

## Response to Questions on the FY 2011 Budget

**Request By:** Supervisor Gross

**Question:** What is the County's annual disbursement of funds to the Metro system (bus and train)? Please provide a breakdown of the funds (operations, capital construction, etc.) and fare box collections against these funds, on the bus and on the train.

**Response:** Metro Operations: The County's actual subsidy requirement for FY 2011 will be finalized when Metro adopts its budget in June 2010, and those numbers will be reflected in the *FY 2011 Revised Budget Plan* at the *FY 2010 Carryover Review*. The Fairfax County total proposed FY 2011 subsidy for Metro operations is \$76,828,991, a projected increase of \$4,824,314, or 6.7 percent, over the *FY 2010 Revised Budget Plan* of \$72,004,677 based on preliminary information from Metro staff in fall 2009. **However, the County's FY 2011 General Fund Transfer for Metro remains constant at \$7,409,851.**

The County utilizes a combination of General Fund dollars, State Aid and Gas Tax Revenue (held at the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission on behalf of Fairfax County) to support its entire Metro operating subsidy. It should be noted that the FY 2011 County transfer has been held at the FY 2010 level by using State Aid balances held at NVTC which will not be available to offset FY 2012 requirements.

County support for Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess, **net of fare revenue**, breaks out as follows:

	FY 2010 Revised Budget Plan	FY 2011 Advertised
Metrorail	\$22,621,746	\$24,137,403
Metrobus	40,219,382	42,914,081
MetroAccess	9,163,549	9,777,507
<b>Total</b>	<b>72,004,677</b>	<b>76,828,991</b>

It is noted that all revenues collected by Metro are used to offset costs, and the remaining subsidy required is allocated to the jurisdictions. Fare revenue covers approximately 79 percent of Metrorail costs, 31 percent of Metrobus operations, and 5 percent of MetroAccess costs.

Metro Capital: In addition to Metro operations support, the County is budgeted to provide \$32,260,928 in Metro capital support in FY 2011. This compares to \$26,257,273 in Metro FY 2010 capital support for Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess. In FY 2011, County General Obligation Bonds of \$22.69 million are applied to meet this requirement, with the balance of support coming from State Aid (\$4.41 million), Gas Tax Revenue (0.16 million), and State Bonds (\$5.0 million).