FY2026 Q1 Financial Results



Finance and Capital Committee

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Supporting Your Metro, the Way Forward

Your Metro, the Way Forward provides a long-term strategy and guides day-to-day decision making

The budget supports all of Metro's strategic goals

Service Excellence

Deliver safe, reliable, convenient, accessible, and enjoyable service for customers.

Talented Teams

Attract, develop, and retain top talent where individuals feel valued, supported, and proud of their contribution.

Regional Opportunity & Partnership

Design transit service to move more people and connect a growing region.

Financial Stewardship & Resource Management

Manage resources responsibly to achieve a sustainable operating, capital, and energy-efficient model.



FY2026 Q1 Highlights

Operating Budget Highlights

- Continued strong ridership and revenue growth, more than offset operating expense pressures, keeping Metro \$2 million favorable to budget
- Better Bus Implemented network redesign and rolled out additional updates to nine routes in Prince George's County in mid-September to improve performance
- Extending Metrorail Weekend Hours Extended Friday-Saturday late night service by one hour (closing at 2 a.m.) and extended Saturday-Sunday early morning service by one hour (opening at 6 a.m.)

Capital Program Highlights

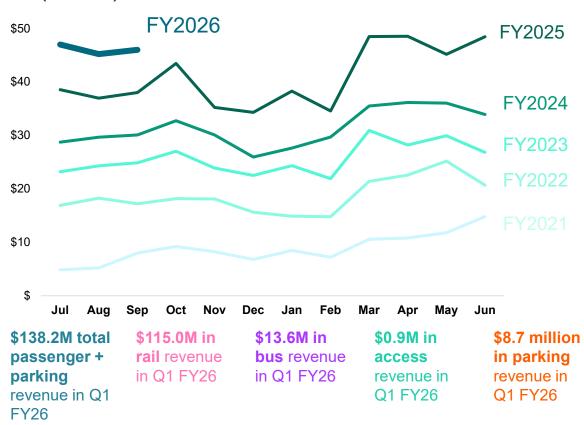
- Metrobus Completed 24 bus rehabilitations and put 2 new buses into service (with an additional 3 buses delivered in Q2), leading to increased bus service reliability
- Metrorail Completed 7 switch machine, 7 cable, and 6 bond replacements, strengthening system performance and reliability
- MetroAccess Received 70 of 231 vehicles out of fleet of 661, improving fleet reliability and accessibility
- Escalators & Elevators Replaced 3 escalator units and rehabilitated 2 elevators units, improving accessibility to stations, availability, and reliability
- Fare Modernization Preparing for launch of Tap. Ride. Go. on Metrobus



Passenger & Parking Revenue Up \$25M, 22% in FY2026 Q1 Compared to Prior Year

- Metrorail passenger revenue increase of \$21.8M driven by 18% growth in ridership, an increase of 5.7M trips
 - Federal employee ridership generated 6M trips a 59% increase in Q1 FY2026
- Metrobus passenger revenue increased by more than 3% thanks to growing paid ridership
- Parking revenue grew \$2.8M year over year due to parking utilization rate of 44%, a 54% increase.
- Revenue totaled \$162M, \$21M above budget
 - Passenger and parking revenue was \$138M, \$18M above budget
 - Advertising, Joint Development, Infrastructure and Other revenue generated \$24M, \$3M above budget

Passenger Revenue (+Parking) by Month (\$ in M)



Fare Modernization and Fare Policy Programs Driving Ridership Growth

DC Kids Ride Free

- Tap rates have increased, especially on bus
- 13 outreach events in September reached more than 1,200 students
- Compared to September 2025:
 - Metrobus taps up76 percent
 - Metrorail taps up14 percent
 - 24 percent of taps come from mobile wallets, up 6 percent



Tap. Ride. Go.

- Launched on Metrorail in May 2025
- In Q1 FY2026:
 - 3.2 million trips
 - 8.4 percent of all Metrorail trips
 - \$10 million in fare revenue
 - Nearly 775,000 unique users
- Bus launch November 2025
- Parking launch to follow





FY2026 Q1 Ridership Growth Remains Strong; Federal Shutdown Impacted Q2 Revenue

- Revenue growth remains strong through Q1, supported in part by higher federal ridership
- October 1 Federal shutdown presents a shortterm impact to ridership and revenue in Q2
- Revenue loss from shutdown estimated at ~\$5M through November 12, 2025

