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# **MESSAGE FROM THE GENERAL MANAGER/CEO**



Randy Clarke General Manager & Chief Executive Officer, WMATA On November 2, I completed my first 100 days as General Manager and CEO of Metro. With close to 250 trips on the system, I have enjoyed connecting with customers and employees and observing first-hand the dedication of our team to deliver the safe, frequent, and reliable transit this region deserves.

We are a system owned by and operated for our community, so transparency about our performance is paramount. This report provides data for the first quarter of fiscal year 2023 (FY23), from July 1 through September 30, 2022. One of the results that I'm most proud of: the four percentage-point increase in customer satisfaction for Metrorail and five-point increase for Metrobus. While we are still short of where we want to be, these results reflect the team's hard work at pushing improvements toward safety and reliability.

Our team is working to finalize a comprehensive Strategic Transformation Plan that turns feedback and ideas from our customers, employees, Board, and regional partners into a clear vision and action for the organization to move forward. We've started implementing improvements in the areas that we know are important, and I'm pleased to include updates here on our progress.

#### Addressing fare evasion

Fare recovery is a major issue. Customers, Metro staff, and Metro Board Members all mention it as a top concern during our discussions. During the first quarter of FY23, we estimated that about 13 percent of Metrorail customers and 45 percent of Metrobus customers did not pay their fare. Revenue from fares allows Metro to keep buses, trains, and paratransit serving our community.

At the beginning of October, we took steps to improve these results. We launched a warning campaign to alert people who neglect to pay fares that there are fines associated with fare evasion in each jurisdiction. The Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) began issuing fare evasion citations on November 1, 2022, and staff have begun testing faregate modifications as a preventative measure. Additionally, Metro is partnering with the District of Columbia to pilot a low-income fare product.

### Enhancing real-time customer communications

The most frequent complaint we receive from our customers is buses not showing up when expected. For the first time, we are monitoring and reporting on the availability and accuracy of our real-time information for Metrobus, showing that we're missing information for just over 7 percent of scheduled bus trips. When we do provide estimated arrival times, about 86 percent are accurate.



In October, we shared with the Board that we will adjust our real-time busETA website (https://busETA.wmata.com) to only show information for buses that are verifiably in service, reducing confusion for customers. Currently, busETA shows scheduled data for buses with missing real-time location information. Oftentimes these buses are not in service, or are prevented from serving all or some stops on a route, resulting in a phenomenon called "ghost" buses. Removing them from busETA will give customers the confidence to plan their trips. Staff are also working on software upgrades that allow proactive updates to customers when a trip is cancelled due to operator availability or vehicle breakdowns.

# Expanding the system to connect customers to the region's transportation network

Ridership exceeded projections by almost 10 percent during Q1 of FY23, as workers and students continued to return to the system. We made progress on our two projects to expand the Metrorail system to provide access to even more destinations:

After eight years of construction, we opened the final six stations of the Silver Line on November 15, 2022, providing a direct ride to Washington Dulles International Airport—where more than 600 flights arrive and depart each day—and officially extending the system into Loudon County. During the first day of revenue service, we had roughly 7,820 total trips (entries and exits) at the six new stations.

From September 10 through early November, we completed the installation of track, traction power, and automatic train control systems for the new Potomac Yard station. We are working towards a 2023 opening, with crews now focused on completing the east retaining wall, paving access roads, and installing interior features at the station, such as fare gates, fare machines, and the station manager kiosk.

#### **Delivering more frequent service**

Frequent, reliable service is the top priority for customers. During the first quarter, 92 percent of Metrorail customer trips were on-time, 77 percent of buses were on-time, and 93 percent of MetroAccess customers were picked-up on time. On Metrobus and MetroAccess, this is a continuation of the service quality we provided in FY22. For Metrorail, it represents a substantial improvement.

In September, we doubled the number of 7000-series trains in service each day, from about eight to 16. We've used these additional trains to open the Silver Line extension and add capacity to other lines, running up to 29 7000-series on some days in November. Customers will continue to see more improvements throughout the second quarter, thanks to approval from the Washington Metropolitan Safety Commission on October 25 to place additional 7000-series trains in service.











By late December, we will have enough trains in service to reduce wait times on our most crowded lines, with a full return to 10-minute headways during rush hour on all lines in May 2023.

We missed about 2 percent of scheduled bus trips during Q1, and in September had to temporarily reduce frequency on five Metrobus routes due to operator shortages. The Metro team is aggressively hiring 100 bus operators to fill our current deficit and enable us to restore service on these lines in December.

In July, we started working on the region's first comprehensive redesign of the entire Metrobus network since its creation in 1973. As part of this effort, we'll support our partners in Prince George's County (TheBus) and the City of Fairfax (CUE) in redesigning their local bus networks. The redesign will provide the opportunity to reassess regional travel patterns and bus frequency, and create a more equitable transit network that better serves the needs of our various communities, including essential workers. This includes coordinating service with bus priority investments—like bus lanes and transit signal priority—across the region. We have an aggressive plan to complete the redesign in 18 months, with implementation beginning in calendar year 2024.

### Keeping stations safe, secure, and clean

During the first quarter, crime met target with fewer than 6 crimes per million customers. In September, we launched three major projects aimed at building a safe, secure customer experience:

- We embarked on a seven-week "clean sweep" program focused on rail stations and bus transit enters to repair lights, clean windowpanes, clean granite and tile floors, remove graffiti, pressure-wash benches and bus shelters, paint, and complete other housekeeping.
- We launched Operation HelpingHands, which enhanced police visibility by having officers ride trains and buses more frequently. We also have more than 8,000 regularly monitored cameras, further helping keep watch over the system.
- We began recruitment of four Crisis Intervention Specialists trained in mental health awareness and de-escalation methods. Since the pandemic, MTPD has seen a 40 percent increase in people in need of mental health assistance. While officers are there to aid the public, they are not trained mental health experts. These new civilian roles will work with MTPD and operating staff to provide the appropriate crisis response and community resources.
- We began recruitment for up to 25 Customer Experience Liaisons to provide additional customer support on platforms and in stations.

### Upgrading the system to improve reliability and safety

Investments in keeping assets in a state of good repair are an important step to ensure our system is safe and reliable. In early September, major rehabilitation of the Yellow Line Tunnel near L'Enfant Plaza Station and the bridge across the Potomac River began, continuing through May 2023. Metro's chief engineer has identified the steel-lined tunnel near L'Enfant Plaza as the agency's top structural priority, with repairs needed to strengthen the tunnel lining and stop water intrusion, which can lead to arcing and fire events. Metro will also remove and replace miles of critical communications cables used by multiple jurisdictions and repair the Yellow Line Bridge during the closure.

The next quarterly report will be out in February. We'll track the impact of these efforts on our performance, provide additional details on the Strategic Transformation Plan, and share an update on the dashboard we're building to improve transparency, featuring detailed information about missed trips, on-time performance, and prediction accuracy at the route and trip level.

We are honored to service this community and thank you for your continued support. We'll see you on your next ride!

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# ABOUT THIS REPORT

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (Metro) Performance Report highlights Metro's fiscal-year-to-date performance on a suite of measures that look retrospectively at how well the agency is delivering its mission to provide safe, equitable, reliable, and cost-effective public transit. These measures follow industry standard and align to the safety performance measures established in the Federal Transit Administration's National Public Transportation Safety Plan. Metro updates performance targets for its measures annually, reflecting the priorities, investments, and improvements anticipated for the coming year. The report communicates performance results relative to these targets, shows performance trends over the prior two years, and identifies actions that staff are taking to continuously improve.

