

## Response to Questions on the FY 2011 Budget

**Request By:** Supervisor Foust

**Question:** Please detail Metro funding requirements, as included in the Advertised Budget Plan and as proposed by the Metro General Manager.

**Response:** The following chart shows the breakout of the County Metro subsidy for the *FY 2010 Revised Budget Plan*, the FY 2011 Advertised Budget Plan, and the FY 2011 Metro General Manager's proposed budget.

(in millions)	FY 2010	FY 2011 Advertised (based on fall WMATA staff estimates)	FY 2011 Metro General Manager's proposed budget (January)
<b>Total Operating</b>	<b>\$72.00</b>	<b>\$76.83</b>	<b>\$68.95</b>
<b>Capital:</b>			
Debt Service	\$3.17	\$3.17	\$3.17
Metro Matters	23.09	29.09	TBD
<b>Total Capital</b>	<b>\$26.26</b>	<b>\$32.26</b>	<b>TBD</b>
<b>Total Operating and Capital</b>	<b>\$98.26</b>	<b>\$109.09</b>	<b>TBD</b>

Operating Subsidy: The County utilizes a combination of General Fund dollars, State Aid and Gas Tax Revenue (held on behalf of Fairfax County at the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission) to support its Metro operating subsidy.

- The County developed its FY 2011 Advertised Budget Plan Metro operating subsidy of \$76,828,991 based on a fall 2009 WMATA staff-projected increase of 6.7 percent over the *FY 2010 Revised Budget Plan* of \$72,004,677.
- In January 2010 the Metro General Manager released his proposed operating budget, reflecting a proposed Fairfax County subsidy of \$68,947,871. This level represents a decrease of \$7.88 million from the County's Advertised Budget Plan level. The General Manager's budget assumes a 6 percent service cut and implementation of proposed fare increases.
- 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*.

- Should the \$7.88 million not be required in FY 2011 to support the Metro operating subsidy, this amount will continue to be held at the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission to meet FY 2012 requirements.
- It is noted that the *FY 2010 Revised Budget Plan* and the FY 2011 Advertised Budget Plan include a \$7.4 million General Fund Transfer. The County was able to accomplish holding the FY 2011 General Fund transfer level through the application of one time State Aid balances held on behalf of Fairfax County at the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission. State Aid applied to the operating budget was \$41.55 million in FY 2010. The FY 2011 Advertised Budget Plan includes applied State Aid of \$49.08 million.

Capital Subsidy: In addition to Metro operations support, the FY 2011 Advertised Budget Plan includes a total of \$32,260,928 in Metro capital support for Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess. County General Obligation Bonds of \$22.7 million are applied to meet this requirement, with the balance of support coming from State Aid, Gas Tax Revenue, interest and State Bonds. The total capital support includes \$3.17 million for debt service payments on Metro bonds for the original 103 mile system, and a projected \$29.09 million for the next Metro Matters program. Specific funding requirements for this program have not yet been determined, and will depend on the capital funding agreement now being developed in cooperation with all jurisdictions.