# THE ECONOMIC COST OF FAILING TO MODERNIZE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

### WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY (WMATA)



#### What is Modernization/State of Good Repair?

State of Good Repair (SGR) refers to maintaining public transportation assets in a condition at or above a target level in which performance and safety are not compromised. Here's what that means: systems with bus and rail assets in a State of Good Repair experience fewer breakdowns, and have greater opportunities to innovate/expand.

# WMATA FACTS AND FIGURES

\$6.6 BILLION

Investment needed to bring WMATA to a State of Good Repair

\$39.4 **BILLION** 

Total physical asset value

#### ECONOMIC IMPACT OF STATE OF GOOD REPAIR

By failing to bring WMATA to a state of good repair, the local economy loses the following:

- \$10.8 BILLION LOST IN THE LOCAL GDP
- \$6.6 BILLION IN LOST WAGES

#### **WASHINGTON TRANSIT FACTS**

### **Asset portfolio**

Where do DMV transit riders work?

**233** miles of track **675** paratransit vehicles

**1,242** rail cars **91** rail stations

**1,589** buses



if you were to combine all of the wages and earnings generated by people who use transit in the DMV regularly, **it would add up to \$16 billion**.

**DID YOU KNOW** -- \$235 billion worth of real estate in the DMV area is ½ mile from a WMATA metro station, and 54% of jobs in region are within ½ mile of metro station.

#### History

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) was created by an interstate compact in 1967 to plan, develop, build, finance, and operate a balanced regional transportation system in the national capital area. Metrorail and Metrobus serve a population of approximately 4 million within a 1,500-square mile jurisdiction.