### Colored indicators throughout the report show each measure's FY results against target:

● Target met ● Target at risk ● Target missed

# ABOUT METRO

Metro is one of the largest transit organizations in the United States. Formed in 1967 under an interstate compact among the District of Columbia, the State of Maryland, and the Commonwealth of Virginia, the Metro service area is approximately 1,500 square miles, with a population of approximately four million people. Metro provides three core transit functions: Metrorail, Metrobus, and MetroAccess paratransit. Prior to the pandemic, average weekday passenger trips combined on all three modes totaled approximately one million.



# **Q1 Scorecard:** The Customer Experience Measured

In Q1 of FY23, Metro met **12 of the 24 measures** with FY23 targets featured in this report

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# RIDERSHIP



Metro carried 45.6 million riders across Rail, Bus, and Access in Q1 of FY23, 10 percent above the forecast of 41.3 million and a 36 percent increase from the same period in FY22. Metrobus ridership accounted for 55 percent of total ridership, exceeding Metrorail ridership by over 5 million riders. September 2022 was the highest ridership Metro has seen since March 2020 (the beginning of the pandemic), at 60 percent of ridership in September 2019.



Metro's <u>**Ridership Data Portal**</u> provides ridership data since 2010, including during the pandemic. Engage with the data through interactive dashboards using the Data Viewers (<u>**Rail**</u>, <u>**Bus**</u>, <u>**Parking**</u>)

#### Metrorail

In Q1 of FY23, 20.1 million passengers rode Metrorail, six percent below the forecast, but a 43 percent increase over the same period in FY22. Rail ridership this quarter has returned to about 46 percent of pre-pandemic ridership in the same time period. Rail ridership in September was 6.8 million, the highest out of the three months in Q1.

Average weekday ridership in Q1 of FY23 was 250,200 and average weekend ridership was 145,700, an increase of 47 percent and 28 percent respectively from the same time period last year.

#### Metrobus

In Q1of FY23 over 25 million passengers rode Metrobus, 29 percent over the forecast and a 32 percent increase over the same period in FY22. Ridership increased month-over-month this quarter, with September at 8.8 million riders. Pre-pandemic ridership was around 10 million passengers per month.

Average weekday ridership in Q1 of FY23 was 275,300 and average weekend ridership was 150,000, both a significant increase from the same time period last year.

### MetroAccess

In Q1 of FY23, MetroAccess ridership was 345,000, 10 percent under the forecast and four percent more than the same period in FY21. Ridership remained stable in the first three months of FY23, ranging between 111,000 and 118,000 passengers per month. Pre-pandemic ridership was around 200,000 passengers per month.

Average weekday ridership in Q1 of FY23 was 4,400, about the same as FY22.



# CUSTOMER SATISFACTION

## 73% customer satisfaction for Metrorail in Q1, missing target of no less than 79%

Metrorail customer satisfaction improved over the last two guarters, correlating with increases in train frequency that have led to shorter wait times. Long wait times are the top concern for customers, so satisfaction should continue to improve as Metro restores frequency while adding more 7000-series trains.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Customer satisfaction is a gauge of Metro's service quality and a key driver of ridership. It helps Metro leadership understand the impact of its service improvement efforts, and overall public sentiment of Metro. The FY23 targets were set to achieve the 5-year average satisfaction level.

#### Customer Satisfaction against dotted line target

Y: % of customers who were satisfied with their last Metrorail trip | X: guarter Direction of desired performance: up 乔



## 74% customer satisfaction for Metrobus in Q1, missing target of no less than 76%

Bus customer satisfaction is approaching levels seen pre-pandemic, increasing from its lowest point in Q3 of FY22 when COVID-related operator shortages led to service cuts. The increase this guarter is a result of shorter wait times, better service reliability, and improved cleanliness. To continue to improve, customers suggest focusing on addressing crime and safety aboard vehicles. Metro Transit Police have begun deploying more officers to ride buses.





# CUSTOMER SATISFACTION (CONTINUED)

# **79%** customer satisfaction for MetroAccess in Q1, missing target of no less than **90%**

MetroAccess customer satisfaction has regularly been the highest among Metro's three modes. Satisfaction fell in Q1 following the increase in shared rides, which had been suspended during the pandemic to enable social distancing. Concerns with how operators are routed during trips remained a cause of dissatisfaction, and Q1 also saw lower satisfaction with dispatcher courtesy and ease of making a trip reservation. To help improve response times, the call center onboarded 20 new reservation agents and 11 new dispatch/Where's My Ride between June and August, increasing total staff by 11 percent.

#### Customer Satisfaction against dotted line target

Y: % of customers who were satisfied with their last MetroAccess trip | X: quarter Direction of desired performance: up  $\uparrow$ 





# RAIL MISSED TRIPS

# **3%** of scheduled rail service missed, meeting target of no more than **6%**

Single-tracking and reduced frequencies due to weekday evening and midday track work account for almost one-third of missed rail service, followed by rail vehicle and public-related incidents such as medical emergencies. About 10 percent of these missed stops were due to operator or train availability.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Missed Service monitors Metro's "guarantee of service"—whether Metro is providing all the service that was scheduled and committed to. The target was set to improve over the average performance from FY20-FY22, which was 7 percent.



Metro continues to invest in keeping track, signaling, and traction power assets in a state of good repair to ensure safety and reliability for customers. Staff actively work to identify opportunities to improve the efficiency of overnight track work to minimize the amount of maintenance conducted during the day. Metro is also currently recruiting Customer Experience Liaisons, who will be available to assist during public-related incidents, enabling faster resolution.





# **BUS MISSED TRIPS**

**1.8%** of scheduled bus service was missed (no target in FY23)

"No shows" are the most frequent complaint received by Metrobus customers. Operator availability—due to absences, vacancies, or emergencies—is the top reason for missed trips. Vehicle reliability is the second most common reason.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Missed Service monitors Metro's "guarantee of service"—whether Metro is providing all the service that was scheduled and committed to. FY23 is the first year Metro has been able to aggregate all data sources needed to accurately report bus missed trips. Due to the lack of historical data to identify trends, no target has been set for FY23.

### Causes of Bus Missed Trips (excluding unknown)



Missed trips happen in two ways: the bus never leaves the depot to deliver service, or the bus is out on the road and service is interrupted due to collisions, mechanical issues, customer medical emergencies, or issues on the road such as police activity. Operator availability is the primary reason the bus never leaves the depot and the largest driver of missed trips overall. A nationwide shortage of bus operators along with elevated absenteeism due to pandemic-related illness exacerbate this trend.

Metro is actively working to recruit bus operators with over 15 recruitment events so far this year. As of November 2022, 133 new operators are in training with the goal of recruiting 475 more by the end of FY23. Additionally, Metro is implementing software upgrades to improve realtime information and will continue to send out public alerts for service disruptions of all types.





# **92.7%** of scheduled trips with real-time prediction data (no target in FY23)

Bus prediction availability measures the share of scheduled trips for which Metro provides real-time arrival predictions. Metro's tool busETA—along with third-party applications (apps) like Google Maps, Apple Maps, or Transit—display this prediction info. Most apps that customers use to check bus arrival times show schedule data if real-time predictions are unavailable.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Customers rely on predictions in busETA or other third-party applications to plan their trips when taking Metrobus. Realtime location data is used to predict arrival times when the bus is running ahead or behind schedule. FY23 is the first year that Metro began archiving its prediction data. Due to the lack of historical data to identify trends, no target has been set for FY23.



#### **Bus Prediction Availability in FY23 Q1**



Over 60 percent of customers use apps to plan their trips, often timing their arrivals at stops based on real-time information. Real-time prediction data may be unavailable for a variety of reasons, including bus GPS devices that are not logged on or are malfunctioning, missed trips, or a trip that is very far off schedule.

