# Riders' Advisory Council Orientation

June 2022



# About the Riders' Advisory Council

#### **Membership**

- Eleven members appointed by the Board
  - Two each District of Columbia, Maryland and Virginia
  - Five At-Large, including Accessibility Advisory Committee representative
- Members represent a cross-section of Metro riders
- Leadership one member from each jurisdiction
  - Chair
  - Two Vice Chairs

#### **Mission**

- Seek input on operational and budgetary issues affecting Metro
- Recommend possible solutions to Metro Board and staff
- Promote Metro responsiveness to rider concerns





# About the Riders' Advisory Council

#### Website:

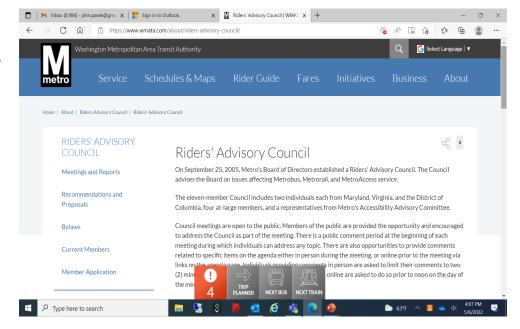
- www.wmata.com/RAC
- Meeting materials, membership list, organizational documents
- Governed by Bylaws (November 2018)

#### **Staff Support:**

- Meeting support (meeting planning, minutes, tech support)
- Coordination with Board and staff
- Facilitation of recruitment process
- Policy research and analysis

#### **Board Liaison:**

Direct link between RAC and Metro's Board of Directors





# **RAC Meetings**

- Meetings occur once/month
  - First Wednesday evening, 6 8 p.m.
  - Meetings currently online only; transitioning to hybrid (Summer 2022)
  - Meetings follow Robert's Rules of Order
  - Meetings open to the public
  - Annual elections (tentatively July 2022)



# Accessibility Advisory Committee

- Advises the Board
  - Focus on issues of concern for senior citizens and riders with disabilities
  - 20 members; one AAC member has permanent seat on RAC
  - Two subcommittees
    - -Bus/Rail
    - MetroAccess
- Major projects/initiatives
  - Metrorail station lighting upgrades
  - Railcar design and safety
  - Faregate accessibility

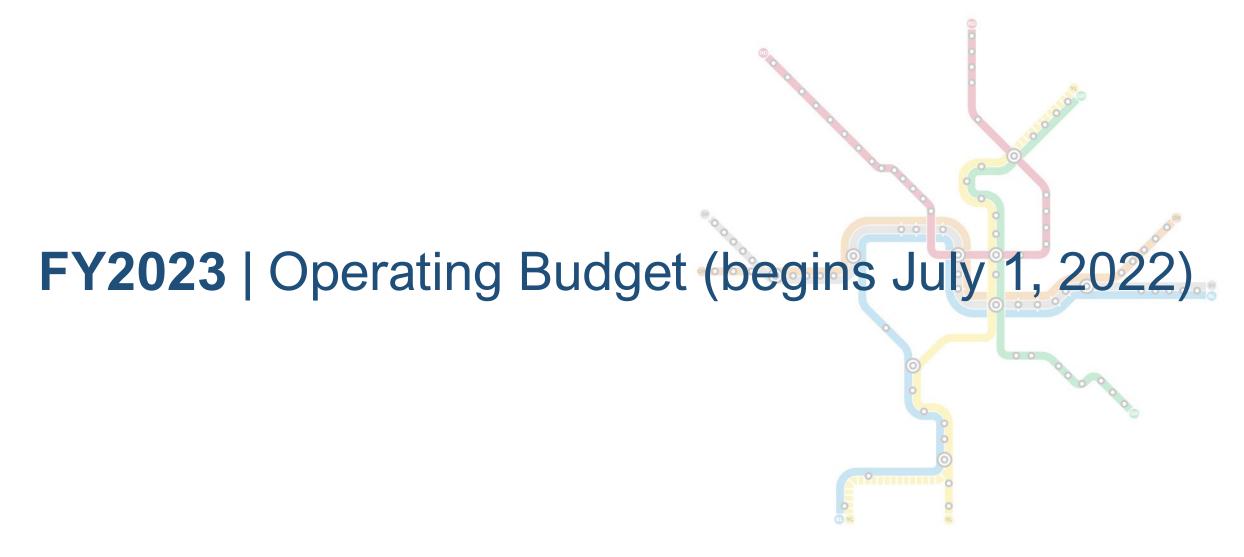


#### **Board of Directors**

- 16 members (8 Principal; 8 Alternate)
- Jurisdictional representation
  - District of Columbia
  - Maryland
  - Virginia
  - Federal Government
- Policy direction and oversight
- Direct reports: GM/CEO, IG, Board Secretary
- Operations delegated to GM/CEO