Q1 FY2025 to Q1 FY2026 Growth

Weekday rail ridership up 12 percent

Federal SmartBenefits trips up **59 percent**

Parking transactions up **59 percent**

Shutdown Impacts
September vs. October

Weekday rail ridership down **7 percent**

SmartBenefits trips down **32 percent**

Parking transactions down **20 percent**



Metro Is Navigating Operating Expense Pressures From Higher Demand and Inflation

Personnel 7

Unfavorable to budget by \$9M due to healthcare expenses and other fringe benefit costs

Paratransit 7

Unfavorable to budget by \$7M due to higher unit costs and ridership volume

Casualty and Liability

Favorable to budget by **\$2M**

Fuel >

Favorable to budget by **\$3M** due to lower than projected rates

Rail Propulsion Power 7

Unfavorable by **\$2M** due to market pressures and higher usage

Materials and Supplies 7

Unfavorable to budget by \$2M driven by increased volume and price of parts for maintenance

Preventive Maintenance

Transfer >

Transferred **\$2M** less operating expenses than planned (\$2M budget savings)



Higher FY2026 Q1 Revenue Covered Increased Expenses and Reduced the Planned Preventive Maintenance Transfer by \$2 Million

\$ in millions	Budget	Actual	Var \$	Var %
Total Revenue	\$141	\$162	\$21	15.0%
Total Gross Expenses	\$654	\$673	(\$19)	-2.9%
Expense Less Revenue (Before Transfers)	(\$513)	(\$511)	\$2	0.4%
Preventive Maintenance	\$22	\$20	\$2	9.6%
Prior-Year Savings	\$5	\$5	\$0	0.0%

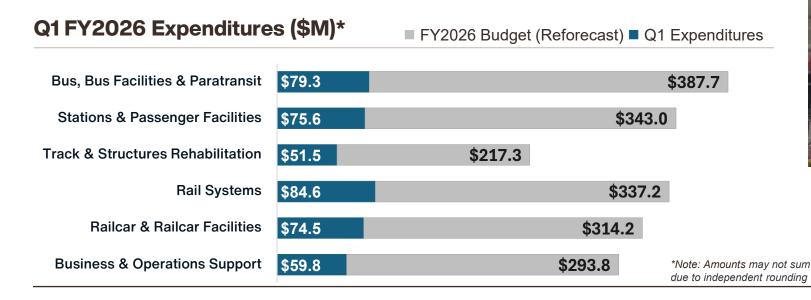
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Continued Revenue Growth and Expense Management are Necessary to Keep FY2026 Budget Balanced

(\$ in millions)	FY2025 Actual	FY2026 Budget	FY2026 Forecast
Total Revenue	\$594	\$564	\$632
Gross Expenses	\$2,531	\$2,607	\$2,650
Preventive Maintenance Transfer	(\$89)	(\$109)	(\$84)
Net Expenses	\$2,442	\$2,498	\$2,566
Gross Subsidy	(\$1,848)	(\$1,934)	(\$1,934)
Prior Year Savings		\$28	\$28
Federal Relief	\$123	\$0	\$0
Jurisdictional Contribution	\$1,753	\$1,906	\$1,906
Operating Result	\$28	\$0	\$0

FY2026 Q1 Capital Program Investments

- \$425 million invested through the Capital Program in FY2026 Q1 in ongoing reinvestments for safety and reliability
- Revising FY2026 Capital Program year-end forecast from \$2.1B to \$1.9B to reflect impacts of cost reductions, schedule changes, and market conditions
- Potential capital cost savings in FY2026 will be reinvested into the Capital Program, including any reductions in preventive maintenance transfers







Capital Funding - FY2026 CIP Financial Plan Update

Major capital fund sources for FY2026:

- FY2026 Federal PRIIA \$149 million
- FY2026 Federal Formula grants updated apportionment and allocation \$476M
- Regional funding as planned: Dedicated funding \$500M; regional PRIIA funding \$149M;
 Capital Funding Agreement \$311M
- Dedicated Revenue Debt Bonds to support FY2026 budget issued in July 2025 \$667M

Federal shutdown impact:

- No impact to drawing down current Federal Transit Administration (FTA) grants
- Department of Homeland Security Transit Security grants were temporarily paused, and funds were unable to be drawn down during the shutdown

Key Capital Investment Updates - FY2026 Q1

Project and program updates are included in the appendix for the following investments:

- 8000-Series Railcars
- Bladensburg Bus Garage
- Bus Vehicles

Future reports will include updates on:

- Fare Systems
- Northern Bus Garage
- Enterprise Resource Planning System
- Metro Training Facility
- Radio System
- Railcar Fleet Maintenance Facility
- Signaling System