Metro continues to conduct campaigns and coaching to ensure all operators log on to enable GPS devices. Metro also actively monitors buses that aren't reporting data, working with vendors to fix broken units. In addition, Metro is taking steps to improve how data is displayed in busETA. By the end of calendar year 2023, Metro will adjust busETA so that the app only shows buses with real-time info, reducing customer confusion. Staff are also upgrading busETA so that terminal stations show departure times rather than the arrival time of the preceding trip.

### Routes with lowest prediction availability in Q1

Route	% of trips with data	
U4	71.5%	
X3	75.0%	
B27	76.7%	
W47	79.2%	
11C	80.8%	
W6	82.0%	
W8	82.2%	
17G	82.5%	
W2*	82.8%	*The W2 is a
A31	83.3%	Frequent Service Network route

**Chart takeaway** | The U4 had the lowest percentage of trips that had real-time data available for predictions in Q1 followed by the X3, B27, W47, and 11C. Nine out of ten of the lowest performing routes are not part of the Frequent Service Network.



# **BUS PREDICTION ACCURACY**

**86.3%** of real-time predictions that were accurate (no target in FY23)

Metro provides real-time arrival predictions for customers via the busETA tool along with signs at bus stops. Third-party apps like Google Maps, Apple Maps, and Transit also consume these predictions—although these apps may adjust predictions based on additional data sources.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Customers rely on predictions in busETA or other third-party applications to plan their trips when taking Metrobus. Predicted arrival times must be close to actual arrival times to reduce excess customer wait time for customers. FY23 is the first year that Metro began archiving its prediction data. Due to the lack of historical data to identify trends, no target has been set for FY23.



## Bus Prediction Accuracy in FY23 Q1

Metro uses the standard developed by the Massachusetts Bay Transit Authority (MBTA) to determine accuracy by comparing the predicted time of arrival to actual time of arrival. Because customers rely more on predictions in the near term, only predictions made within 30 minutes of arrival are evaluated, and standards for accuracy are more stringent as the bus approaches the stop. See the definitions section at the end of this report for more information on the methodology.

Prediction accuracy starts with the bus schedule. Large deviations from the schedule make it harder to predict arrivals. In addition, construction or roadway blockages—which slow buses down and lead to inconsistent travel times—also negatively impact prediction accuracy.

### Routes with lowest prediction accuracy in Q1

	% of trips with
Route	accurate data
D34	58.8%
D31	59.3%
W47	60.5%
Х3	68.2%
3Y	68.8%
D32	72.7%
W5	73.5%
W45	74.2%
S41	74.7%
D33	75.2%

**Chart takeaway** | The D34, D31 and W47 school routes had the lowest levels of prediction accuracy.



# RAIL CUSTOMER ON-TIME PERFORMANCE

## 92% of rail customer trips completed on-time, meeting target of at least 92%

Metro updated its rail schedules in June, August, and September to reflect increased train availability and major construction projects impacting service. The reliability of customer travel times remained near target throughout this period, with customers on average waiting less than scheduled headways for about 9 out of 10 trips.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Metrorail On-Time Performance is a key measure of service reliability. Rail customer trips are "on-time" if they include waits shorter than the scheduled headways, train journeys that travel at expected speeds, and operational faregates, elevators, and escalators that do not delay travel to and from the platform. The FY23 target was set to improve over the five-year average performance of 89 percent.



Unplanned service disruptions lowered on-time performance by about 6.4 percentage points during Q1. Common causes of delay include Metro Transit Police responses to customer incidents, breakdowns of rail vehicles, switch or track circuit failures, or track issues. Midday, late night, and weekend single-tracking or shutdowns for planned maintenance lowered on-time performance by about 1.6 percentage points. Through Q1 of FY23, planned delays mainly occurred on Red, Green, and Yellow lines.

To improve performance, Metro is continuing to return more 7000-series cars to service. In September, Metro doubled the number of 7000series trains in service each day, from about eight to 16, helping the system be more resilient. Metro also continues to monitor on-time terminal departures and schedule adherence. Trains running on-time mean that customers are also on-time.

Finally, Metro's prioritization of critical repairs to rail infrastructure helps to ensure that the system remains in a state of good repair.





# BUS ON-TIME PERFORMANCE

77% of bus service on-time, slightly missing target of Metrobus On-Time Performance is a key 78% measure of service reliability. Buses are considered "on-time" if they are two Metrobus on-time performance started off strong in July and major stops on the route schedule. The August, but the return of school traffic in September caused a FY23 target was set to improve over average performance in FY20 and FY22 sharp increase in late buses. (77 percent). Metrobus OTP against dotted line target Chart takeaway | Bus OTP suffered in early FY21 as buses Y: % of on-time buses | X: month ran early due to less traffic. A schedule adjustment in March Direction of desired performance: up 2021 helped buses be more on time through FY22 and into the beginning of FY23. However, in September of FY23, OTP 80% dropped as traffic increased to pre-pandemic levels. Target: 78% 75%

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Several factors influence bus OTP: bus availability and reliability; bus operator availability; bus operator coaching and training; the accuracy of the bus schedule; disruptions such as customer illness or criminal incidents; and other incidents such as construction, special events and weather.

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The accuracy of the bus schedule has one main external factor: adjusting to changes in traffic patterns, which has been particularly challenging in the last several years. In September, traffic increased compared to July and August, which meant buses ran late throughout the day. Metro will implement a new schedule in December to address some of the new traffic patterns.

To address bus operator availability, Metrobus holds weekly recruiting events. As of November 2022, there are 133 new operators in training

with the goal of recruiting 475 more by the end of the fiscal year.

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To address operator coaching, Metrobus has field supervisors stationed at key points along routes to monitor operator performance. In Q1, supervisors focused on routes that were commonly departing early and worked with operators to ensure they were leaving on time. Additionally, supervisors focused on ensuring operators were leaving the bus depot on time and logged onto the bus so that the bus could accurately report real-time information, improving the customer experience.

# Measure Details: What and Why

minutes early or seven minutes late to the



# ACCESS ON-TIME PICK-UP PERFORMANCE

# **92.9%** of Access customers picked up on-time, meeting target of no less than **92%**

Reduced ridership (58 percent of pre-pandemic demand), coupled with ample vehicle resources and leveraging Abilities-Ride partners, have led to strong on-time pick-up performance even as more shared rides are scheduled.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

"On-time" means the vehicle arrives at the pick-up location within the scheduled 30minute pick-up window. MetroAccess ontime pick-up performance is essential to delivering quality service to the customer. The FY23 target was set to maintain the average performance over the last five years: 92 percent.



On-time performance starts with good schedules. To continue strong performance, MetroAccess regularly works on building better schedules through improvements to the accuracy of lengthof-trip estimates by basing them on the fixedroute equivalent.

MetroAccess also partners with their Operations Control Center contractor to proactively identify vehicles with increasing dwell times. This helps prevent cascading delays and supports vehicle arrival at the start of a customer's pick-up window.

Finally, MetroAccess continues to dynamically adjust the system's scheduling parameters and leverage available taxi and alternative resources when trips are projected late throughout the day.



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# **97.7%** of elevators were available on average, meeting target of at least **97.5%**

In Q1 of FY23, about six of Metro's 279 elevators were out of service at any given time. Over half of hours out of service were the result of planned capital work to rehabilitate or replace older assets in the system. The remaining outage hours were attributed to other work such as unit failures, related fixes, or preventive maintenance.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Elevator availability shows how often customers could use elevators in our rail system. Elevators are essential in providing equal access to Metrorail. The FY23 target factors in the average number of units expected to be out of service for capital rehabs and replacements and aims to reduce the number of units out of service for other reasons by 5 percent compared to performance over the past three years.



For the past two decades, Metro has heavily invested in rehabilitating and replacing units to keep them in a state of good repair. Metro continues to make progress on a 2014 contract to replace 102 elevators—nearly 40% of all units—slated for completion in early 2024. By the end of FY23 Q1, 91 elevators were complete.