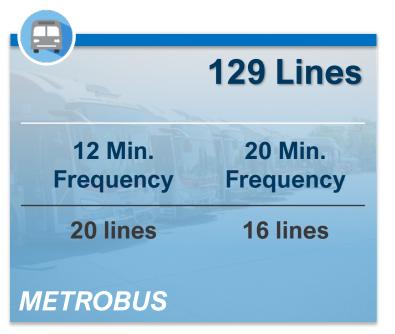




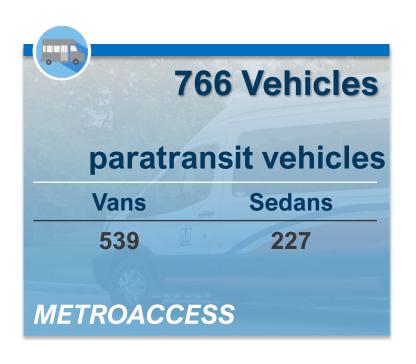




### Provide Safe, Reliable, and Affordable Service







#### Recommended FY2023 Budget and Farebox Recovery by Mode

\$744M	8%		
Budget	Farebox Recovery		

\$1,305M	18%		
Budget	Farebox Recovery		

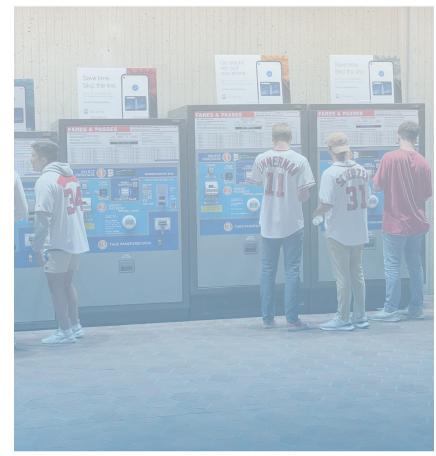
\$198M	3%		
Budget	Farebox Recovery		



### Fare Initiatives and Discounts to Support Ridership

FY2023 Pandemic Fare Initiatives			\$ and trips in millions	
Mode	Initiative	<b>Benefitting Trips</b>	Revenue Impact	
	Late Night Rail \$2 Flat Fare	3.2	(\$1.0)	
	Discount Monthly Passes		(\$1.7)	
<b>B B</b>	Discount 7-Day Unlimited Pass <sup>1</sup>		(\$0.3)	
Total		.2	(\$10.9)	

FY2022 September Fare Changes \$ and trips in millions				
Mode	Initiative	<b>Benefitting Trips</b>	Revenue Impact	
	Weekend Rail \$2 Flat Fare	12.2	(\$4.3)	
	\$2 Bus-Rail Transfer Discount	7.5	(\$7.4)	
	\$12 7-Day Regional Bus Pass	5.9	(\$0.6)	
Total		25.6	(\$12.3)	



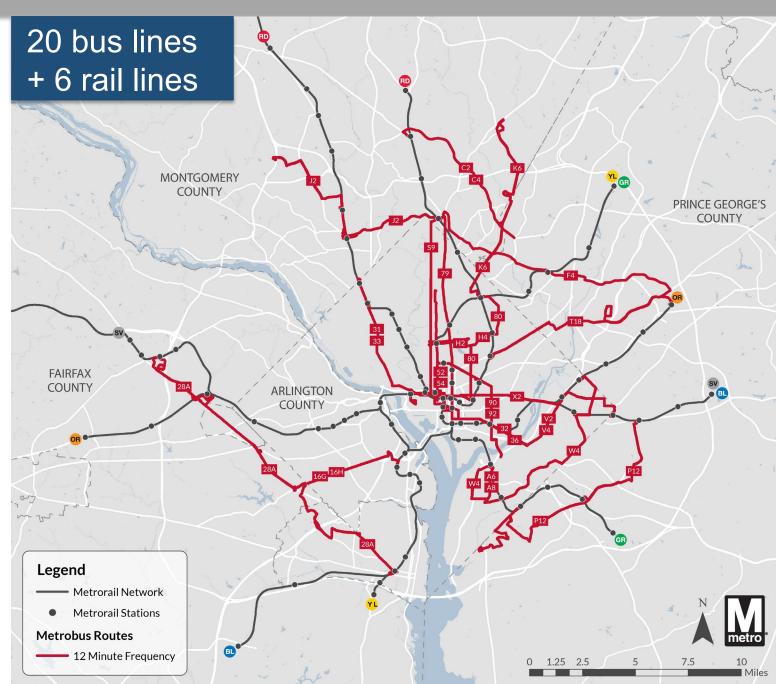
1. Estimate is for six months only Note: Table and chart totals may not sum due to independent rounding



