

Department of Legislative Services
 Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

House Bill 491 (Delegates Barve and Exum)

Appropriations

Washington Suburban Transit District - Capital Equipment - Funding

This bill requires the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to provide grants to the Washington Suburban Transit District, for Montgomery and Prince George’s counties, to fully fund the district’s share of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority’s (WMATA) capital equipment replacement costs. The grants are contingent upon the receipt of a request by the district to MDOT, based on the annual capital improvements programs adopted by WMATA. The bill is effective July 1, 1998.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Special fund expenditures would increase by \$5.2 million in FY 1999 and by \$4.8 million in future years.

(in millions)	FY 1999	FY 2000	FY 2001	FY 2002	FY 2003
SF Revenues	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
SF Expenditures	5.2	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8
Net Effect	(\$5.2)	(\$4.8)	(\$4.8)	(\$4.8)	(\$4.8)

Note: () - decrease; GF - general funds; FF - federal funds; SF - special funds

Local Effect: Montgomery County expenditures would decrease by an estimated \$2.1 million in FY 1999 and by \$2.0 million annually thereafter. Prince George’s County expenditures would decrease by \$3.1 million in FY 1999 and by \$2.8 million annually thereafter.

Small Business Effect: None.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: Under current law MDOT is required to pay 75% of the Capital Equipment Replacement costs for WMATA. The bill would increase MDOT's share to 100%. Currently, there is \$72.7 million budgeted for the State share of capital equipment funding for Metrorail Equipment Rehabilitation and Replacement, Metrobus Garage Construction, and Metrobus Purchases for fiscal 1999-2003. Increasing the State's share to 100% would increase Transportation Trust Fund expenditures by \$24.2 million over fiscal 1999-2003. The increase in expenditures in fiscal 1999 would be \$5.2 million. Future year increases (\$4.8 million) reflect the amount budgeted in the Consolidated Transportation Program.

Information Source(s): Department of Transportation (Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority), Department of Legislative Services

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