Elevator Availability Breakdown | FY23 Q1



**Chart takeaway** | Over half of the hours that elevators were unavailable were due to capital work such as planned rehabilitations and replacements of older assets.





# ESCALATOR AVAILABILITY

# **92.7%** of escalators were available on average, missing target of at least **92.9%**

In Q1 of FY23, about 45 of Metro's 615 escalators were out of service at any given time. During this quarter, more units than originally anticipated were out of service for capital rehabs and replacements, leading to lower availability. The amount and duration of unplanned outages was better than expected.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Escalator availability shows how often customers can use escalators in our rail system. Units are unavailable when they require corrective maintenance or major rehab/replacement. This measure does not count when units are temporarily out-ofservice and only need to be reset. The FY23 target factors in the average number of units undergoing rehab/replacement and aims to reduce the number of units out of service for other reasons by 10 percent compared to performance over the past three years.



Capital work was the main reason for belowtarget escalator availability, with 24 units on average out of service this quarter for capital work (3.8 percent of the system). This work is necessary to keep the units in a state of good repair and helps reduce unplanned breakdowns.

In FY23, Metro will continue its multi-year contract to replace 130 escalators across the system, with 33 completed since April 2021 and another 23 to be completed by the end of FY23. Work on the contract to rehabilitate 89 escalators will also continue, with 37 completed since September 2020 and another 15 to be completed by the end of FY23.

Escalator Availability Breakdown | FY23 Q1



**Chart takeaway** | Over half of the hours that escalators were unavailable were due to capital work such as planned rehabilitations and replacements of older assets.





# RAIL CROWDING

**0.7%** of passenger time in crowded conditions (no target in FY23)

Metrorail crowding has steadily increased since the beginning of FY22, which is reflective of the increase in ridership during that time. As Metro gradually re-introduces 7000-series trains into service, staff will add trips to increase capacity and alleviate the crowding that occurs during peak times.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Rail crowding evaluates how often customers may be uncomfortable on crowded trains. Crowded conditions are defined as > 100 passengers per car, which is when all seats are occupied and about 35 customers are standing.

#### **Rail Crowding**



At the beginning of FY23, Metro returned to the pre-pandemic definition of crowding outlined in the WMATA Service Standards: an average of 100 people per railcar. The chart above uses this standard for all months to better show the trend in crowding over time.

Reduced frequencies implemented in response to the October 2021 derailment and removal of the 7000-series trains combined with increases in rail ridership have led to more crowding, especially on the Orange, Green, and Red lines during peak commuting hours.

Metrorail has added train trips during the busiest times, addressing the most acute periods of crowding. Frequencies will increase as the 7000series rail cars are returned to service over the next quarter.

Rail crowding by line | FY23 Q1



followed by the Green Line then the Red Line. Crowding is worst during the AM Peak period. The most crowded segments in the system are on the Red Line between Metro Center and Union Station, the Green Line between L'Enfant Plaza and Navy Yard Ball Park, and the Orange Line between Clarendon and Rosslyn.





# **BUS CROWDING**

**2.0%** of passenger time in crowded conditions (no target in FY23)

Metrobus crowding achieved the highest level in Q1 of FY23 since the start of the pandemic. Crowding on buses is especially high after Labor Day in large part due to the start of the school year. Many students in the DC area use Metrobus to get to school, and many caregivers return to in-person work. Measure Details: What and Why Bus crowding evaluates how often bus customers may be uncomfortable on crowded vehicles. Crowding is defined as >40 passengers per bus for a 40-foot bus, which is when all seats are occupied on the vehicle.

#### **Bus Crowding**



Y: % passenger time in crowded conditions | X: month *Direction of desired performance:* **down ↓** 

At the beginning of FY23, Metro returned to the pre-pandemic definition of crowding outlined in the WMATA Bus Service Guidelines: 100% of the seated capacity of a bus (40 passengers in a 40foot bus). The chart above uses this standard for all months to better show the trend in crowding over time.

Crowding is concentrated on specific routes, with about 30 routes accounting for most of the crowding in the system and the remaining routes seeing very little. When customers do experience crowding, it is often for only a few stops on their journey. The figure to the right shows the top 10 most crowded routes in Q1 of FY23. The top five routes are all school routes.

#### Bus crowding by line | Most crowded routes, FY23 Q1





# RAIL FLEET RELIABILITY

# 7k fleet: **28,700** miles between failure, missing target of at least **56,500**

Metro began returning 7000-series railcars to service in June, with the fleet accounting for 15 percent of total rail mileage in Q1 of FY23. The lower-than-usual mileage brings down the fleet's reliability rate, which should improve as more trains return to service. By the end of September, Metro was consistently running 12-13 of these trains, up from six or seven in July.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Rail fleet reliability is a measure of the quality of service Metro provides customers. It communicates the effectiveness of Metro's railcar maintenance and engineering programs. This measure is also part of required reporting to the National Transit Database (NTD). The FY23 target was set to improve 5 percent over average performance in FY20-FY22 (53,700 miles for the 7000-series and 13,500 for the legacy fleet).



## Legacy fleet: 17,800 miles between failure, meeting target of 14,000

The legacy fleet is comprised of over 500 2000-, 3000-, and 6000-series cars that range from 17 to 40 years old. These cars provided 85 percent of service in Q1 of FY23 and continued to deliver their best performance in decades thanks to stronger inspection and maintenance practices, and engineering programs to address failure-prone components.



# BUS FLEET RELIABILITY

# **7,100** miles between failure, missing target of at least **8,000**

The dip in FY23 performance is largely due to global supply chain issues delaying parts and the delivery of new buses. Results vary by fuel type. The clean diesel fleet, which includes the newest buses, performed at 11,200 miles between failure, followed by the CNG fleet at 8,000 miles between failure and then the hybrid fleet, which are the oldest buses, at 5,500 miles between failure.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Bus fleet reliability is a measure of the quality of service Metro provides customers. It communicates the effectiveness of Metro's bus maintenance and engineering programs. This measure is also part of required reporting to the National Transit Database (NTD). The FY23 target was set to improve 5 percent over average performance over the past five years (7,500 miles).



Through the end of FY22, the Bus Maintenance team had been able to mitigate the effects of the global supply chain shortages because Metro plans two years ahead for parts needed for scheduled maintenance. However, in FY23 the effects of parts shortages began to finally show, as vendors have not been able to supply the preplanned parts needed for regular maintenance. Additionally, delivery of the 100 new buses replacing the oldest buses in the fleet is delayed. These oldest buses are among the least reliable.

So far in FY23, the Bus Maintenance team has procured updated diagnostic software to make non-preventive maintenance more efficient. Additionally, Metro has adapted staffing strategies so that mechanics waiting on parts to overhaul buses at their midlife have shifted to non-preventive maintenance groups that may be short-staffed.





# ACCESS FLEET RELIABILITY

# **22,700** miles between failure, meeting target of at least **22,000**

MetroAccess has sustained high levels of reliability by consistently replacing vans at the end of their useful life. Staff plan to continue to replace vans with sedans, which have shown fewer maintenance-related issues. Additionally, MetroAccess will begin adding ramp-equipped vans to the fleet this fiscal year.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Minimizing vehicle breakdowns and maintaining a state of good repair for the fleet enables on-time pick-ups for customers and reduces the likelihood of safety incidents. This measure is also part of required reporting to the National Transit Database (NTD). The FY23 target was set to continue performance levels achieved in FY22.



To sustain fleet reliability performance, Access is continuing its procurement of 50 sedans and up to 300 ramp-equipped minivans in FY23 and FY24 to replace 350 aging vans. Access also conducts quarterly third-party audits to assess the overall condition of the vehicles, which are maintained by the department's contractors.