All Day Rail-Bus Network

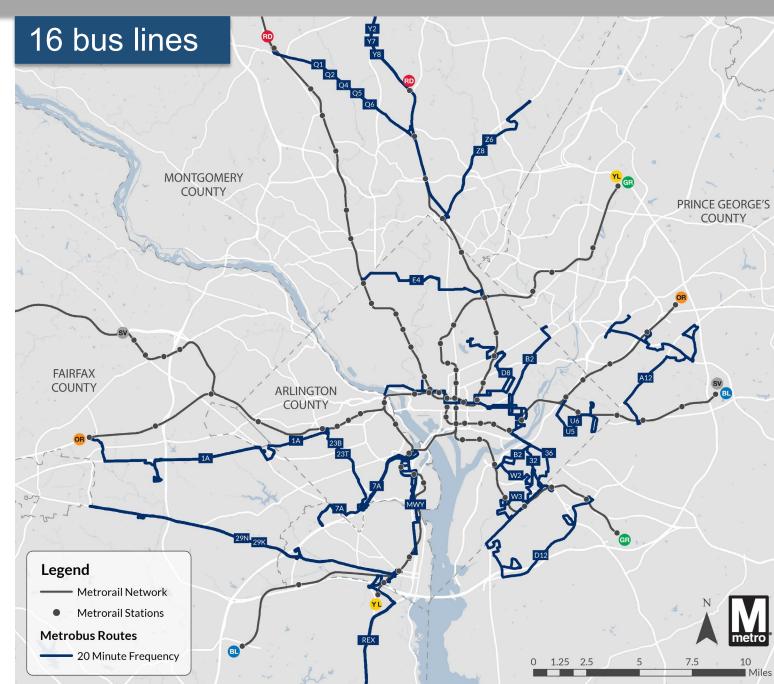
# Frequent Service Concept | Bus

- Launch a frequent bus network at rail frequencies on 20 lines
- 12-minute or better headway from 7a-9p, 7 days a week
- Benefits ~43% of existing bus riders
- Launched Sept. 2021



# Additional All Day Improvements Consistent Service Concept | Bus

- Benefit a broader number of riders by improving base service with consistent frequency on an additional 16 lines
- 20-minute or better headway from 7a-9p, 7 days a week
- Benefits ~17% of riders



# Federal Relief Funding (as of March 2022)

Total	\$2,451.2	\$221.0	\$600.5	\$762.6 <sup>2</sup>	\$680.8	\$186.3	\$0.0
ARPA	1,058.5	0.0	0.0	191.4	680.8	186.3	0.0
CRRSAA	625.1	0.0	53.9	571.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
CARES	\$767.7	\$221.0	\$546.7	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0	\$0.0
\$ in millions	Funding	FY2020 Actual	FY2021 Actual	FY2022 Budget R	FY2023 ecommended	FY2024 Plan	Balance
Federal Relief Funding <sup>1</sup>							



<sup>1.</sup> Reflects net amounts to WMATA and excludes jurisdictional credits in FY2021 and FY2022

<sup>2.</sup> Any unused federal relief in FY2022 will increase federal relief funding availability in FY2024

# Capital Program Overview



# \$12 Billion Safety & State of Good Repair CIP

- Improve system safety, state of good repair, and reliability
- Rehabilitate, replace, and modernize the system
- Integrate resilience and sustainability
- Accelerate delivery of projects to address critical, long-standing needs
- Maintain fiscal accountability
  - 3% aggregate cap on jurisdictional capital assistance
  - Dedicated funding supported debt



# Platform Improvement Project (PIP)

- Concrete platforms have been exposed to weather and de-icing agents for decades
- Platforms built 35-40 years ago are now deteriorating
- Necessary for safety and accessibility
- Platforms at 17 stations have been repaired over the last 3 years
- The project is now in its final phase and will reconstruct platforms at New Carrollton, Landover and Cheverly



