

# WMATA Budget and DMVMoves Update

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## FY '26 Proposed Budget

# FY2026 Proposed Budget Highlights

GM & CEO FY2026 Proposed Budget, FY2027 Forecast and Authorization for Public Hearings

OPERATING BUDGET\*

**\$2.6B**

CAPITAL BUDGET

**\$2.4B**

**\$5.0B**

## Operating\*



*Implement Year One of Better Bus Network*



*Better, more reliable, automated rail service*



*Complete system-wide rollout of Open Payments*



*New funding formula supporting service changes and fiscal predictability*

\*Includes reimbursables and debt service

## Capital



*Continue investments in state of good repair*



*Continue investments that increase operational efficiency*



*Production of 8000 series railcars*



*Complete underway projects and continue ongoing programs*

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# Service and Fare Optimization

Metro will optimize service within available funding for FY2026

FY2026 Service & Fare Optimization



## Metrobus

- Implement the Year One Better Bus Network
  - 11 more routes in the Frequent Service Network
  - New connections to transit stations, jobs and other key destinations
  - Increased midday, evening, and weekend service



## Metrorail

- Add peak capacity to address ridership growth
- Extend half of Yellow Line trains to Greenbelt
- Open earlier on weekend mornings and close later on weekend late nights



## Fares & Fees

- No fare changes proposed in FY2026
- Introduce open payment
  - Tap to ride with contactless credit/debit mobile devices and cards with no fee

MetroAccess: No reduction in service area

# Bus Service Optimization

Implement the 2025 Better Bus Network, using existing resources:

- Better connect people to destinations
- Provide more frequent service
- Prepare us for the future

## The 2025 Better Bus Network will:



Average resident **gains access to at least 5% more key destinations** (e.g. hospitals, groceries, entertainment) at all times during the day/week



Add 30% more routes (11 more) to the **Frequent Service Network** (12-minute and 20-minute)



Provide **access to weekend service to 20,000 more residents** who currently lack service