# PART 1 CRIME RATE

## 5.8 Part 1 Crimes per million passengers, meeting target of no more than 6.5

There are two main types of Part 1 crimes: crimes against persons and crimes against property. The rate of crimes against persons continued to fall, with about 0.9 crimes per million passengers. The rate of crimes against property is up slightly compared to the same time last year, with 4.9 crimes per million passengers.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

This measure evaluates how secure customers and employees are while riding the Metro system. This measure includes incidents that meet a set of criteria determined by the FBI. The FY23 target was set to improve 5 percent over average performance for FY21-FY22 (6.8 Part 1 crimes per million passengers).



Part 1 Crime Rate against dotted line target Y: Part 1 crime rate | X: month

There were a total of 267 Part 1 crimes in Q1 FY23: 37 crimes on the bus or at the bus stop, 185 in the rail system, and 43 in Metro parking lots. By far the most common type of crime is theft/robbery (192 crimes), followed by assault (41 crimes).

The Metro Transit Police Department works hard to keep the Metro system safe for customers and employees. In Q1, MTPD implemented Operation "HelpingHands", a high-visibility program that puts more officers in the Metro system to prevent crime and to interact with our customers. Officers collaborated with the public relations team to highlight Metro's phone number and TextTip line to ensure customers know how to report crimes or suspicious activity.

Staff also continued developing partnerships with community resources to help those who are

experiencing homelessness or in mental health crises. Engaging with the region's youth continues to be a high priority; MTPD continues its several new youth-focused initiatives launched this calendar year.





# RAIL SYSTEM SAFETY EVENTS

# **5.7** Rail safety events per 10 million revenue miles, exceeding target of no more than **3.9**

There were eight major safety events this quarter. Metro is implementing Safety Management System (SMS), a comprehensive, collaborative approach that brings management and labor together to continuously improve how safety risks are identified and assessed with mitigating actions taken before an accident or incident occurs.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Safety is a core Metro value. This measure is part of Metro's Agency Safety Plan and aligns with the measures in the National Public Transportation Safety Plan published by the Federal Transit Administration. It includes incidents that meet the criteria of a National Transit Database (NTD) major safety event. The FY23 target was set to improve 5 percent over average performance over the past five years.



Eight rail safety events in Q1 met the "Major" threshold for reporting to FTA's National Transit Database. Three of these events were fires: an electrical fire involving arcing and burning cables, a report of fire in a railcar, and smoke in a station resulting from a cut wire during a faregate installation. There were three maintenance vehicle derailments, none of which resulted in injuries. The two other incidents involved a gas leak inside a mechanical room at a rail yard and a collision event involving a customer trespassing who was struck by a train.

As part of its SMS implementation, Metro conducts in-depth investigations to answer why and how safety events occur to identify opportunities for prevention and process improvement. For example, the investigation of the arcing and burning cables identified the need to develop an Incident Management Framework and revisions to asset inspection, testing, and maintenance plans.



# BUS SAFETY EVENTS

# **54.7** Bus safety events per 10 million revenue miles, missing target of no more than **53.0**

There were 52 major bus-related safety events among the 9.5 million revenue miles traveled during Q1 of FY23. This is about the same as Q1 of FY22. There were 49 collisions, two fires, and one incident that was not a collision but resulted in multiple customer injuries.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Safety is a core Metro value. This measure is part of Metro's Agency Safety Plan and aligns with the measures in the National Public Transportation Safety Plan published by the Federal Transit Administration. It includes incidents that meet the criteria of a National Transit Database (NTD) major safety event. The FY23 target was set to improve 15 percent over average performance over the past five years.



Major safety events on bus result in injuries that require at least one person to be transported from the scene for medical attention or result in major damage to the bus or another vehicle.

There were 49 bus collisions in Q1 of FY23 that met these criteria. Metro's investigations determined that about two-thirds of these were non-preventable. Major safety events on bus result in injuries that require at least one person to be transported from the scene for medical attention or result in major damage to the bus or another vehicle.

Reducing collisions is a high priority for Metrobus. Bus uses regular data analysis to identify intersections and other locations where collisions commonly occur and provides on-thestreet coaching to operators along those routes. Metro also regularly identifies areas of the roadway with imminent hazards (such as new construction zones) and implements detours to reroute buses.

In Q1 of FY23, Metro conducted a targeted written and video campaign emphasizing identifying and managing fatigue and provided weekly reminders to focus on a particular safety practice, such as the proper observations to make at intersections before moving through.





# ACCESS SAFETY EVENTS

# **37.2** Access safety events per 10 million revenue miles, missing target of no more than **19.5**

There were 18 major safety events for MetroAccess through Q1 of FY23, compared to 16 through Q1 of FY22. Seventeen of the events were collisions and one was a smoking vehicle that needed to be towed.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Safety is a core Metro value. This measure is part of Metro's Agency Safety Plan and aligns with the measures in the National Public Transportation Safety Plan published by the Federal Transit Administration. It includes incidents that meet the criteria of a National Transit Database (NTD) major safety event. The FY23 target was set to improve upon performance levels achieved in FY22.



MetroAccess launched its Incident Free in '23 safety campaign and conducted its first annual Safety Summit with contractor leadership, Safety Managers, and Operators. During the summit, Metro managers and contractor leadership developed a vision for safety in MetroAccess service and reviewed how to leverage tools like the Access Safety Dashboard to identify training opportunities, monitor incident trends, and better allocate road supervisor resources to respond to incidents in a timelier manner.

MetroAccess continues to implement a revised Local Safety Committee process with contractors that is more fully aligned with Metro policy to more proactively identify and address risks and increase safety communications to frontline employees.





# RAIL SYSTEM CUSTOMER INJURIES

# **15.7** Rail customer injuries per 10 million revenue miles, meeting target of no more than **20.6**

There were 22 customer injuries in the rail system through Q1 of FY23, only one more compared to Q1 of FY22. All injuries in Q1 were slips/trips/falls. Over 60 percent of these occurred on an escalator. Bethesda rail station had the most injuries this quarter, with four customer injuries.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Safety is a core Metro value. This measure is part of Metro's Agency Safety Plan and aligns with the measures in the National Public Transportation Safety Plan published by the Federal Transit Administration. It includes injuries in which customers require immediate medical attention away from the scene. The FY23 target was set to improve 15 percent over average performance over the past five years.



Station modernization improvements play a role in preventing rail customer injuries. Renovations as part of the Platform Improvement Project—a four-year, 20-station project completed in September 2022—include new slip-resistant tiles throughout the stations, renovated platform edges, brighter energy-efficient LED lighting, and illuminated handrails.

Slip/trip/falls on escalators also drive customer injuries. Metro completed a benchmarking study in the summer of 2022 to research best practices that other transit agencies have implemented to address slip/trip/falls on escalators. The Elevator/Escalator team, working with Metro's Safety Department, will pilot a new signage campaign at select stations across the system in winter 2023 to help mitigate these incidents. Continued improvements in train frequency as more of the 7000-series fleet returns may also help by reducing customer need to rush, another driver of slip/trip/falls on escalators or platforms.





# **BUS CUSTOMER INJURIES**

# **69.4** Bus customer injuries per 10 million revenue miles, missing target of no more than **56.4**

There were 66 bus customer injuries through Q1 of FY23: 35 slip/trip/falls, 24 related to collisions, and seven other types of injuries. Many of the slip/trip/fall injuries occur when the bus is in motion and/or brakes suddenly to avoid a collision.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Safety is a core Metro value. This measure is part of Metro's Agency Safety Plan and aligns with the measures in the National Public Transportation Safety Plan published by the Federal Transit Administration. It includes injuries in which customers require immediate medical attention away from the scene. The FY23 target was set to improve 15 percent over average performance over the past five years.