Existing platform conditions at New Carrollton Station



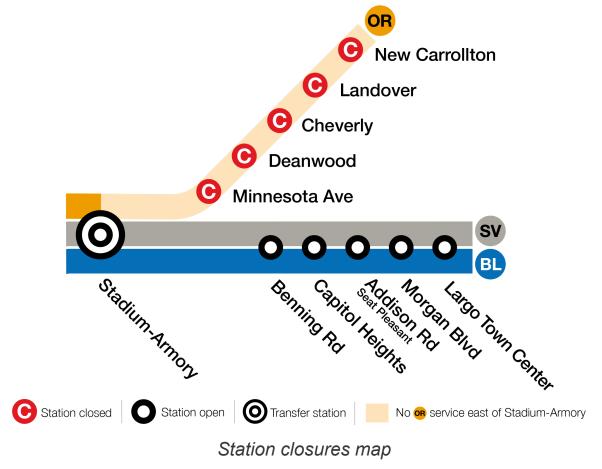
# OR Station Closures – May 28-September 5

#### **Stations Closing**

- New Carrollton
- Landover
- Cheverly
- Deanwood
- Minnesota Ave

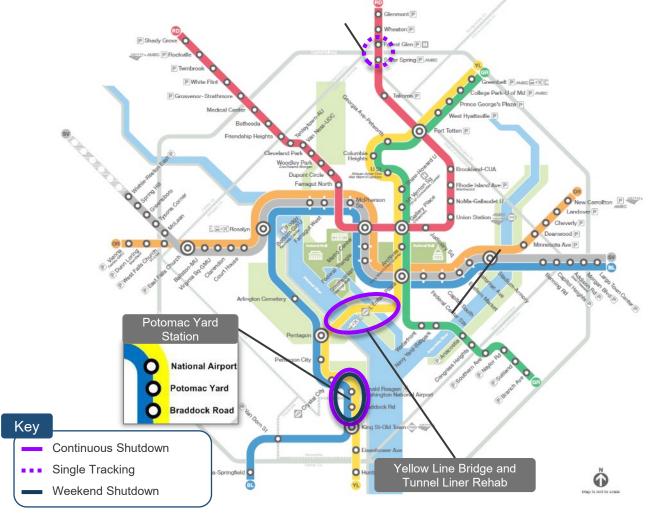
#### **Rail Service Information**

- OR Weekday service between Vienna and Stadium-Armory
- **OR** Weekend service between Vienna and Ballston-MU





Capital Program Work – Potomac Yard/Yellow Line



#### **Potomac Yard Station**

- September 10 October 22, 2022
- Continuous shut down south of National Airport for track cutover
- Alternative transportation plans in development

#### Yellow Line Bridge and Tunnel Liner Rehab

- September 10, 2022 Spring 2023
- 7-8 month extended Shutdown between Pentagon and L'Enfant
- Alternative transportation plans in development



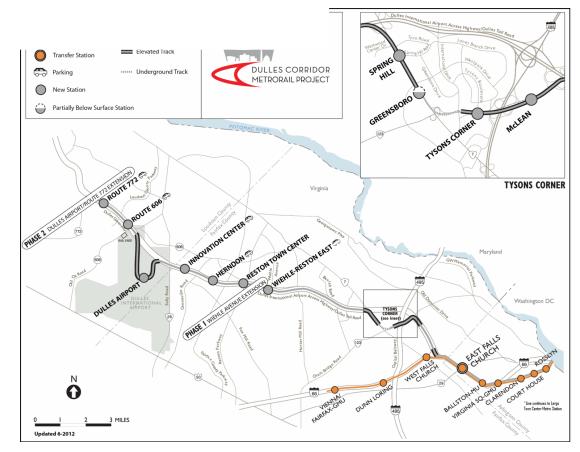
#### Silver Line Phase 2

#### New Stations at:

- Reston Town Center
- Herndon
- Innovation Center
- Dulles Airport
- Loudoun Gateway
- Ashburn

#### Construction ongoing

Transfer from MWAA to WMATA



Station closures map



# Transition to Zero-Emission Buses Supports Regional Sustainability

- Metro is committed to transition the bus fleet to zero-emission as quickly as feasible (Fleet plan adoption, December 2021)
- Transition includes many supporting activities and requires coordination across internal and external groups
- Metro is already implementing several key activities to begin the transition
- July 2022 RAC agenda item

# Board adopted zero-emission bus goals (June 2021)

Purchase only lower-emission and electric buses in next bus procurement

Transition to 100% zero-emission bus purchases by 2030

Have a 100% zero-emission bus fleet by 2045



# Board's Framework: Advancing Equitable Transit at Metro (June 2020)

Transit Equity Task Force

MTPD Investigations Review Panel

RAC Recruitment

Board Trainings on Race and Transit Equity

Examine Fares and Service

Performance Reporting



# Metro's Public Participation Plan



- Guides how Metro solicits public input and distributes information
- Four main principles
  - 1. Inclusive
  - 2. Collaborative
  - 3. Responsive
  - 4. Consistent
- PPP Best Practices
- Equity Analysis (Title VI of Civil Rts Act)

