
Councilmember Jim Graham

Councilmember Jack Evans

Chairman Linda Cropp

Councilmember Carol Schwartz

A BILL

IN THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Councilmembers Jack Evans, Jim Graham, Carol Schwartz and Chairman Linda Cropp introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on

To dedicate one-half of one percent of the retail sales tax as established in D.C. Official Code § 47-2002 to provide additional funding for maintaining and improving the transportation system of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to become effective upon enactment by Congress of legislation providing federal grants to WMATA for such purposes and passage of legislation by the Maryland General Assembly and the Virginia General Assembly dedicating an equivalent amount of sales tax in those jurisdictions.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, That this act may be cited as the “Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Fund Act of 2005”.

Sec. 2. Creation of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Fund.

(a) There is hereby established a fund designated as the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Fund, which shall be a segregated account within the General Fund of the District of Columbia. All funds shall be deposited into the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Fund without regard to fiscal year limitation pursuant to an act and shall not revert to the fund balance of the General Fund of the District of Columbia at the end of any fiscal

year or at any other time, but shall be continually available as a dedicated funding source for uses 1
and purposes set forth in subsection (b) of this section, subject to authorization by Congress in an 2
appropriations act. 3

(b) Funds deposited in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority Fund shall 4
be available to comply with a federal grant matching funds requirement, a decision by the 5
District to match federal funds received, or to provide revenue to the Washington Metropolitan 6
Area Transit Authority; provided that any expenditure shall be for the purpose of maintaining and 7
improving the transportation system of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. 8

(c) The District of Columbia shall deposit into the Washington Metropolitan Area 9
Transit Authority Fund one hundred percent of the proceeds collected from the dedication of one- 10
half of one percent of the retail sales tax as established in D.C. Official Code § 47-2002 to 11
provide additional funding for maintaining and improving the transportation system of the 12
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. 13

Sec. 3. Applicability. 14

Section 2 shall apply upon: 15

(a) Enactment by Congress of legislation providing federal grants to the Washington 16
Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for the purpose of maintaining and improving the 17
transportation system of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority; and 18

(b) Passage of legislation by the Maryland General Assembly and the Virginia General 19
Assembly: 20

(1) where each jurisdiction dedicates an equivalent amount of sales tax to the 21
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority as that passed by the Council; or 22

(2) implementing any act of Congress providing federal grants to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority for the purpose of maintaining and improving the transportation system of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority.

Sec. 4. Fiscal Impact Statement.

The Council adopts the fiscal impact statement in the committee report as the fiscal impact statement required by section 602(c)(3) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code §1-206.02(c)(3)).

Sec. 5. Effective Date.

This act shall take effect following approval by the Mayor (or in the event of veto by the Mayor, action by the Council to override the veto), a 30-day period of Congressional review as provided in section 602(c)(1) of the District of Columbia Home Rule Act, approved December 24, 1973 (87 Stat. 813; D.C. Official Code § 1-206.02(c)(1)), ninety (90) days after publication in the District of Columbia Register.