

Dedicated Funding for Metro: Why It Should Matter To You

*Read the Facts!
Then Contact Your General Assembly Member.*



Metro Moves The Virginia Economy



With 110 million trips in Virginia alone last year Metro's subway and bus systems are second in the country in ridership and carry 40 percent of rush hour trips to jobs located in the core of the Washington D.C. metropolitan area.

With 27 percent of Virginia's population, Northern Virginia has 70% of statewide transit ridership. Without Metro, Northern Virginia's economy would collapse.

Northern Virginia has 30 percent of the total jobs throughout the commonwealth but these jobs produce 36 percent of statewide sales tax revenue and 45 percent of statewide income tax. About \$6 in economic activity results from each \$1 invested in transit, or about \$7 per Metro trip.

State investments in Metro yield a stunning 19 percent annual rate of return for the entire commonwealth.

A sound Northern Virginia economy helps us all, and that is only possible with a healthy Metro.

Metro Needs Dedicated Funding

A Blue Ribbon panel of private and public sector leaders found Metro needs a dedicated funding source to meet growing demand and maintain the quality of its past investments. It is the only large system in the U.S. without significant dedicated funding.

An energetic coalition of businesses, governments, environmentalists, and other groups (including state-wide organizations) is advocating General Assembly action to **allow Northern Virginia to raise about \$50 million annually of its own money.** This is about \$38 per capita in five Northern Virginia jurisdictions supporting Metro.

This dedicated funding will match \$150 million of annual federal dollars to keep Metro working for Virginia. **Remember, the dedicated funds would come exclusively from five Northern Virginia jurisdictions and taxes would not be raised in any other jurisdictions.**

Let the Virginia General Assembly Act Now to Provide Dedicated Metro Funding

Please contact your General Assembly member now at:

1-800-889-0229 or <http://legis.state.va.us/>

