



# DMV*Moves* ORIENTATION AND UPDATE

## A Primer to the National Capital Region's Transit Transformation Initiative

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# Agenda

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- Regional Transit Overview
- Motivation for DMVMoves Initiative
- DMVMoves Initiative Structures
- Past Activities
- Accomplishments
- Next Steps





# About Transit Use in the NCR

- There are currently 17 transit providers:
  - 11 local bus operators + Metrobus
  - 1 heavy rail
  - 3 commuter bus
  - 2 commuter rail
  - 1 streetcar

**37M**

2023 Local Bus/Streetcar Ridership

**230M**

2023 MetroRail/MetroBus Ridership

**48%**

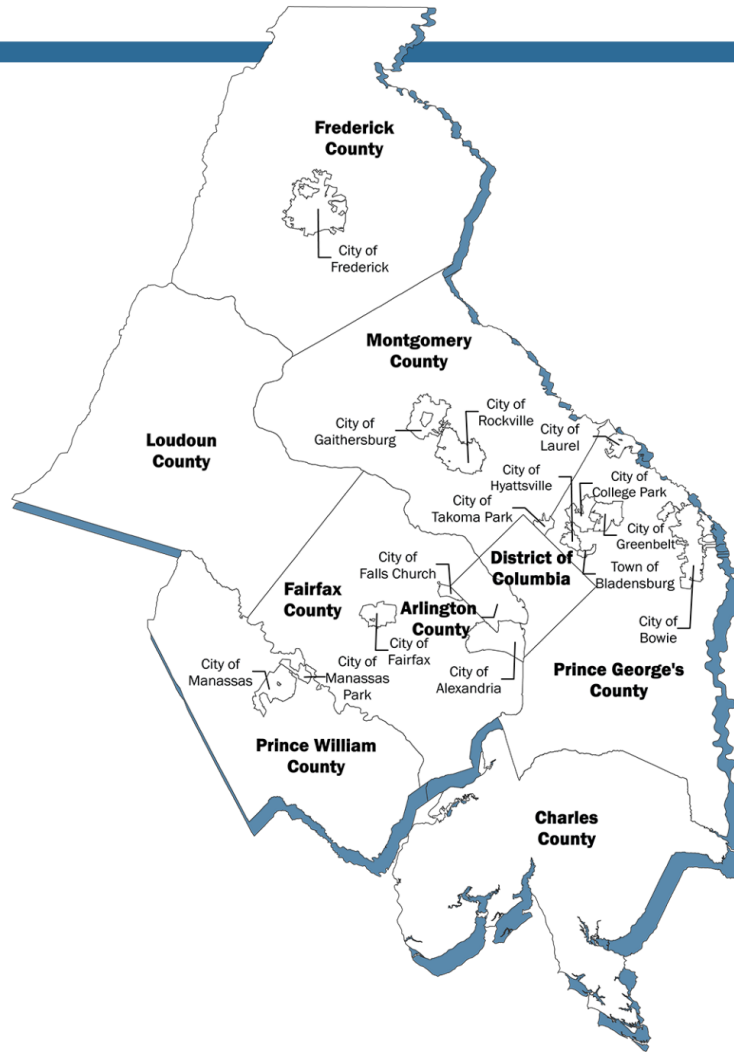
2023 Increase in MetroRail/MetroBus  
Ridership Over FY22

Source: 2023 NTD transit data



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# Motivation for DMVMoves Initiative



