

WMATA Update

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WMATA Budget

- The preliminary estimate is that Metro will receive approximately \$610 million from the Coronavirus Response and Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act of 2021, of which \$95.6 million is proposed to be allocated to the FY2021 operating budget.
- Revisions to the previously approved budget and in response to customer requests and current demand, Metro will restore and increase Metrobus service to ensure service for essential trips and provide extra capacity to maintain social distancing.

WMATA Budget

- Current approved rail service levels are recommended to continue as they provide adequate capacity for demand that is forecast for the remainder of the fiscal year.
- Service-related FTE positions previously scheduled to be eliminated in February will not be eliminated to ensure Metro has flexibility to respond to changing demand and ridership recovery.
- The previously planned \$30 million capital project deferral is no longer recommended in order to preserve borrowing capacity and protect the capital program.

WMATA's Proposed Solution

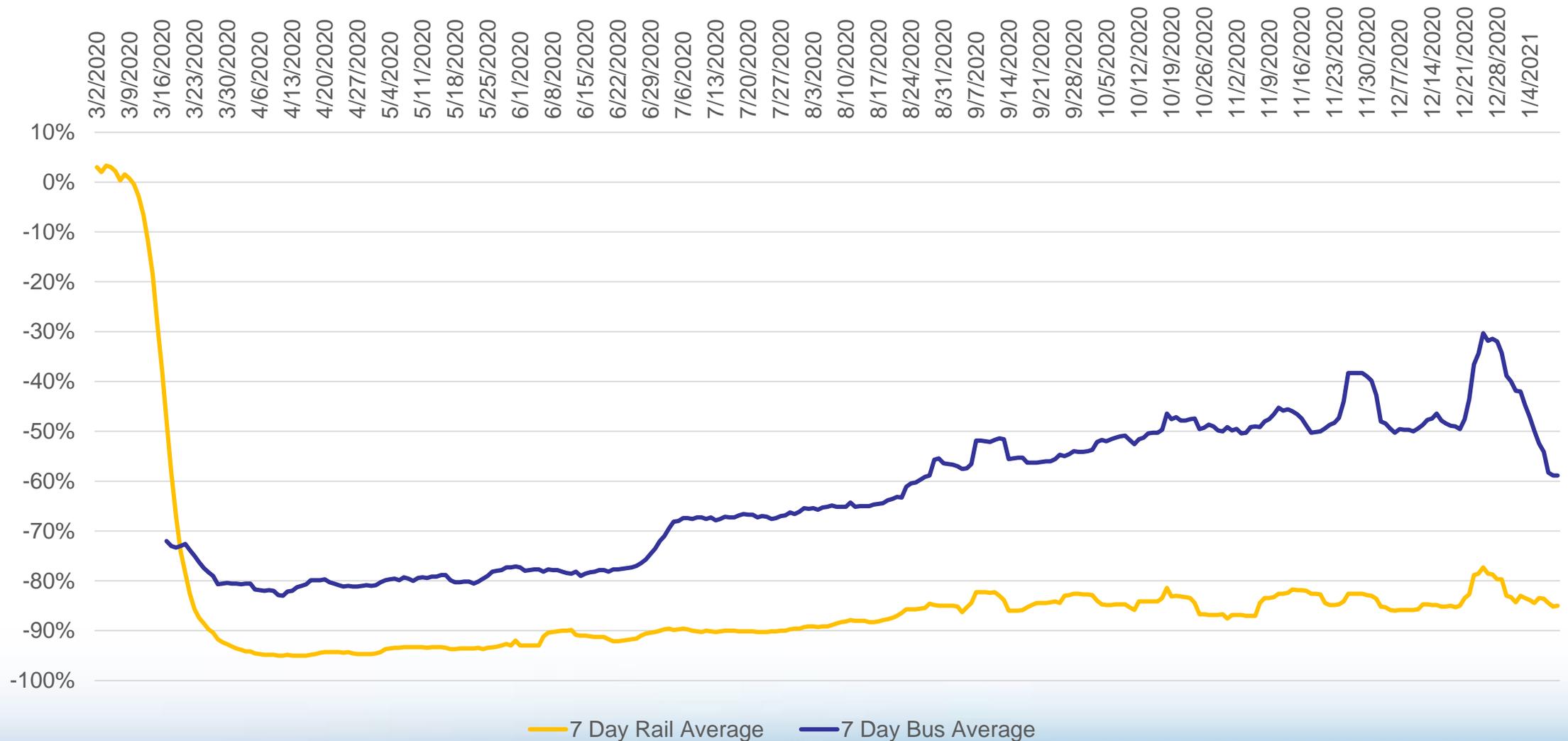
- Metrobus - Current Metrobus service levels of approximately 78 percent of pre-pandemic service would be maintained to serve essential trips with improvements phased in during the spring until reaching 82 percent of pre-pandemic service in May. The added service would help maintain social distancing of approximately no more than 20 passengers at the same time on a standard bus and support higher ridership as well as improve reliability.
- Specific improvements to be phased in include:
 - 7 lines with full or partial restoration of weekday peak-period coverage
 - 4 lines with full or partial restoration of weekday all-day service
 - 10 lines with restoration of Saturday service
 - 9 lines with restoration of Sunday service
 - 34 lines with service extended to 2 AM (1A, 7A, 10A, 16E, 23B, 28A, 38B)

