



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

# Transit Funding and Reforms

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# Commonwealth Mass Transit Fund



## Restructured Fund:

- Statewide Operating – 31%
- Statewide Capital – 12.5%
- WMATA Operating & Capital – 53.5%
- Special Projects – 3%
  - TDM, experimental transit, operation studies, & technical assistance

## CPR Bonds:

- Does not address the statewide revenue loss by reauthorizing bonds
- One-time \$50 million reauthorization for federal PRIIA match for WMATA

# Statewide Transit Capital Prioritization



- Effective July 1, 2019
- State of Good Repair
  - Based on transit asset management principles, including federal requirements for Transit Asset Management
- Minor Enhancement
- Major Expansion
  - Based on SMART SCALE factors:
    - Congestion mitigation
    - Economic development
    - Accessibility
    - Safety
    - Environmental quality
    - Land use
- WMATA exempt from the process

# Recommended Prioritization Principles



- Program Priorities
  - Reduce backlog
  - Maintain state of good repair
- Match Rate
  - Single rate for all assets, 68%
- Program Structure
  - Separate funding for state of good repair, minor enhancement, and major expansion
- Transparency

# Statewide Transit Operating Funds

- Effective July 1, 2019
- 100% of Statewide Operating Funds:
  - Allocated on the basis of service delivery factors
  - Made available for public comment at least one year before application
- Current Factors:
  - Passengers Per Revenue Hour
  - Passengers Per Revenue Mile
  - Net Cost Per Passenger
- WMATA exempt from process



# Urban Transit Agency Strategic Plans



- Required every five years from transit agencies with 20+ bus fleet serving urbanized areas of 50,000+ population
- Guidelines
  - Assessment of state of good repair needs
  - Review of the performance of fixed-route bus service
  - Evaluation of opportunities to improve operating efficiency of the transit network
  - Examination and identification of opportunities to share services where multiple transit providers' services overlap
  - Examination of opportunities to improve service in underserved areas

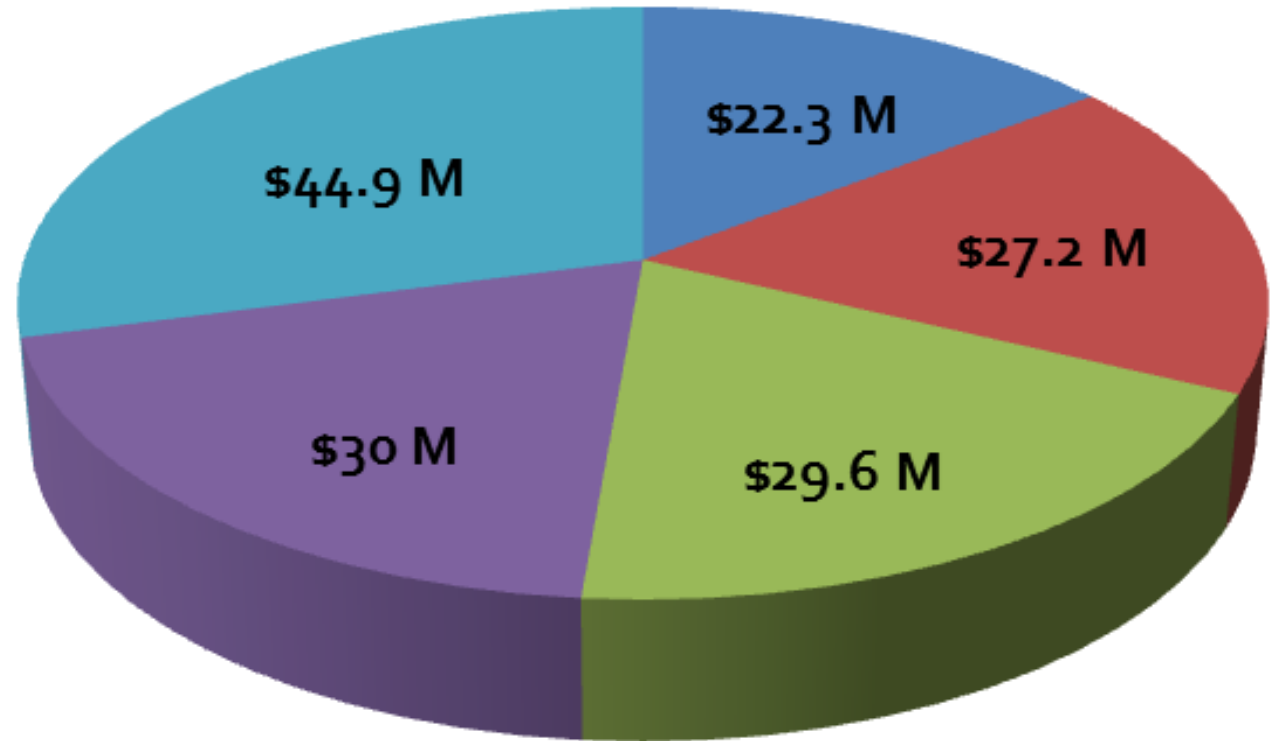
# Regional Transit Planning Process



- Required for transit systems serving population areas between 1.5 million and 2.0 million
  - Coordinated by local MPO
- Requirements:
  - Identification and prioritization of projects
  - Establishment of performance benchmarks incorporating state and federal requirements
  - Development and implementation of a regional subsidy allocation model
  - Distribution of funds solely designated for transit and rail and that are administered by a regional body to enter into agreements for the operation and maintenance of transit and rail facilities

# WMATA Capital Fund: \$154 M annually

- NVTC Regional Gas Tax Floor
- NVTA 30% Local Contribution
- 2% NVTC Transient Occupancy Tax
- Statewide Recordation and Motor Vehicle Rental Tax
- \$0.10/\$100 NVTC grantor's tax





# Transit in Northern Virginia



- WMATA Reforms
  - WMATA Board of Director Membership
  - NVTC Oversight & Annual Reporting
  - WMATA Operating Expenses
  - WMATA Capital Improvement Program & Strategic Plan
- VRE Funding
  - \$15 M: Commuter Rail Operating and Capital Fund (NOVA gasoline tax floor revenues)
- PRTC Dedicated Funding
  - \$7.85 M: NOVA gas tax floor revenues



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