

# Board Priorities and Budget Discussion

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# Board Priorities for 2020

- FY2021 Budget
- COVID-19 Recovery
- Rail Operations Control Center (ROCC) Transformation
- Advancing Transit Equity

# Board's Framework: Advancing Equitable Transit at Metro

Transit Equity Task Force

MTPD Investigations Review Panel

RAC Recruitment

Board Trainings on Race and  
Transit Equity

Examine Fares and Service

Performance Reporting

# Policy Considerations



**Passenger and employee safety top concern**



**Align services with ridership demand with room for recovery & social distancing**



**Protect bus service for essential trips, workers, and transit dependent**



**Reduce adverse impacts for workforce as much as possible**



**Act regionally to promote economic recovery and support federal workforce**



**Be intentional about equity**

# Proposing Additional Management Actions of \$43M<sup>1</sup>

**Likely Scenario**

*\$ in Millions*

## Management Actions

|  |                 |
|--|-----------------|
| Contractor Cost Reduction              | (\$7.5)         |
| Paratransit Contract <sup>2</sup>      | (\$12.3)        |
| Eliminate Runners for Station Managers | (\$1.9)         |
| Only 1 Station Manager per Station     | (\$8.0)         |
| NRP Pay for Performance Deferment      | (\$7.2)         |
| NRP Furlough / Layoffs <sup>3</sup>    | (\$5.6)         |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>(\$42.6)</b> |

1. Management initiatives are in addition to the \$45M approved in the FY21 budget, resulting in \$88M of Management reduction in subsidy for FY21
2. Savings assumes guaranteed payment based on Feb 20 Revenue Service Hours amount, lowest amount in several years, compared to the FY21 Budget
3. Non-represented employee (NRP) Furlough is presented at 5 business days starting January 1, 2021



# Actions Needed to Close Remaining Funding Gap, assuming Current Subsidy affirmation

**Likely Scenario**

|                               |                  |
|-------------------------------|------------------|
| <b>Management Actions</b>     | <b>(\$42.6)</b>  |
| <b>Board Actions</b>          | <b>(\$169.4)</b> |
| Defer Capital Projects        | (\$30.0)         |
| Service Cuts/Adjustments      | (\$139.4)        |
| <b>Total Savings Achieved</b> | <b>(\$212.0)</b> |

# Proposed Adjustments to Reduce Expense

|                       |   | Summary of Impacts |                |                  |                        |                  |                   |
|-----------------------|---|--------------------|----------------|------------------|------------------------|------------------|-------------------|
|                       |   | Expenses           | Revenues       | Savings          | Retention <sup>1</sup> | Net Savings      | FTEs <sup>2</sup> |
| <i>\$ in Millions</i> |   |                    |                |                  |                        |                  |                   |
| <b>Rail</b>           | Standardize weekday rail service frequency to 12 minutes on each line   | (\$34.3)           | (\$4.6)        | (\$29.7)         | \$0.0                  | (\$29.7)         | (493)             |
|                       | Reduce number of trains/operators by shortening trips where possible (i.e. “turnbacks”)   | (\$3.5)            | (\$0.7)        | (\$2.8)          | \$0.0                  | (\$2.8)          | (45)              |
|                       | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Red Line: Every other trip Grosvenor-Silver Spring</li> <li>• Yellow Line: All trips begin/end at Mt. Vernon Square</li> </ul> |                    |                |                  |                        |                  |                   |
|                       | Shorten span of service by 10 hours/week<br>Close at 9 pm Sun-Thu (retain 11 pm Fri/Sat)  | (\$6.8)            | (\$1.3)        | (\$5.5)          | \$0.0                  | (\$5.5)          | (96)              |
|                       | Silver Line Phase 2 Opening July 1  | (\$70.0)           | (\$1.3)        | (\$68.8)         | \$15.0                 | (\$53.8)         | (228)             |
| <b>Bus</b>            | Retention of August Service Plan  | (\$64.3)           | (\$1.7)        | (\$62.6)         | \$0.0                  | (\$62.6)         | (876)             |
|                       | Restore Bus Fares in Q3 <sup>3</sup>  | \$0.0              | \$5.6          | (\$5.6)          | \$0.0                  | (\$5.6)          | 0                 |
| <b>Total</b>          |   | <b>(\$178.8)</b>   | <b>(\$4.0)</b> | <b>(\$174.8)</b> | <b>\$15.0</b>          | <b>(\$159.8)</b> | <b>(1,738)</b>    |

1. Retention costs required to maintain assets 2. Full-time equivalents (FTE) vacant or filled 3. Heightened fare evasion may reduce revenue realized



# Timeline for Orderly Service Reduction Actions

- 1 Board Approval of Docket ▶ Sep 16
  - 2 Virtual only public outreach
  - 3 3 months for proposed service change implementation
  - 4 Required 60 days notice for employee layoffs
  - 5 Notice of service changes for customers ▶ Dec 1
  - 6 Reductions take effect mid - December
- Fiscal Cliff - CARES anticipated depletion Jan 2021**