To improve bus customer safety, Metro actively coaches operators on techniques to avoid hard braking, which is a primary cause of customers falling while on the bus. Metrobus also provides written messaging to operators reminding them to observe boarding customers and wait to move until they are seated or holding on, which prevents customers from falling due to the acceleration of the bus moving.

Finally, supervisors also remind operators to activate the Automated Voice Annunciator that provides stop announcements, which helps customers know when their stop is coming so they are not rushing to get off the bus and getting hurt in the process.





# ACCESS CUSTOMER INJURIES

# **16.6** Access customer injuries per 10 million revenue miles, missing target of no more than **15.6**

Eight MetroAccess customers were injured in Q1 of FY23, compared to six in Q1 of FY22. Four injuries were related to non-preventable collisions, three involved preventable collisions, and one occurred when a passenger fell out of his wheelchair prior to boarding the vehicle.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

Safety is a core Metro value. This measure is part of Metro's Agency Safety Plan and aligns with the measures in the National Public Transportation Safety Plan published by the Federal Transit Administration. It includes injuries in which customers require immediate medical attention away from the scene. The FY23 target was set to improve 15 percent over average performance over the past five years.



To address collision-related incidents, MetroAccess continues to update DriveCam units, and eventually will add in-vehicle behavioral recognition and alerting capability. This technology, new to MetroAccess, alerts vehicle operators about unsafe or potentially unsafe behaviors at the time of detection and creates an event clip for coaching.

For assistance-related injuries, MetroAccess is developing a door-to-door service training video with an Occupational Therapist. The service also began standardized tracking of operator wheelchair securement certification to ensure training is up-to-date. A tactical safety messaging campaign aimed at passenger assistance and related injuries that began in FY22 Q3 has resulted in only one assistance-related injury between FY22 Q4 and FY23 Q1.





# RAIL EMPLOYEE/CUSTOMER ASSAULTS

# **10** Rail customer and employee assaults per 10 million vehicle revenue miles, meeting target of no more than **10**

There were four rail employee assaults and ten rail customer assaults in Q1 of FY23, compared to six employee and seven customer assaults in Q1 of FY22. This equaled a rate of 10 assaults per 10 million vehicle revenue miles.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

This is a measure of customer and employee security while on the Metro system. This measure is part of Metro's Agency Safety Plan and aligns with the measures in the National Public Transportation Safety Plan published by the Federal Transit Administration. It includes incidents in which customers and employees are unlawfully physically assaulted and require immediate medical attention away from the scene. The FY23 target was set to improve over FY22.



To prevent customer assaults, Metro Transit Police are increasing presence on bus routes and train stations where they commonly occur. Additionally, Metro is focusing on ensuring all Metro station platform lighting is consistently maintained.

Rail Station Managers engage regularly with members of the public and are also at a higher risk for assault. Metro advises Station Managers to avoid engaging in potentially unsafe situations and provides de-escalation training and dispute resolution strategies.





# **BUS EMPLOYEE/CUSTOMER ASSAULTS**

**9.5** Bus customer and employee assaults per 10 million vehicle revenue miles, meeting target of no more than **10** 

Bus NTD Reportable Assault Rate against dotted line target

Y: # assaults per 10m vehicle revenue miles | X: month

There were six bus customer assaults and three bus employee assaults in Q1 of FY23, compared to eight customer and one employee assault in Q1 of FY22.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

This is a measure of customer and employee security while on the Metro system. This measure is part of Metro's Agency Safety Plan and aligns with the measures in the National Public Transportation Safety Plan published by the Federal Transit Administration. It includes incidents in which customers and employees are unlawfully physically assaulted and require immediate medical attention away from the scene. The FY23 target was set to improve over FY22.

# Direction of desired performance: down Chart takeaway | Bus employee/customer assault rate has been near target for FY22 and FY23 to date. Target: 10.0 J A S O N D J F M A M J J A S O N D J F M A M J J A S FY21 FY23

In response to an increase in bus operator assaults, Metro adjusted organization procedure for addressing challenging situations with customers on buses to emphasize that bus operators should secure the bus, contact the Bus Operations Control Center, and engage law enforcement when necessary.

Additionally, bus operators are reminded not to engage with fare evaders and given de-escalation training and dispute resolution strategies.

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# RAIL EMPLOYEE INJURIES

# **3.6** Rail employee injuries per 200,000 work hours, meeting target of no more than **3.6**

Forty-nine rail employees reported injuries during Q1 of FY23. Stress and struck by/against injuries were the most common, each accounting for 20 percent, or 10, of the reported injuries this quarter. Slip/trip/falls made up 18 percent, or nine, of the quarter's injuries.

#### Measure Details: What and Why

This is an important measure of maintaining a safe environment for Metro's employees at work. This measure includes employee injuries that meet the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) reporting criteria. The FY23 target was set to maintain average performance levels achieved over the past five years.



Reducing stress and assault injuries is a top concern for Metro. Of the ten stress injuries this quarter, half were related to employees witnessing violent acts at a station. The Metro Transit Police Department launched Operation "HelpingHands" to increase the visibility of uniformed and plain clothes officers in high crime stations interacting with passengers and employees. Station Managers and Supervisors take de-escalation training to learn techniques to prevent or manage verbal and physical assaults.





# **BUS EMPLOYEE INJURIES**

# **11** Bus employee injuries per 200,000 work hours, meeting target of no more than **11.9**

There were 106 bus employee injury reports through Q1 of FY23. This is a 10 percent decrease from the same time period of last fiscal year. Collision-related injury reports (41) were the most common, followed by stress injury reports (27).

#### Measure Details: What and Why

This is an important measure of maintaining a safe environment for Metro's employees at work. This measure includes employee injuries that meet the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) reporting criteria. The FY23 target was set to maintain average performance levels achieved over the past five years.



At Metro, everyone is responsible for safety and all employees have the right and the responsibility to make recommendations about improving safety.

To enable this, Metro holds regular in-person and online forums to gather feedback from employees regarding hazards at facilities and on the road, and to collaborate on creating timely solutions to mitigate those hazards.

Additionally, Metro uses regular safety observations between managers and staff to ensure that safety procedures are followed in daily activities and embed a safety mindset in all employees.





# APPENDIX:

# PERFORMANCE MEASURE DEFINITIONS Included in this PDF

# PERFORMANCE MEASURE DATA TABLES

Included as a new downloadable spreadsheet file under the "Performance" section of the <u>Public Records</u> page at <u>wmata.com</u>

# Performance

Metro Scorecard

Metro's web portal for performance reporting on key safety, security, reliability and budget measures.



Metro Performance Report (Q1-FY2023)

Metro Performance Report Data File (Q1-FY2023)







# PERFORMANCE MEASURE DEFINITIONS

# RIDERSHIP

## How is it measured?

Metrorail passenger trips + Metrobus passenger boardings + MetroAccess passenger trips

Ridership is a measure of total service consumed and an indicator of value to the region. Drivers of this indicator include service quality and accessibility.

## What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

Passenger trips are defined as follows:

- Metrorail reports passenger trips. A passenger trip is counted when a customer enters through a faregate. In an example where a customer transfers between two trains to complete their travel one trip is counted.
- Metrobus reports passenger boardings. A passenger boarding is counted via the onboard Automatic Passenger Counter (APC) when a customer boards a Metrobus. In an example where a customer transfers between two Metrobuses to complete their travel two trips are counted. Metrobus totals also include shuttles\* to accommodate rail station shutdowns and other track work, but does not include shuttles operated by a contracted vendor.
- MetroAccess reports passenger trips. A passenger traveling from an origin to a destination is counted as one passenger trip. Passengers include customers, personal care attendants (PCAs), and companions in accordance with ADA regulations.

