

Response to Questions on the FY 2013 Budget

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Question: Please provide a summary of State Aid and Gas Tax used in support of Metro and how it is being applied in FY 2013.

Response: The following chart highlights the amount of State Aid and Gas Tax used in support of Fund 309, Metro Operations and Construction. In the *FY 2012 Revised Budget Plan*, \$56.25 million in State Aid and \$20.45 million in Gas Tax are being applied to Metro. In FY 2013, it is anticipated that \$58.63 million in State Aid and \$21.46 million in Gas Tax will be available to be applied to Metro. By utilizing increased amounts of State Aid and Gas Tax, the need for a General Fund Transfer increase in support of Metro is mitigated for FY 2013.

	<i>FY 2012 Revised Budget Plan</i>	<i>FY 2013 Advertised Budget Plan</i>
State Aid Applied to Operating	51.84	54.22
State Aid Applied to Debt Service	3.01	3.01
State Aid Applied to Metro Matters	1.40	1.40
<i>Subtotal State Aid</i>	<i>\$56.25</i>	<i>\$58.63</i>
Gas Tax Applied to Operating	20.29	21.30
Gas Tax Applied to Debt Service	0.16	0.16
<i>Subtotal Gas Tax</i>	<i>\$20.45</i>	<i>\$21.46</i>
TOTAL	<i>\$76.70</i>	<i>\$80.09</i>

The amount of Gas Tax available to be applied in FY 2013 is higher due to projected increases in gas prices. The amount of State Aid available to be applied to operating is higher in FY 2013 due to lower capital project requirements for State Aid compared to FY 2012. It should be noted that the availability of State Aid and Gas Tax totals in future years is in flux given new requirements for expanded Tysons CONNECTOR service and the Dulles Rail subsidy are going to be required. Thus it is likely that additional General Fund support will be required in future years.