& Context

8000-Series Railcars

Acquire new railcars to replace legacy fleet and support safety and reliability

Description

- Metro is procuring 8000-series railcars to replace legacy railcars that have been in service for nearly 40-45 years
- Procurement initiated in 2018 for railcars, spare parts and special tools, training and training aids, and cab simulators
- Contract awarded in 2020 for base order (256 railcars)
- Metro has been working with the supplier to finalize a design incorporating customer feedback throughout the process



KEY FEATURES

Railcars

- Fully ADA compliant
- Additional handholds and multipurpose area for gear
- Enhanced passenger comfort features such as heated floors
- Gangways to connect railcars
- Aluminum exteriors
- Enhanced inter-car barriers
- Undercar lighting

Safety & Security

- Improved video surveillance
- Integrated digital displays with real time information
- Developed to latest cyber security standards



8000-Series Railcars (cont.)



CURRENT SCHEDULE STATUS

Previously announced schedule delays due to design finalization for various components of the railcars, including car body, brakes, door system, HVAC and lighting

Identified	Risks	& N	Mitigations
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Risk	Mitigation	
Additional delivery delays	 Focused and in-person meetings between Metro and the vendor to resolve critical issues 	
Updating railcar design based on public input	 Streamline review of materials submitted by vendor Planning for timely stakeholder participation 	

Key Milestones



July 2026Delivery of full-scale mockup

December 2026 OPTION 1 Execution Milestone (+104 railcars)

June 2027 OPTION 2 Execution Milestone (+104 Railcars)

October 2027
Delivery of first pilot cars

April 2030
All base order railcars in revenue service

Description

Bladensburg Bus Garage

Rebuild & modernize outdated facility built in 1962 that has reached its end of useful life to continue to provide reliable, efficient service

& Context

- Metro is rebuilding the existing 60+ year old bus garage while providing service to customers
- Facility runs the most bus service in the region
- Provides transportation services to customers on routes throughout the District of Columbia and parts of Maryland
- Facility includes operations and maintenance, fueling, and bus parking
- Improves work environment and condition for employees



KEY FEATURES

Facility

- Supports multiple fueling types
- Parking for ~300 buses
- Includes Metro Transit Police substation

Efficiency

Consolidates multiple buildings into single modern bus operations and maintenance facility



Bladensburg Bus Garage (cont.)



CURRENT STATUS

- Operations and maintenance building open; parking facility construction underway
- Potential cost increase of ~\$150M was mitigated through scope reduction of battery electric bus components and value engineering efforts resulting in a revised total project cost increase of \$48M for higher equipment costs and project delays

Identified Risk & Mitigation

Risk: Complexity of installing new charging technology

Mitigation: Work with bus equipment supplier and project delivery team to minimize delays

Key Milestones



July 2025

Operations & Maintenance Building Open

August 2025

Begin Parking Facility Construction

January 2028

Complete Parking Facility and New Entrance;
Begin Surface Lot

July 2028

Complete bus parking, gantries and charging equipment

January 2029*

Project closeout (Previously 2027)

*13-month delay due to redesign, and long equipment lead times

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Bus Vehicles

Purchase new buses to deliver reliable and efficient service for the region

Description & Context

- Metro replaces buses to maintain a ~15-year lifecycle to support bus reliability
- Metrobus fleet size is ~1,400 buses
- Procurement for new buses awarded in November 2024 to replace up to 500 buses
 - □ ~100 buses per year
 - Mix of fueling types
- Only two domestic bus manufacturers facing high demand



KEY FEATURES

Safety

- Bus operator protective shields included in new bus contract and are being retrofitted into existing vehicles
- New cameras on buses
- Collision avoidance technology

Modern Elements

- Real-time tracking
- Durable vinyl seats
- New layout for more standing room and expanded multi-purpose area



Bus Vehicles (cont.)



CURRENT STATUS:

- Schedule updated to reflect changes in approach and manufacturer delays
- Current estimate is for 22 total buses delivered in FY2026

March 2026

Anticipate start of

bus delivery

Upcoming Strategic Decision

- Pending articulated bus procurement strategy; identify requirements and milestones
- Work with region and industry to standardize bus requirements

November 2024
Executed base contract for 100 buses

November 2025
Execute Option 1 for additional 100 buses

Identified Risks & Mitigations

Risk	Mitigation
Supply chain constraints affect manufacturers' ability to build buses	Close coordination with vendor
Customization of transit buses	Participate in industry effort to reduce customization
Base contract is subject to production delays	Execute option years in a timely manner to maintain spot in production line and speed up delivery of buses in FY2026

