

Meeting Summary

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Agency: MDOT-MTA

Date of Meeting: October 16, 2009

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the MDOT-MTA Stat on October 16, 2009. Analysis is provided by StateStat.

General Discussion

- **Light Rail Fall Season Update.** MTA prepared a brief presentation regarding its rail wheel/leaf mitigation efforts for the Fall. The agency has worked hard over the last year to maintain wheel diameter, provide regular track and rail car maintenance, and has employed a consultant to establish best management practices for removing leaf residue from tracks.
- **MARC Service Improvement Plan.** MTA prepared a presentation regarding planned improvements to MARC service. The agency reported that it recently worked out an arrangement with Amtrak to store one MARC train set at Union Station over the weekends, which will allow MTA to add an additional three bi-level cars to the Penn Line train sets, **adding over 400 seats**. Additionally, ARRA-funded improvements have been made at the Martins Yard facility in Eastern Baltimore County. Once the necessary mechanical forces are in place, MARC will be able to add service for the Martin State Airport station.
- **FY09 Projected Operating Budget.** MTA reported that the change in its projected operating budget for its grant programs was due to an increase in Recovery Act funding for the Locally Operated Transit Systems.

Projected Operating Budget - FY 2009	Mar-09	Apr-09	May-09	Jun-09	% Change
Bus	\$213,370,000	\$207,931,000	\$211,649,000	\$192,683,000	-8.96%
Metro	\$39,116,000	\$38,500,000	\$38,240,000	\$32,970,000	-13.78%
Light Rail	\$31,732,000	\$30,403,000	\$28,640,000	\$27,735,000	-3.16%
Mobility	\$54,476,000	\$55,833,000	\$54,862,000	\$59,211,000	7.93%
MARC	\$92,920,000	\$92,928,000	\$92,215,000	\$95,489,000	3.55%
Commuter Bus	\$26,745,000	\$27,167,000	\$26,163,000	\$30,083,000	14.98%
Grants	\$56,674,000	\$56,674,000	\$56,875,000	\$71,701,000	26.07%
Safety & Security	\$41,666,000	\$45,449,000	\$45,358,000	\$39,214,000	-13.55%
Administration	\$42,711,000	\$44,318,000	\$45,085,000	\$40,736,000	-9.65%
TOTAL	\$599,410,000	\$599,203,000	\$599,087,000	\$589,822,000	-1.55%