



Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation

WMATA Update

Commonwealth Transportation Board

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Follow up on March 16th System Closure



- Many commuters were able to telecommute or shift their mode of travel, which minimized impact on 3/16; would be hard to replicate success during multi-day or long-term service disruption
- The focus of the shutdown was to inspect all underground cables
- A total of 1,928 cables were inspected
 - 27 defects, including three of high priority, were corrected
 - Work is underway on 338 other locations requiring non-emergency repair

WMATA Safety

- WMATA is responsible for system safety
- New FTA division currently leads Metrorail safety oversight
- Interim measure until the Metro Safety Commission is formed by VA/MD/DC
- An excess of 100 open CAPs remain – FTA & TOC issued



Metro Safety Commission (MSC)



- USDOT and FTA leadership have set a **Feb 9, 2017** deadline to create MSC
 - Have threatened to withhold 5% Urbanized Formula funds if deadline not met
- An accelerated effort has been underway since Fall 2015 by VA/MD/DC to demonstrate progress toward MSC
- VA/MD/DC working with independent legal consultants; drafting legislation by summer 2016
- Virginia will introduce MSC legislation to General Assembly in January 2017

WMATA Funding



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Federal PRIIA Funding

Capital Funding Agreement (CFA)

Impact of Transit Capital Funding Cliff

Transit Capital Project Revenue Advisory
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