\*Metro does not include bus shuttle passenger trips in its budget or published ridership forecasts.

# **CUSTOMER SATISFACTION**

## How is it measured?

Survey respondent rating = Number of survey respondents (active riders) who marked their last Metrorail/Metrobus/MetroAccess trip as "very satisfactory" OR the second highest category in a five-point scale ÷ Total number of respondents

## What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

Surveying customers about the quality of Metro's service delivery provides a mechanism to continually identify those areas of the operation where actions to improve the service can maximize rider satisfaction.

Customer satisfaction is defined as the percent of customer survey respondents who rated their *last trip within a 30-day period* on Metrobus, Metrorail, or MetroAccess as a "5" or "4" in the customer satisfaction survey, with "5" denoting "very satisfied" and "1" denoting "very unsatisfied". Metro distributes this survey through address-based sampling on a biweekly basis, and respondents must meet specific criteria to participate. Results are summarized quarterly.



# METRORAIL SERVICE MISSED

## How is it measured?

Percentage of service missed = Number of revenue service stops missed ÷ Number of scheduled revenue stops

## What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

Missed Service monitors Metro's "guarantee of service"—whether Metro is providing all the service that was scheduled and committed to. It helps to offer more clarity on the relative magnitude of various operational issues on daily rail operation, for example, operator or railcar shortage, and incident response strategy. It is an important indicator of transit service quality and productivity. Those missed stops can have a negative impact on the perceived reliability of rail service and can result in longer customer wait times, missed transfers, etc. which lead to customer inconvenience and dissatisfaction.

# METROBUS SERVICE DELIVERED

## How is it measured?

Percentage of service delivered = Number of trips provided ÷ Number of scheduled trips

## What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

Metrobus service delivered tells us whether Metro is meeting its level of service that we have committed to our customers through the budget and scheduling process. It is also a key measure of reliability; when trips are missed, customers experience much longer wait times than expected and it reduces the overall confidence in the system. Monitoring whether service was delivered helps Metro understand where there are issues with staffing, planning and scheduling, bus availability and reliability, and service interruptions.

# METROBUS PREDICTION AVAILABILITY

# How is it measured?

Percentage prediction availability = Number of trips with real time prediction made available in GTFS-RT ÷ Number of scheduled trips

# What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

Prediction availability communicates how likely it is that Metro is using real time location information to generate the predicted arrival times of buses that customers see on BusETA or other third-party trip planning applications. When real time location information is not available, applications will either show provide no prediction information for the bus or substitute the scheduled arrival time. Both of these alternatives are far less reliable than real time data and negatively impact the customer experience through extended wait times and lack of clarity on when their next bus will arrive.

Predictions can be unavailable for two main reasons:

1. Missed Trips: No real time location information was provided because service was cut for the scheduled trip



2. Bus Communication Failure: No real time location information was provided because of a technical issue with the bus. In these cases, service is provided, but customers do not have real time location information to track it.

# **METROBUS PREDICTION ACCURACY**

## How is it measured?

Percentage prediction accuracy = Number of accurate predictions ÷ Number of scheduled trips

### What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

Bus Prediction Accuracy measures the quality of Metro's real time arrival prediction data that customers use to plan their trips through BusETA and other third-party trip planning applications. The predictions are compared to the actual time the bus arrived at the stop according to Metro internal records.

### Which predictions are evaluated?

To make the measure as customer focused as possible, only the most meaningful predictions are evaluated. Buses begin making predictions well before they begin service on a particular trip and can make predictions for stops hours before they are scheduled to arrive. Customers typically only use prediction information to plan in the very near term and are mostly only looking for the next arrival. To account for this, predictions made well in advance are thrown out, and only predictions made within 30 minutes of the bus's arrival are evaluated.

### What is considered accurate?

Bus Prediction Accuracy is measured by comparing the predicted time of arrival to the actual time of arrival. A perfect prediction is when the predicted arrival time and the actual arrival time match exactly, but it is rare for a predicted and actual arrival to match to the second. The goal is not to be perfect, but to provide customers with enough good information so they can effectively plan their trips and are not waiting long periods of time for the bus. Therefore, the measure creates a range of allowable error within which a prediction is considered accurate, and if the prediction falls outside that range, it is considered inaccurate.

The accuracy range follows two key principles:

- 1. As the bus gets closer to the stop, predictions should become more accurate. Errors have greater customer impact when the bus is closer to the stop. Customers are more likely to use these predictions and a two minute difference has a greater impact if the bus is five minutes away than when the bus is 25 minutes away
- 2. A bus arriving before its predicted arrival (Early) is worse than a bus arriving after its predicted arrival (Late). If customers follow predictions exactly, they will miss their bus if the bus was earlier than its prediction.

Using these principles, the following time ranges are used to determine whether a prediction is accurate:

Time before arrival	Lower Bound (Early)	Upper Bound (Late)
0-3 mins	-1 min	1 min

3-6 mins	-1.5 mins	2 mins
6-12 mins	-2.5 mins	3.5 mins
12-30 mins	-4 mins	6 mins

Prediction Accuracy is the number of predictions that fall within these ranges out of all predictions made within 30 minutes of a bus's arrival.

# **METRORAIL CUSTOMER ON-TIME PERFORMANCE (MYTRIPTIME)**

### How is it measured?

Percentage of customer journeys completed on time = Number of journeys completed on time ÷ Total number of journeys

### What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

Rail Customer On-Time Performance (OTP) communicates the reliability of rail service, which is a key driver of customer satisfaction. OTP measures the percentage of customers who complete their journey within the maximum amount of time it should take per WMATA service standards. The maximum time is equal to the train run-time + a headway (scheduled train frequency) + several minutes to walk between the fare gates and platform. These standards vary by line, time of day, and day of the week. Actual journey time is calculated from the time a customer taps a SmarTrip® card to enter the system, to the time when the SmarTrip® card is tapped to exit.

Factors that can affect OTP include: railcar availability, fare gate availability, elevator and escalator availability, infrastructure conditions, speed restrictions, single-tracking around scheduled track work, railcar delays (e.g., doors), or delays caused by sick passengers.

# **METROBUS ON-TIME PERFORMANCE**

### How is it measured?

Percentage of bus service delivered on-time = Number of timepoints delivered on time based on a window of 2 minutes early and 7 minutes late ÷ Total number of timepoints delivered

"Timepoints" are major stops on a bus route that are used to create bus schedules.

### What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

Bus on-time performance (OTP) communicates the reliability of bus service, which is a key driver of customer satisfaction and ridership.

Factors that can affect OTP include: traffic congestion, detours, inclement weather, scheduling, vehicle reliability, operational behavior, or delays caused by the public (crime, protests, medical emergencies, etc.)

# **METROACCESS ON-TIME PICKUP PERFORMANCE**

How is it measured?



### What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

This indicator illustrates how closely MetroAccess adheres to customer pick-up windows on a system-wide basis. MetroAccess customers schedule trips at least one day in advance, and are given a 30-minute pick-up window. MetroAccess on-time pick-up performance is essential to delivering quality service to the customer.

# **ELEVATOR / ESCALATOR AVAILABILITY**

#### How is it measured?

In-service percentage = Hours in service ÷ Operating hours

Hours in service = Operating hours – Hours out of service

Operating hours = Operating hours per unit x number of units

#### What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

Escalator/elevator availability is a key component of customer satisfaction with Metrorail service. This measure communicates system-wide escalator and elevator performance (at all stations over the course of the day) and will vary from an individual customer's experience.

Availability is the percentage of time that Metrorail escalators or elevators in stations and parking garages are in service during operating hours.

Customers access Metrorail stations via escalators to the train platform, while elevators provide an accessible path of travel for persons with disabilities, seniors, customers with strollers, and travelers carrying luggage.