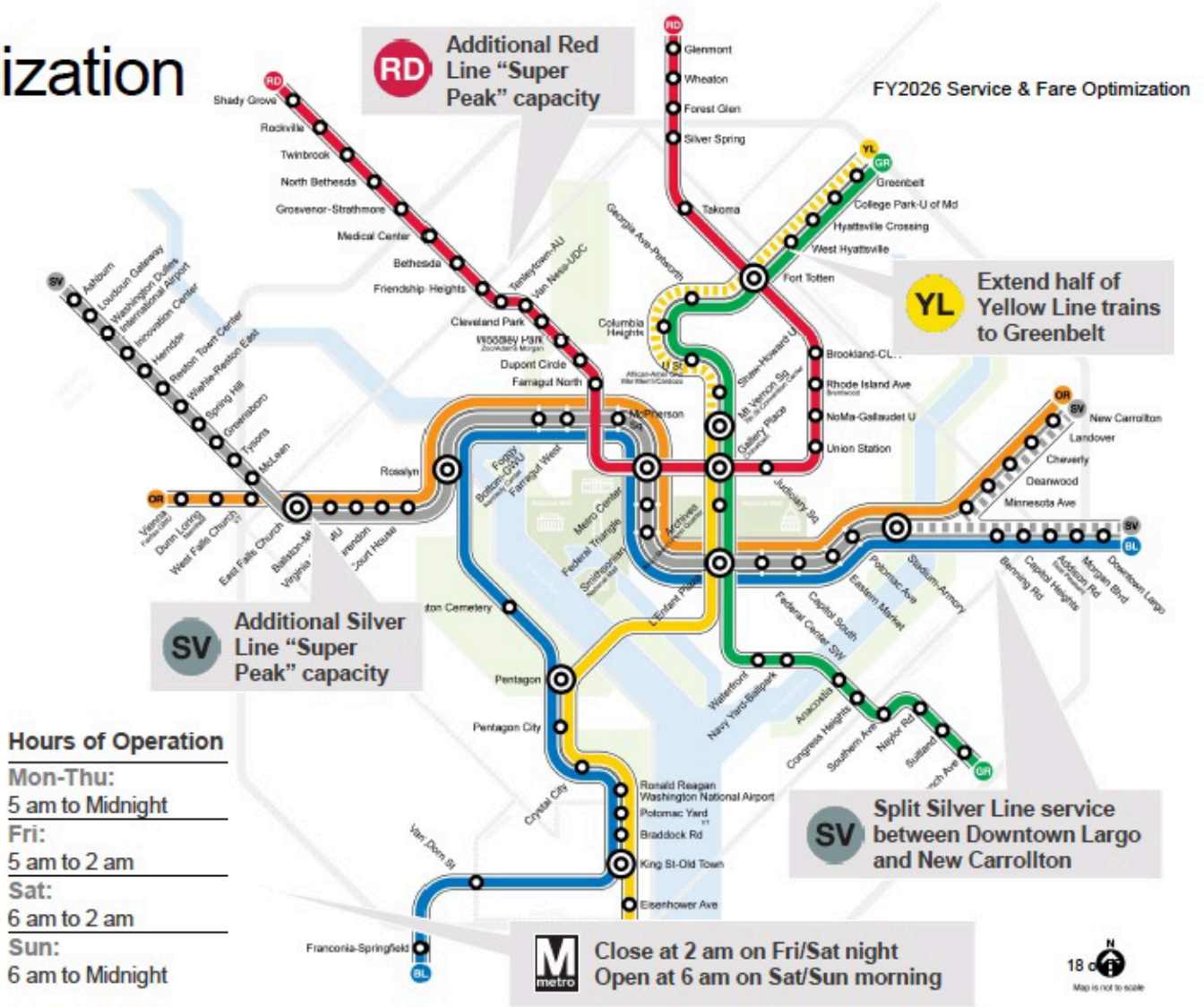


Provide **greater benefits** (e.g. access to more frequent service, jobs, and other destinations) in areas with **more low-income households**

# Rail Service Optimization

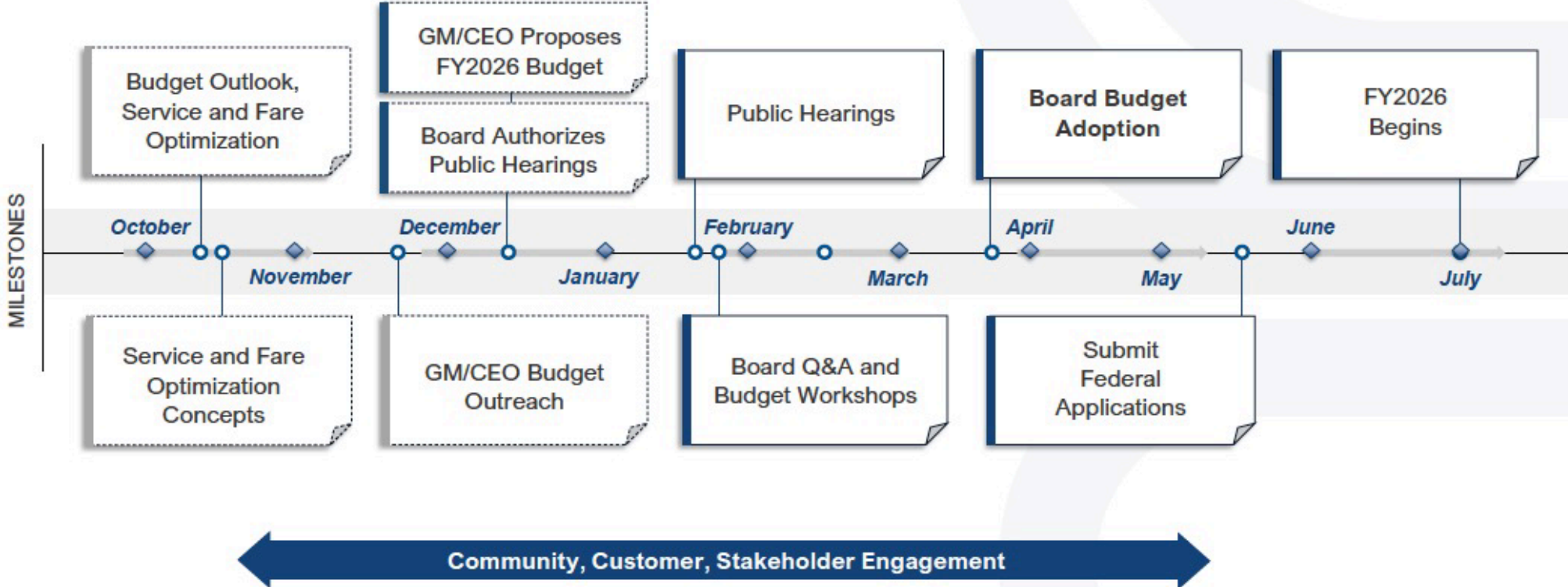
Use efficiencies from rail automation and train length optimization to enable approximately 3% more rail service with the same FY2026 resources