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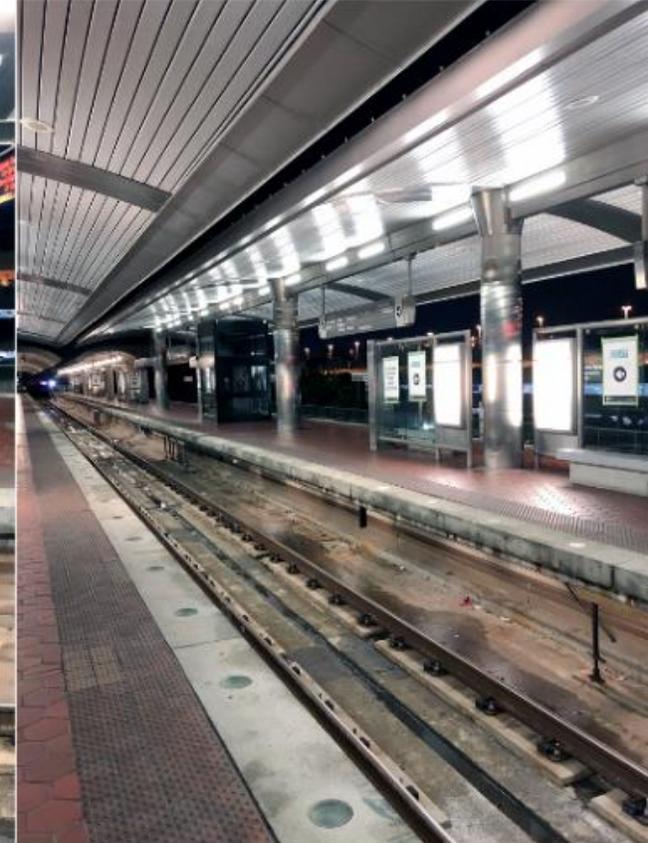
- Metrorail - No additional change to Metrorail service is recommended at this time. Instead, Metrorail would maintain the FY2021 service levels approved by the Board on November 19, 2020 including retention of:
 - 5:00 am to 11:00 pm daily operating hours
 - Standardize weekday and off-peak rail service frequencies on each line
 - Open Silver Line Phase 2: July 1, 2021

While the proposed budget amendment would restore more than 1,200 FTE positions to Metro's FY2021 budget that were scheduled to be eliminated in February, the Authority will continue workforce reductions through attrition, voluntary departures, and efficiency-driven non-voluntary reductions.

WMATA COVID-19 Ridership



Platform Improvement Project National Airport



Platform reconstruction work at National Airport Station, which began on August 7, was completed over the weekend on December 13, making it the eleventh station to have undergone platform repairs. As one of the few stations with three tracks, the station remained open during all three phases of construction, with one track taken out of service at a time.

Due to the deteriorating platform conditions, this station had been moved up in the project schedule with a focus on the most safety-critical work of rebuilding the platform edge and installing new slip-resistant tiles on the platform. The installation of future customer experience improvements, such as larger Passenger Information Displays and new platform shelters, will be completed at a later date.



Platform Improvement Project

Arlington Cemetery

- Metro will offer free shuttle bus service and other travel alternatives during the spring closure Arlington Cemetery station on the Blue and Silver lines, the transit agency announced today.
- Arlington Cemetery will be closed from Saturday, Feb. 13 through Sunday, May 23, 2021, to allow for construction. The around-the-clock closures allow Metro to minimize service impacts across the regional network and restore normal service faster than would otherwise be possible. Service details, shuttle bus information and other travel alternatives are listed below and available at [wmata.com/platforms](https://www.wmata.com/platforms).
- To minimize the impact of construction at other stations, Metro is altering rail service patterns during construction February through May. Blue Line trains will not operate. Instead, additional Yellow Line trains will be provided between Franconia Springfield and Mt. Vernon Square via the Potomac River bridge. Customers who normally take the Blue Line should allow additional travel time or consider bus alternatives outlined below.
- In addition to free shuttles that will operate between rail stations, Metro, in collaboration with regional officials and transportation agencies, is encouraging customers to consider regular-route bus service offered by Metrobus, Arlington Transit, and Fairfax Connector.

