

Response to Questions on the FY 2006 Advertised Budget Plan

Request By: Supervisor Hudgins

Question: What is the status of Regional Mobility Initiative?

Response: The Regional Mobility Initiative (RMI) is a WMATA program to make short-term, lower cost bus improvements, as recommended in the Regional Bus Study completed by WMATA in 2002. An amount of \$28 million of Metro Matters funding has been allocated to this effort for the six-year period from FY 2005 through FY 2010. This funding will support the development, testing and deployment of bus intelligent transportation systems (ITS), including real-time information systems. Funds will also support bus stop improvements, including the purchase and installation of bus shelters and better maps at bus shelters throughout the region. All work is still in the planning stages. County staff is working with WMATA on this initiative and will seek proportionate bus stop improvements in Fairfax County.