- Provide additional peak capacity at key bottlenecks
- Improve access to destinations to drive further ridership growth



# Next Steps to Approve FY2026 Budget

Recommendation and Next Steps





- <https://www.wmata.com/about/news/Metro-budget-proposal-includes-targeted-rail-service-increases-adopts-Bus-Network-redesign-no-fare-increase.cfm>
- <https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/index.cfm>

# DMV *MOVES*

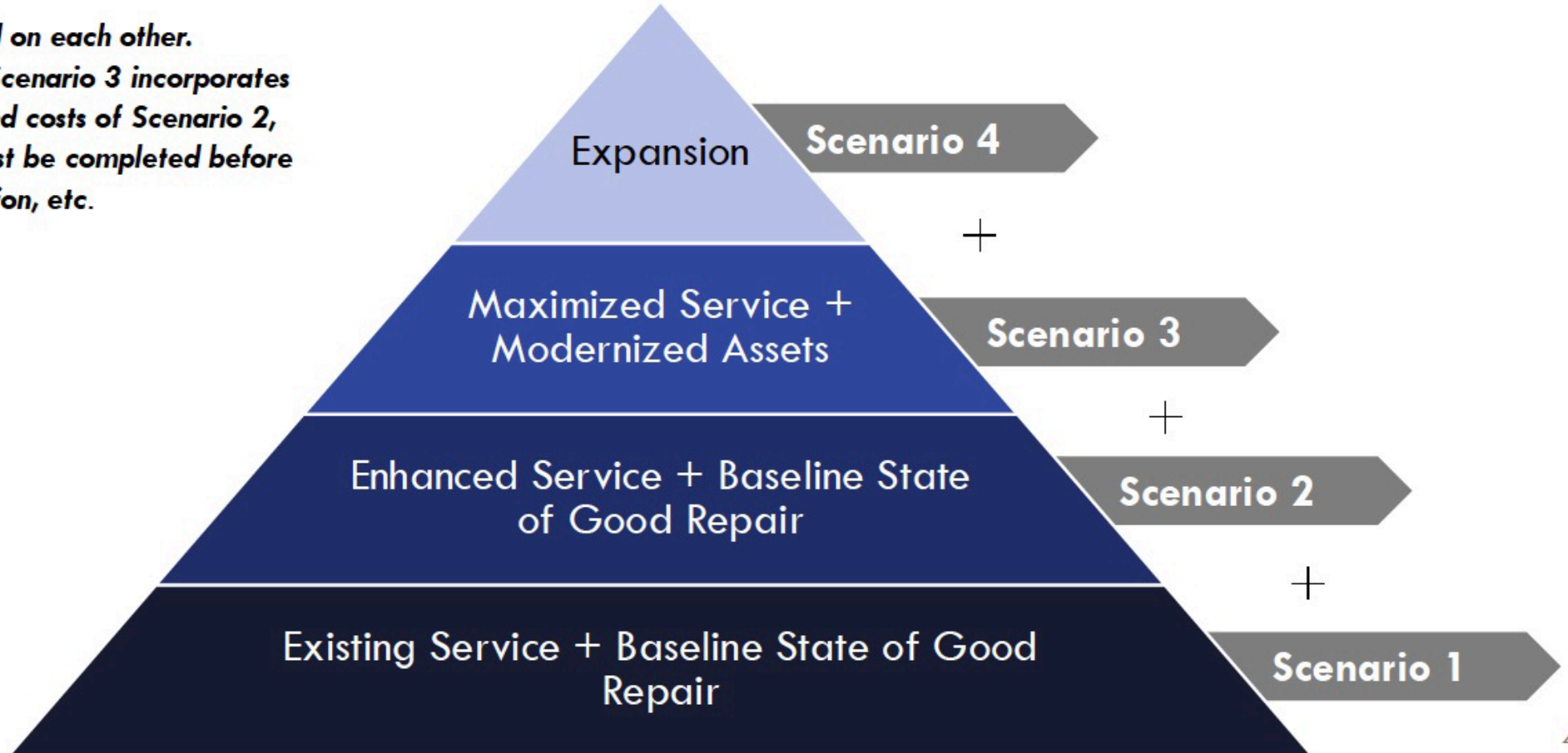
Moving our region forward, together.

