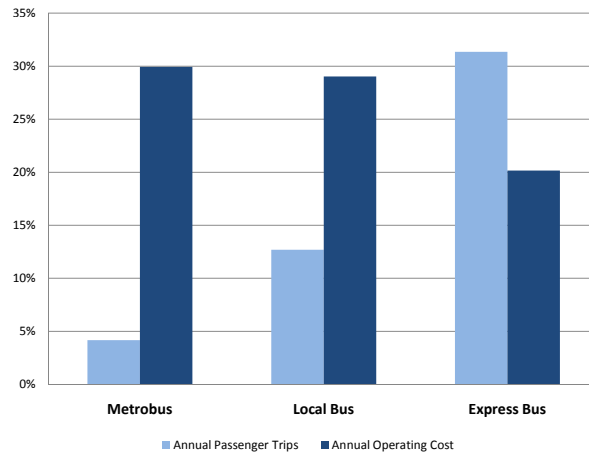
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Changes in Bus Ridership & Costs

Change in Passenger Trips and Operating Cost, FY 2006-FY 2009



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Changes in Transit Ridership & Costs

| | Annual Passenger Trips (millions) | | | | FY06-09 % Chg | Annual Operating Cost (millions) | | | | FY06-09 % Chg |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------------------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|---------------|
| | FY2006 | FY2007 | FY2008 | FY2009 | | FY2006 | FY2007 | FY2008 | FY2009 | |
| Regional Transit | | | | | | | | | | |
| Metro rail | 274,767 | 276,441 | 288,040 | 288,000 | 5% | 597,600 | 636,400 | 648,000 | 764,000 | 28% |
| Metro bus | 128,416 | 131,490 | 132,849 | 133,770 | 4% | 398,800 | 437,300 | 453,500 | 518,200 | 30% |
| Local Bus | | | | | | | | | | |
| Circulator | 2,073 | 2,405 | 2,798 | 4,001 | 93% | 5,318 | 5,710 | 6,547 | 9,713 | 83% |
| Fix Connector | 9,529 | 9,717 | 9,810 | 9,577 | 21% | 6,971 | 7,951 | 8,743 | 9,254 | 33% |
| Dash | 3,556 | 3,743 | 3,979 | 4,007 | 13% | 8,682 | 9,864 | 10,645 | 10,826 | 25% |
| Cue | 1,094 | 1,136 | 1,047 | 1,032 | -6% | 2,683 | 2,721 | 2,787 | 2,766 | 3% |
| ART | 0,927 | 1,060 | 1,225 | 1,429 | 0% | 31,341 | 36,796 | 46,870 | 45,016 | 44% |
| Omni Link | 0,843 | 0,945 | 1,009 | 1,025 | 54% | 4,546 | 4,432 | 4,964 | 5,259 | 16% |
| Ride On | 27,294 | 28,220 | 29,673 | 29,627 | 9% | 82,602 | 88,842 | 97,579 | 99,778 | 21% |
| TheBus | 2,837 | 2,922 | 3,389 | 3,510 | 24% | 13,511 | 15,412 | 17,133 | 18,239 | 35% |
| TransIT | 0,580 | 0,635 | 0,665 | 0,709 | 22% | 3,057 | 3,445 | 3,718 | 3,944 | 29% |
| Subtotal | 48,733 | 50,784 | 53,596 | 54,917 | 13% | 158,711 | 175,174 | 198,987 | 204,795 | 29% |
| Express Bus | | | | | | | | | | |
| LC Transit | 0,602 | 0,652 | 0,777 | 0,890 | 48% | 3,820 | 3,834 | 4,875 | 0,000 | -100% |
| Omni Ride | 1,609 | 1,739 | 1,841 | 2,155 | 34% | 11,201 | 12,408 | 14,116 | 16,328 | 46% |
| MTA Commuter | 2,842 | 3,014 | 3,336 | 3,592 | 26% | 26,704 | 29,295 | 32,777 | 33,807 | 27% |
| Subtotal | 5,053 | 5,405 | 5,954 | 6,637 | 31% | 41,725 | 45,538 | 51,768 | 50,135 | 20% |
| Commuter Rail | | | | | | | | | | |
| VRE | 3,640 | 3,454 | 3,629 | 3,868 | 6% | 41,039 | 46,192 | 47,656 | 50,793 | 24% |
| MARC | 6,184 | 6,379 | 6,713 | 6,869 | 11% | 28,818 | 29,509 | 35,821 | 41,667 | 45% |
| Subtotal | 9,824 | 9,833 | 10,342 | 10,737 | 9% | 69,857 | 75,701 | 83,476 | 92,460 | 32% |

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Current Challenges

- Increasing **demand & capacity constraints**
- Tight budgets
 - Proposed **service cuts** (routes & hours of service)
 - Proposed **fare increases**
 - Proposed **staff reductions**
- The **Regional Bus Subcommittee** will continue to work to address these challenges and provide the TPB with current information to inform its discussion.

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