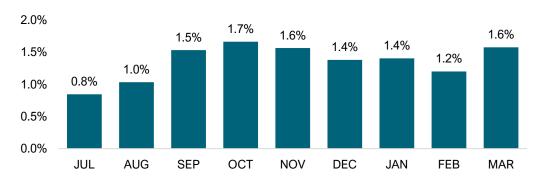


# Crowding

- Low crowding levels across the entire system
- Acute crowding beginning during peak hours. Hot spots are 4:30 5:30pm at Rosslyn, Metro Center (Red Line) and L'Enfant Plaza (Green/Yellow Lines)
- Strategically adding trips on Metrorail, reducing crowding by 25-40 percent during busiest times
- Service levels budgeted in FY23 designed to meet regional needs, return to office

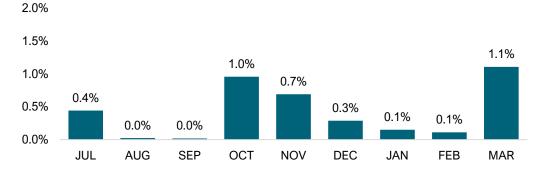
#### **Metrobus Crowding**

**FY22 TREND** | percent of bus stops encountered with > 30 passengers on the bus



#### **Metrorail Crowding**

**FY22 TREND** | percent of passenger time spent in crowded conditions (> 75 passengers per car)





#### Rail OTP and Fleet Reliability

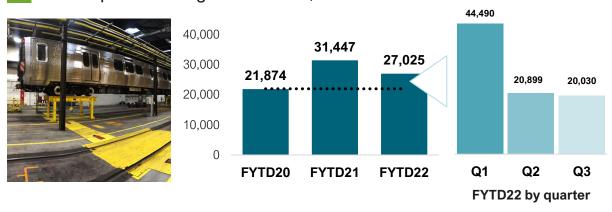
#### Removal of the 7000-series led to longer wait times, reliance on oldest fleet

- OTP improved since October, reaching 75 percent in March 2022 as service frequencies increased to 10 minutes on Red Line and 20 minutes on all other lines thanks to more 6000-series railcars
- Reliability above target for the fiscal year but below target after 7000-series removal. Metro's oldest railcars are performing at highest levels ever recorded and over 50 percent better than last year

## Metrorail | 78% of on-time customer trips as compared to target $\cdots$ of $\geq 92\%$



## Metrorail fleet | 27,025 miles between failure as compared to target ···· of ≥ 22,000



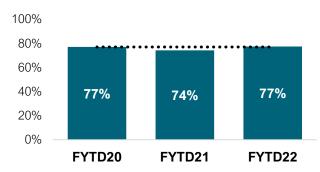
#### Bus OTP and Fleet Reliability

#### All targets met

- On-time performance continued to meet target with about 11 percent of timepoints delivered early and 12 percent delivered late
- Strong reliability continues across all sub fleets, with record high performance achieved in January

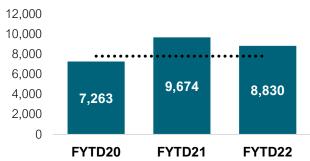
#### Metrobus | 77% of on-time buses as compared to target ···· of ≥ 77%





#### Metrobus fleet | 8,830 miles between failure as compared to target ···· of ≥ 7,200

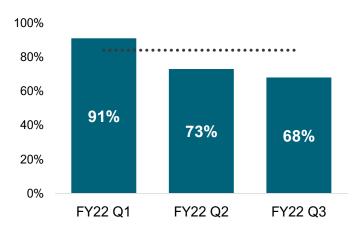




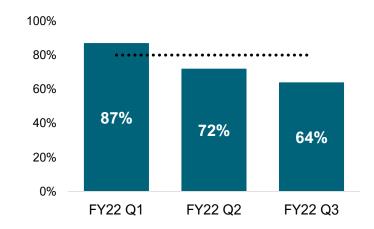
#### **Customer Satisfaction**

- High customer satisfaction in Q1 reflects low crowding and reliable service
- Satisfaction fell in Q2 and Q3 when service reductions due to derailment,
   Covid-related operator shortages

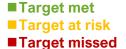
# Rail Customer Satisfaction | 68% as compared to target ···· of ≥ 84%



# Bus Customer Satisfaction | 64% as compared to target ···· of ≥ 80%









# **Potential Meeting Topics**