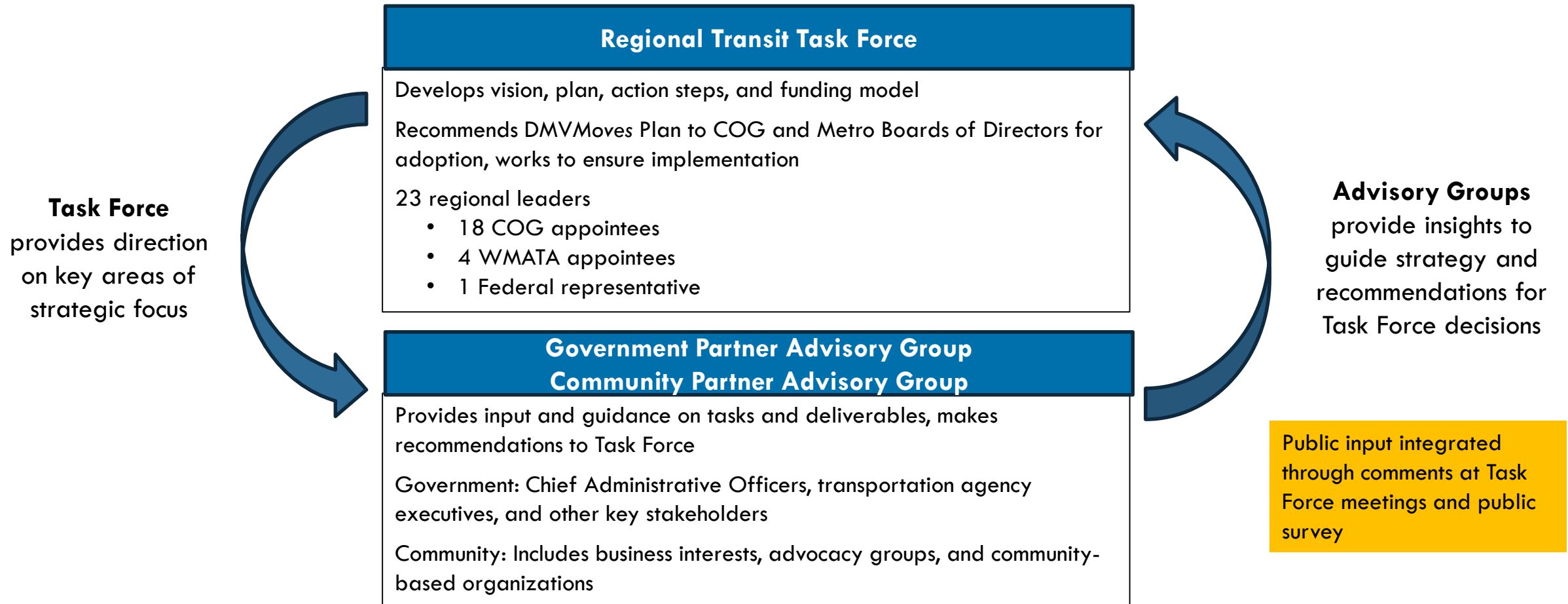
- **Lack of dedicated (or sufficient) funding for WMATA** – particularly for operating since 2018 capital funding agreement
- Regional and local transit operators share heightened financial pressures as a result of the **COVID-19 pandemic**
- **Metro, other regional, and many local operators are now short on necessary funding** to cover state of good repair and short to long term operational priorities
- **Customers switching between transit systems can have inconsistent experiences** due to different methods of operation and policies

# DMVMoves – Joint Initiative of COG and Metro

***Vision:*** Transit is the backbone of an integrated, world-class mobility network that makes the National Capital Region a thriving global economy, a preferred home, and a leader in innovation, environmental sustainability, and social equity.



# DMVMoves Initiative Structure





# DMVMoves Initiative Structure - Partnerships

## Transit Agencies

- Grow ridership and fare revenue
- Contain cost growth
- Report performance, costs, efficiency using consistent approach and data
- Identify opportunities to share resources and unify technologies for cost efficiencies

## Jurisdictions

*State, counties, cities*

- Prioritize existing and create new revenue resources for transit to better align with goals
- Implement transit supportive land use policies

## Regional Approach

- Support new public dedicated revenues indexed to inflation for transit







## Federal Government

- Index PRIIA to inflation
- Federal support for operations

## Transit Users

- Pay modestly increased fares to reflect inflation over time

# DMVMoves Initiative Structure - Working Groups

<i>Policy Recommendation</i>	<i>Convener</i>
<b>Integrate and align fare policies to provide consistent customer experience</b>	
Adopt shared service guidelines for when and how often transit operates and measure performance	
<b>Improve wayfinding, customer information, and amenities at transit stops</b>	
Implement bus priority strategies to get best value from high-frequency routes	
<b>Explore shared use of resources and assets and grouped procurements</b>	
Make training, certification, and inspection programs more consistent across the region	



# Past Activities

- **3** Task Force Meetings (June, September, December 2024)
- **9** Advisory Group Meetings
- Working Group Meetings – Kicked off in November
  - All have met twice, now beginning third meetings
- Special Meetings
  - Joint COG-WMATA Board meeting in May 2024
  - Ongoing one on one meetings as needed with initiative partners



Source: DMVMoves.org

# Select Accomplishments

- Development of Working Groups
- Data collection: Regional inventory of assets and financial pictures
- Narrowed scope of funding needs for consideration (not final)
- Local and state jurisdictions more actively focusing on sustainably funding transit in the long-term
- Engagement on creating a more seamless regional transit network



Source: Pierre Gaunard/COG





# Next Steps

- Joint GPAG and CPAG meeting on February 28
- Next Task Force meeting is March 24
- Working groups continue to meet on (at least) a monthly basis
- Presentation of DMVMoves Plan to Task Force in late Spring
- Ongoing action on Working Group Implementation Plan through summer and beyond

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