

Docket B25-01: Proposed FY2026 Capital Improvement Program and Federal FY2026 Grant Applications

Overview

WMATA is committed to maintaining the safety, reliability, and affordability of its system by substantially improving its assets — from rail stations, tracks and traction power infrastructure to the vehicles, maintenance facilities and cooling systems — and providing a better transit experience for hundreds of thousands of customers each day.

The proposed FY2026 capital budget of \$2.4 billion and six-year capital improvement program of \$12.5 billion (both including revenue loss and debt service) include investment in ongoing projects, prioritized system preservation and renewal needs and investments to provide safe and efficient service delivery informed by asset management and reliability plans.

Capital program publications detail the following:

- Capital Program Strategy outlining the vision and goals for capital investments.
- Six-Year Capital Improvement Program investments of \$12.5 billion and a FY2026 capital budget of \$2.4 billion with a list of priority projects and programs constrained by affordability and delivery capacity.
- Ten-Year Capital Plan projecting \$17 billion in investments. (Note: Due to delivery capacity constraint, there are significant investment needs beyond the Ten-Year planning horizon.)

Major capital program investments to further improve service and customer experience include:

- **Railcars and Rail Facilities.** Major *vehicle* investments include the 8000-series railcar acquisition program. Major *facilities and systems* investments include rail vehicle scheduled maintenance program (SMP) facility improvements and railyard state of good repair.
- **Rail Systems.** Major investments include Train Control Room Rehabilitation, Track Circuit Cable Testing and Replacement, Switch Machine Replacement, Rail Power System Rehabilitation, Radio Infrastructure Replacement, Fiber Installation.
- **Track and Structures Rehabilitation.** Major investments include track rehabilitation and maintenance; tunnel ventilation demonstration and water leak mitigation demonstration on the red line; and bridge and aerial structural rehabilitation.
- **Station and Passenger Facilities.** Major investments include standpipe systems and tunnel emergency egress; parking garage and surface lot rehabilitation, station entrance canopies, and elevator rehabilitations; digital signage and wayfinding, lighting, and fare payment modernization.
- **Bus, Bus Facilities, and Paratransit.** Major *vehicle* investments include bus acquisition and rehabilitation and paratransit vehicle purchases, including zero emission bus acquisition. Major *facilities* investments include Northern and

Bladensburg garage replacements and electrification; electrification of the Cinder Bed bus garage, bus shelter replacement, customer information electronic displays, bus priority program.

- **Operations and Business Support.** A modern training facility, computing infrastructure state of good repair; Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) System Replacement; Asset Management System Upgrade; service vehicle replacement; and environmental compliance.

The six-year plan includes reimbursable projects such as the Purple Line.

Financial Plan by Investment Category

Capital Investment Categories (\$M)	FY2026 Proposed Budget*	FY2027 – FY2031 Plan*	Six-Year Total*
Railcars and Railcar Facilities	\$434	\$2,195	\$2,629
Rail Systems	\$344	\$1,022	\$1,366
Track and Structure Rehabilitation	\$275	\$1,152	\$1,426
Stations and Passenger Facilities	\$315	\$1,058	\$1,372
Bus, Bus Facilities, and Paratransit	\$483	\$1,814	\$2,297
Operations and Business Support	\$286	\$1,087	\$1,373
Total Capital Investments	\$2,137	\$8,325	\$10,462
Revenue Loss from Capital Projects	\$10	\$0	\$10
Debt Service - Dedicated Funding	\$253	\$1,800	\$2,053
Total Capital Program Cost	\$2,400	\$10,125	\$12,525

*FY2026-FY2031 Plan capital investment category allocation subject to change as project costs and schedules are refined; columns may not sum due to rounding.

Capital Program Funding Sources

Funding Sources (\$M)	FY2026 Proposed Budget*
Formula and Other Grants	\$482
PRIIA	\$144
Subtotal Federal Grants	\$626
District of Columbia	\$345
State of Maryland	\$319
Commonwealth of Virginia	\$297
Subtotal State and Local Contribution	\$961
Jurisdiction Reimbursable Projects	\$42
Debt and Other Fund Sources	\$772
Grand Total	\$2,400

*FY2026 Funding Sources are estimates and may change; columns may not sum due to rounding.