



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

# WMATA and Metro Safety Commission Update

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# Metrorail Safety Commission Interstate Compact



- HB 2136 (LeMunyon) and SB 1251 (Barker) adopted unanimously
  - Governor has until March 27<sup>th</sup> to sign both bills
  - DC enacted bill on February 11; Maryland has passed identical bills in House and Senate
  - Emergency Clause included. Both become law immediately upon Governor signature
- Enactment clause requires Secretary to engage DC, Maryland, and Federal officials on certain WMATA Compact reforms

# MSC Mobilization Milestones

- Enactment of MSC in Virginia, Maryland expected soon
- Congressional interstate compact legislation introduced. Consideration forthcoming soon
- MSC expected to be ready to assume oversight within 9 months of enactment by all three jurisdictions
- Mobilization activities include:
  - Appointment of MSC Commissioners
  - Incorporation of MSC in DC
  - Hiring of MSC Executive Director and transfer or hiring of key technical staff
  - Procurement of other technical resources
- Working with FTA to define certification requirements

# FTA Withholding Impacts

- USDOT began withholding of 5% of FFY 2017 5307 funding statewide because MSC was not established by February 9<sup>th</sup>
- Approx. \$3.7 million in FFY 2017 withheld thus far. May be as much as \$6.2 million under full year of federal appropriations and until FTA certifies new MSC
- Budget bill permits up to \$6.2 million in loans from VDOT to DRPT in FY 2017 and FY 2018 for transit agencies impacted
  - Agencies must have expended all FFY 2016 federal funding first
  - Subject to repayment



## FFY 2017 Section 5307 Virginia Apportionments

By Population	FFY 2017 Apportionment* \$ Millions	Less 5% \$ Millions
Washington, D.C. - Virginia only	\$47.4	\$2.4
Virginia Beach	\$10.1	\$0.51
Richmond	\$6.7	\$0.34
Roanoke	\$1.5	\$0.08
Governor's Apportionments	\$8.1	\$0.41
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$73.8</b>	<b>\$3.7</b>

- The Continuing Resolution authorizing FFY 2017 5307 funding expires April 28<sup>th</sup>. Under a full year of 5307 appropriations, statewide withholding may be as much as \$6.2 million until the FTA certifies the Metro Safety Commission

# WMATA Governance and Operations Review

- DRPT to begin Governance and Operations review in March 2017
  - Legal and organizational structure of WMATA
  - Composition and terms of Board of Directors Labor costs
  - Sustainability of employee retirement plans
  - Safety and reliability
  - Options to improve the efficiency of WMATA operations
- Interim report to General Assembly by November 15, 2017



# WMATA Compact Review

- Secretary will engage DC and MD in review of WMATA compact provisions
- Secretary will coordinate with NVTC
- Recommendations for potential reforms will be informed by WMATA Governance and Operations Review
- Quarterly updates to General Assembly
- Any WMATA compact changes would require mutual agreement and legislation in VA, MD, DC and Congress