## Potential Transit System and Funding Scenarios

Four scenarios to support near-term needs and long-term opportunities:

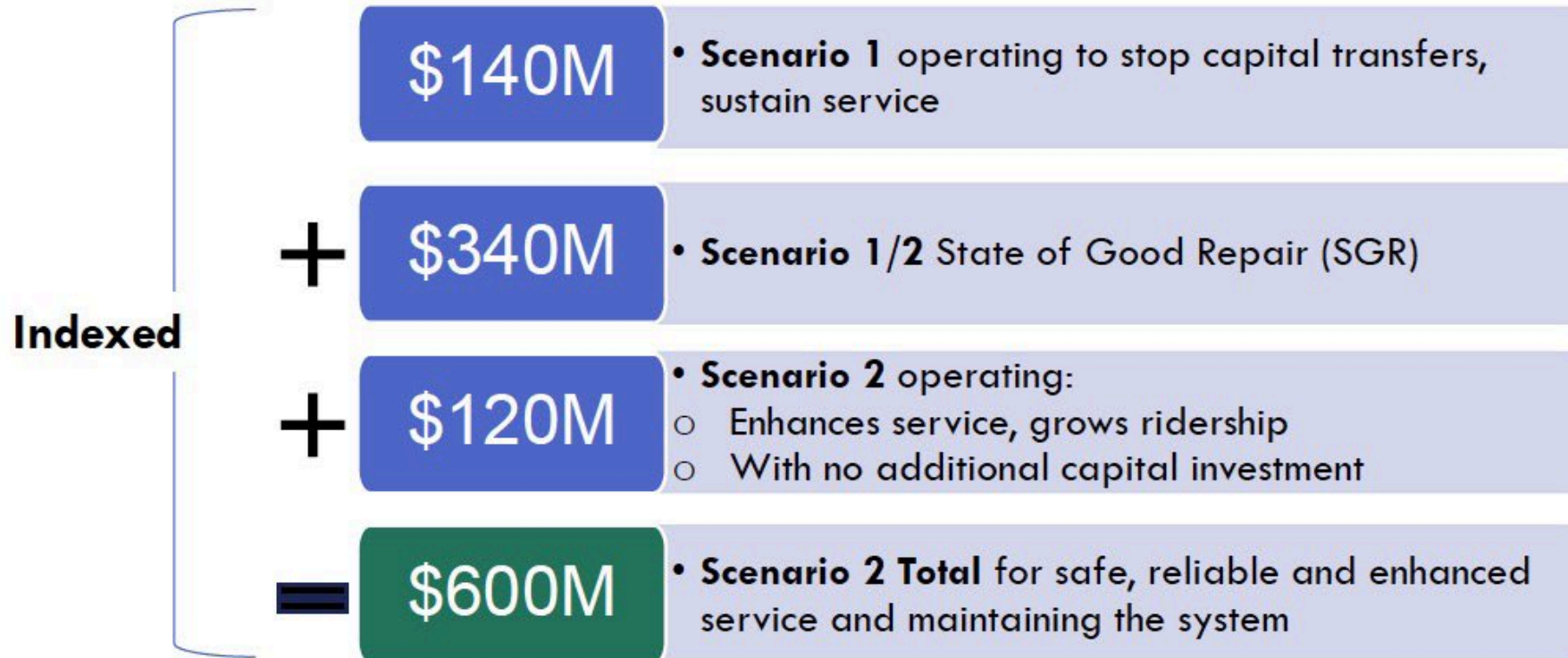
*Scenarios build on each other.*

*For example, Scenario 3 incorporates the changes and costs of Scenario 2, Scenario 3 must be completed before system expansion, etc.*