An out-of-service escalator requires walking up or down a stopped escalator, which can add to travel time and may make stations inaccessible to some customers. When an elevator is out of service, Metro is required to provide alternative services which may include shuttle bus service to another station.

## **METRORAIL CROWDING**

### How is it measured?

Percentage of passenger time spent on vehicles exceeding crowding guidelines = Number of crowded passenger minutes ÷ Total number of passenger minutes

### What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

Crowding is a key driver of customer satisfaction with Metrorail service. Crowding measures the percentage of passenger time spent on vehicles that exceed crowding guidelines per WMATA service standards of 100 passengers per car. In FY23, WMATA returned to the pre-pandemic definition of crowding.

Crowding informs decision making regarding asset investments, service plans and scheduling.

Factors that can affect crowding include: service reliability, missed trips insufficient schedule, or unusual demand.



# METROBUS CROWDING

## How is it measured?

Percentage of passenger time spent on vehicles exceeding crowding guidelines = Number of crowded passenger minutes ÷ Total number of passenger minutes

## What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

Crowding is a key driver of customer satisfaction with Metrobus service. Crowding measures the percentage of passenger time spent on vehicles that exceed crowding guidelines per WMATA service standards of 120% of seated capacity during peak for BRT, framework, and coverage routes, 100% off peak and at all times on commuter routes. In FY23, WMATA returned to the pre-pandemic definition of crowding.

Crowding informs decision making regarding asset investments, service plans and scheduling. Factors that can affect crowding include: service reliability, missed trips insufficient schedule, or unusual demand.

Note: Prior to the adoption of the Metrobus Service Guidelines in December 2020, crowding guidelines were 120% of seated load for all services except express bus during peak.

# METRORAIL FLEET MEAN DISTANCE BETWEEN FAILURE

## How is it measured?

Mean Distance Between Failure (MDBF) = Total railcar revenue miles ÷ Total number of failures occurring during revenue service

## What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

The number of miles traveled before a railcar experiences a failure. Some car failures result in inconvenience or discomfort, but do not always result in a delay of service (such as hot cars).

Mean Distance Between Failure communicates the effectiveness of Metro's railcar maintenance and engineering program. Factors that influence railcar reliability are the age and design of the railcars, the amount the railcars are used, the frequency and quality of preventive maintenance, and the interaction between railcars and the track.

# METROBUS FLEET MEAN DISTANCE BETWEEN FAILURE

## How is it measured?

Mean Distance Between Failures (MDBF) = Total bus mileage ÷ Total number of bus mechanical failures occurring during revenue service

## What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

Mean Distance Between Failures is used to monitor trends in vehicle breakdowns that cause buses to go out of service in order to plan corrective actions. Factors that influence bus fleet reliability include vehicle age, quality of maintenance program, original vehicle quality, and road conditions such as inclement weather and road construction.

# METROACCESS FLEET MEAN DISTANCE BETWEEN FAILURE

#### How is it measured?

Mean Distance Between Failures (MDBF) = Total MetroAccess vehicle odometer miles ÷ Total number of mechanical failures occurring during revenue service

### What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

The number of total miles traveled before a mechanical breakdown requiring the van to be removed from service or deviate from the schedule

Mean Distance Between Failures is used to monitor trends in vehicle breakdowns that cause vans or sedans to go out of service and to plan corrective actions. Factors that influence MetroAccess fleet reliability include vehicle age, quality of maintenance program, original vehicle quality, and road conditions affected by inclement weather and road construction.

# PART 1 CRIME RATE

### How is it measured?

Part I Crime Rate = Number of Part 1 Crimes ÷ (Number of passengers ÷ 1,000,000)

In other words, the number of crimes per million passenger trips

#### What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

The FBI's Uniform Crime Reporting program classifies the following as Part 1 Crimes: Criminal Homicide, Forcible Rape, Robbery, Aggravated Assault, Burglary, Larceny, Motor Vehicle Theft, and Arson. To calculate Metro's Part 1 Crime Rate, MTPD looks at these crimes committed: 1) on buses and bus stops, 2) on trains and in rail stations, 3) at Metro-owned parking lots, 4) at other Metro Facilities such as rail yards, bus divisions, headquarters, and MetroAccess vehicles, and 5) in a non-WMATA location but involving WMATA or MTPD property.

This measure provides an indicator of the perception of safety and security customers experience when traveling the Metro system. Increases or decreases in crime can influence whether customers feel safe in the system.

# SAFETY EVENT RATE

### How is it measured?

Safety Event Rate = Number of safety events that meet "major event" National Transit Database (NTD) reporting criteria ÷ (Total vehicle revenue miles ÷ 10 million)

In other words, the number of reportable safety events per 10 million revenue miles

### What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

The types of safety events that would be included in this measure are: collisions, fires, derailments, hazardous material spills, acts of God, and a few other safety occurrences.



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# **CUSTOMER INJURY RATE**

### How is it measured?

Customer injury rate = Number of customer injuries reported to the Federal Transit Administration ÷ (Total vehicle revenue miles ÷ 10 million)

In other words, the number of customer injuries per million trips

### What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

The customer injury rate is based on National Transit Database (NTD) Reporting criteria. This measure includes customers injured during Metro operations when the injury requires immediate medical attention away from the scene.

Customer safety is the highest priority for Metro and a key measure of quality service. Customers expect a safe and reliable ride each day. The customer injury rate is an indicator of how well the service is meeting this safety objective.

# **CUSTOMER / EMPLOYEE FATALITY RATE**

### How is it measured?

Fatality Rate = Number of fatalities reported to the Federal Transit Administration ÷ (Total vehicle revenue miles ÷ 10 million)

In other words, the number of fatalities per 10 million revenue miles

### What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

The Federal Transit Agency's Public Transportation Agency Safety Plan identified the fatality rate as a key safety performance measure. Reducing the number of fatalities is a top priority for all transit agencies. This measure includes customer and employee fatalities due to Metro operations and excludes those from suicide, homicide, trespassers, illnesses, drug overdoses, or other natural causes.

# NTD-REPORTABLE ASSAULT RATE

### How is it measured?

NTD-Reportable Assault Rate = Number of employee and customer assaults reported to the Federal Transit Administration ÷ (Total vehicle revenue miles ÷ 10 million)

In other words, the number of reportable assaults per 10 million revenue miles

### What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

The Federal Transit Administration criteria for reporting assaults is any unlawful physical assault upon an employee or customer of Metro while on Metro property that results in immediate medical attention away from the scene. These are different criteria than those used by OSHA in the employee injury rate.



Customer and employee safety is the highest priority for Metro and a key measure of quality service. Customers expect a safe and reliable ride each day. The assault rate is an indicator of how well the service is meeting this safety objective.

# **EMPLOYEE INJURY RATE**

## How is it measured?

Employee injury rate = Number of employee injuries reported to the Department of Labor ÷ (Total work hours ÷ 200,000)

200,000 hours is equivalent to 100 employees working full-time for one year. In other words: the number of employees injured per 100 employees

## What does this mean and why is it key to our strategy?

An employee injury is recorded based on OSHA 1904 Recordkeeping Criteria, when the injury is (a) work related; and, (b) one or more of the following happens to the employee: 1) fatality, 2) injury or illness that results in loss of consciousness, days away from work, restricted work, or job transfer 3) receives medical treatment above first aid, 4) diagnosed case of cancer, chronic irreversible diseases, fractured or cracked bones or teeth, and punctured eardrums, 5) special cases involving needlesticks and sharps injuries, medical removal, hearing loss, and tuberculosis.

Per the Occupational Safety and Health Act, employers are obligated to provide a workplace free of recognized hazards which may cause employee death or serious injury. OSHA recordable injuries are a key indicator of how safe employees are in the workplace.