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# WMATA Legislation Implementation

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# WMATA Legislation

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- **Virginia legislation directs the Commonwealth Transportation Board to withhold state funds for WMATA under certain circumstances**
- **Maryland legislation also includes circumstances where state funds for WMATA are withheld**
- **Both VA and Maryland legislation include reporting requirements**

# CTB Policies

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- **Recommend the Board establish policies to provide clear guidance to WMATA Board and General Manager regarding Virginia legislation**
- **Recommend Board policies align, to the extent practicable, with Maryland requirements**

# 3% Cap on Growth in Operating Assistance

- Board is required to withhold 35% of dedicated state funds for WMATA (53.5% of Mass Transit Account)
- The operating costs related to the following is excluded from this calculation:
  - Any service, equipment, or facility that is required by any applicable law, rule or regulation
  - Any capital project approved by the WMATA Board
  - Any payment/obligation resulting from a legal dispute or proceeding
- Maryland and Virginia language is identical

# WMATA Board Governance

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- **Board shall withhold 20% of dedicated state funds for WMATA for non-compliance**
- **Intent of legislation was—**
  - **To scale back the size of the WMATA Board to the principal directors and have the alternate directors only participate in Board meetings or committee meetings if principal is not present, and**
  - **Revise WMATA by-laws so only principal directors are members of committees**

# WMATA Strategic Plan

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- **Board shall withhold 20% of dedicated state funding for WMATA for non-compliance**
- **WMATA must adopt by July 1, 2019 a strategic plan that addresses the key recommendations from the LaHood Report, and hold a public hearing in Northern Virginia**
- **Every 3 years thereafter WMATA must adopt or update a strategic plan**

# WMATA Capital Improvement Program

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- **Board shall withhold 20% of dedicated state funding for WMATA for non-compliance**
- **WMATA must adopt by July 1, 2019 a capital improvement program that covers a 6-year period, and hold a public hearing in Northern Virginia**
- **Annually thereafter WMATA must update the 6-year program, similar to CTB policy**

# Reporting Requirements

- **Dedicated state funding for WMATA is contingent upon NVTC reporting on WMATA's condition and performance**
- **Maryland legislation includes similar reporting requirements. Additional items include**
  - **Monthly ridership by rail line, rail station, bus line and bus station**
  - **Comparison of annual capital investments to the approved capital budget**
- **Maryland operating funds may be withheld if WMATA does not report this information**

# Moving Forward

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- **Secretary's Office and DPRT will be meet and coordinate with Maryland and the District regarding reforms**
- **Draft policies will be developed by DRPT and provided to the Board at its July meeting**
- **Based on feedback final policies will be provided to the Board for action at its September meeting**