



MSC Compact Legislative Update

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MSC Compact Highlights

- ❑ The MSC's Board will be legally independent of WMATA.
- ❑ Unlike TOC, there will be no jurisdictional quorum or voting veto by a jurisdiction.
- ❑ The MSC's Board will act by majority action once quorum is established except for station shutdowns, which must be unanimously approved by those present.
- ❑ The MSC will oversee safety through approval of safety plans, investigations, approval and enforcement of corrective action plans and audits of WMATA.



MSC Compact Highlights Continued

- The MSC has enforcement authority to:
 - take legal action
 - issue citations or fines
 - direct WMATA to prioritize spending on safety-critical items
 - remove a vehicle, infrastructure element or hazard
 - restrict, suspend or prohibit rail service
 - direct WMATA to remove an individual from a “Safety Sensitive Position” under certain conditions
 - compel WMATA’s Office of the Inspector General to conduct safety-related audits or investigations
 - take other actions it deems appropriate

District of Columbia

- ❑ DC Council passed B21-0828 on December 20, 2016
- ❑ Signed by Mayor Bowser on February 10, 2017
- ❑ Transmitted to Congress on February 24, 2017 and expected enactment date of April 7, 2017

Maryland

- ❑ Passed House Bill 119 with an enactment date of June 1, 2017
- ❑ Currently being considered by Senate and expected to pass after crossover
- ❑ Crossover deadline is March 20, 2017

Virginia

- ❑ Passed SB1251 and signed by committee on February 24, 2017
- ❑ Presented to Governor McAuliffe for signature on February 28, 2017
- ❑ Governor has until March 27, 2017 to act on the bill

Congressional Ratification

- ❑ District of Columbia bill transmitted to Congress on February 24, 2017
- ❑ Congressional approval expected after enactment by all jurisdictions
- ❑ H.J.Res.76 for Congressional consent and approval introduced by Rep. Hoyer on February 16, 2017
- ❑ Current planned enactment date is June 1, 2017



Next Steps

- Draft Framework
- Appointment of Commissioners
- Hiring of Executive Director
- Organizational Buildout
- Seek FTA Certification