## Scenario 1 & 2 Provide a Baseline for Enhancing WMATA Service and Sustaining it into the Future

**FY2028 WMATA Funding Needed: \$600M**, indexed to grow



# Scenario 1 & 2: State / Local Transit Needs

**FY2028 Funding Needed: \$250M** for state/local providers, indexed to grow

## State/Local Providers

### Local Bus Service Enhancements

- Local bus provider service increase ~10%



### Commuter Rail and Bus Enhancements

- Increase in MARC and VRE
- Increase in MTA commuter bus



\$40M

- Scenario 1 operating:
  - Continue existing FY2025 service levels

\$140M

- Scenario 1 / 2 State of Good Repair (SGR)

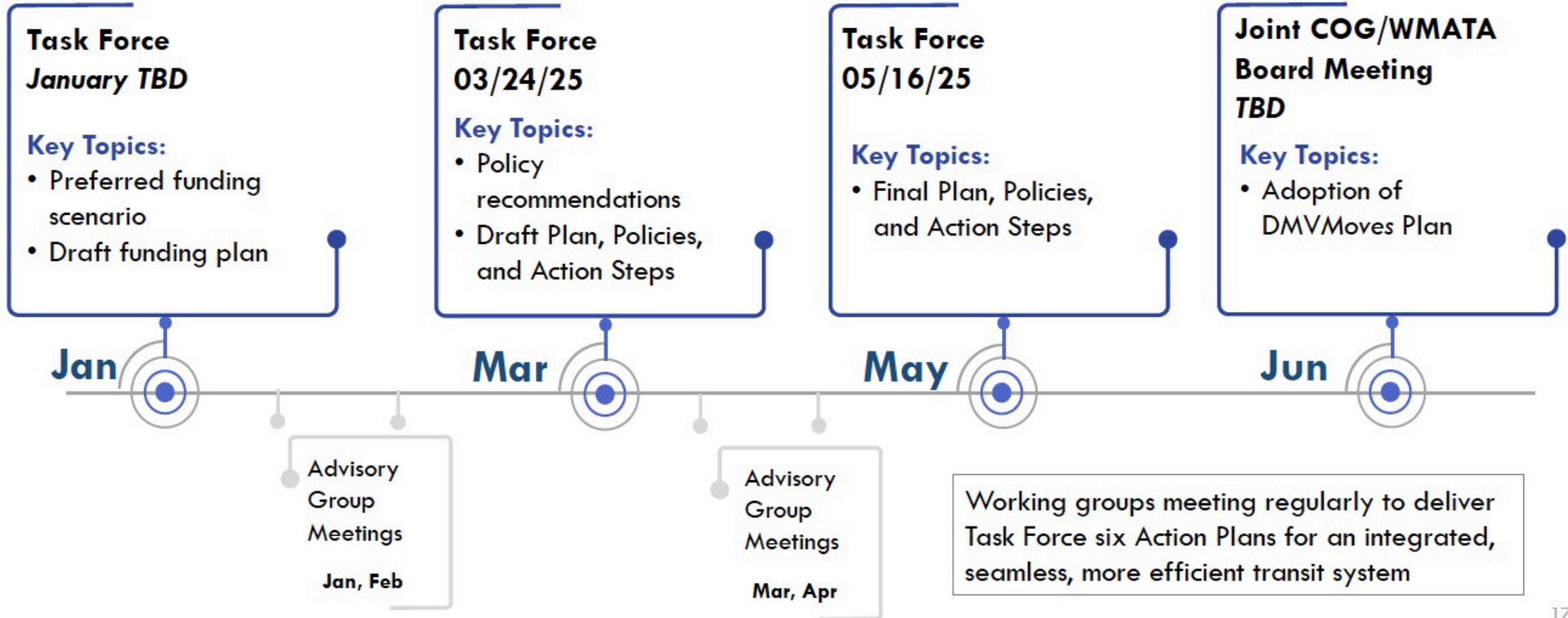
\$70M

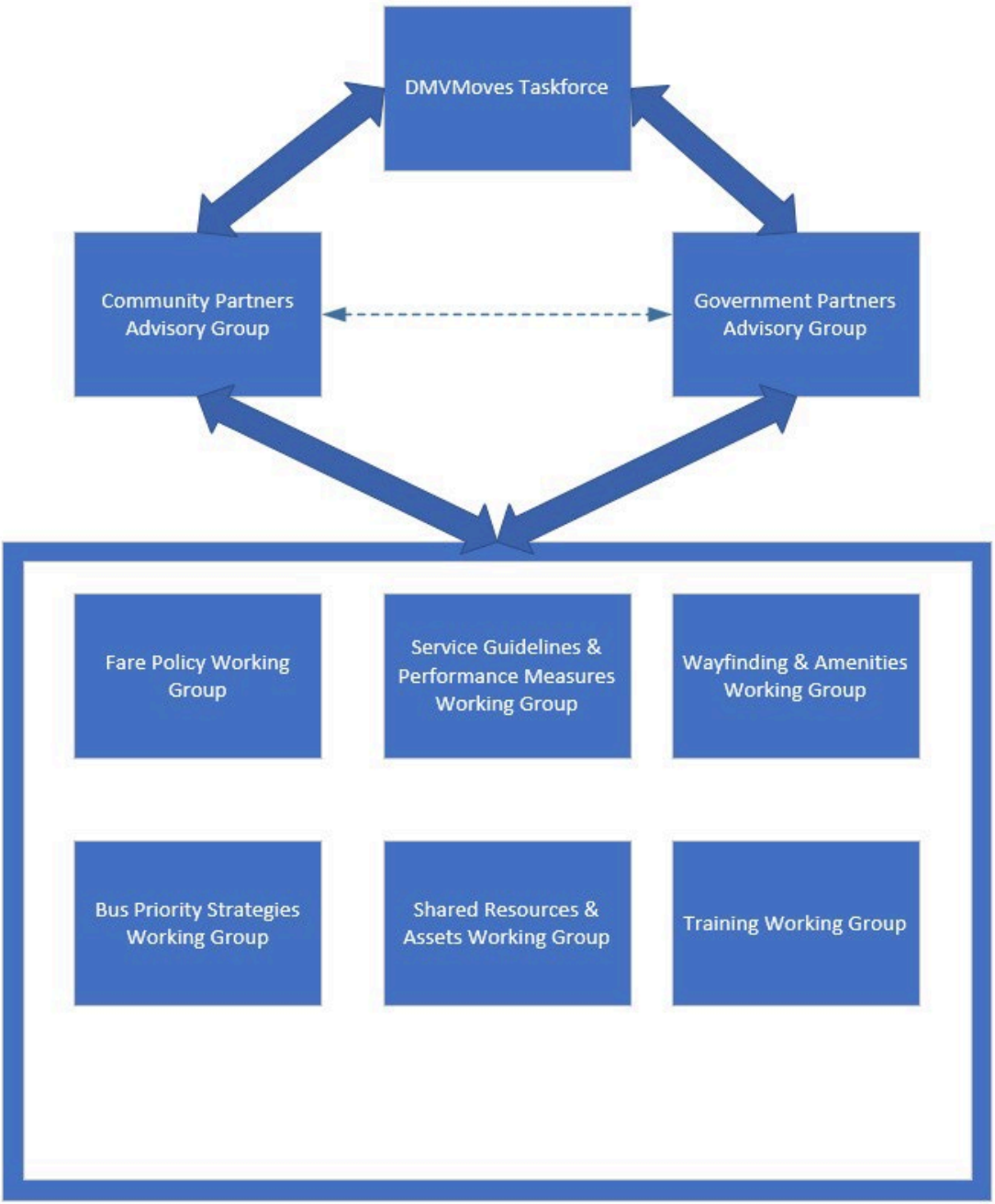
- Scenario 2 operating:
  - Enhances local bus service
  - Enhances MARC and VRE service

\$250M

- Scenario 2 Total for reliable service, sustaining good repair

# DMVMoves Look-Ahead





- <https://dmvmoves.org>
- <https://dmvmoves.org/events/>
- <https://dmvmoves.org/resources/>