

**QUESTION**

**a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?**

**b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?**

District / Position	Candidate		Party	Verbatim response
15				
Senator	Brian	Feldman	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?                      Yes. I am the lead sponsor of the MD Metro Funding Act, SB 277, in the State Senate this Session, which provides dedicated funding for WMATA.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?                      No. Although I have introduced two governance reform bills this Session which improve oversight and safety, Metro funding should not be contingent upon passage of those bills.</p>
	Hongjun	Xin	D	Yes
Delegate	Marc A.	King	R	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?                      Response: Yes, if all the jurisdictions serviced by the WMATA are funding it equally. It is a vital link to the movement of people through out the National Capital Region.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?                      Response: Yes. If the governance is inefficient or wasteful and labor relations become an impediment to safe sound and efficient ops. then the power of the purse must be applied to correct deficiencies.</p>
	Kathleen	Dumais	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Response: Yes</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? Response: No</p>
	Tony	Puca	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Response: Yes</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? Response: Both.</p>

**QUESTION**

**a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?**

**b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?**

District / Position	Candidate		Party	Verbatim response
15 (cont)				
Delegate	Lily	Qi	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? I strongly support permanent dedicated funding for WMATA and am proud that both Virginia and Maryland have stepped up.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?</p> <p>Metro funding should be contingent on our ROI. Virginia uses a data-driven approach to transportation investments through their Smart Scale dashboard that rate projects according to how much benefit each project provides across several categories. In order to maximize limited transportation dollars, Maryland should adopt a similar system that looks at how transportation projects compare in reducing congestion, protecting our environment and increasing transportation equity in our community.</p>
16				
Senator	Susan	Lee	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes, I am currently a cosponsor of a bill supporting dedicated funding for WMATA.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? Metro funding should be in a separate bill. There should be separate bills on governance or labor relations, as they both deal with important issues. It is critical Metro funding move forward and not be contingent on other issues.</p>
Delegate	Jordan	Cooper	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? Yes</p>

**QUESTION**

**a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?**

**b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?**

District / Position	Candidate		Party	Verbatim response
16 (cont)				
Delegate	Ariana	Kelly	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?                      I support Maryland’s full commitment to \$167 million per year in dedicated funding for WMATA from the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund. I am a co-sponsor of the Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act (HB 372) and I support the Senate amendments to increase the amount to \$167 million per year from \$150 million.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?                      I am also supportive of enhancing WMATA oversight by strengthening WMATA’s Office of the Inspector General and placing the Maryland Secretary of Transportation or their designee on the Board of Directors.</p>
	Marc	Korman	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?                      Yes. I have legislation moving through the legislature to provide dedicated funding for WMATA.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?                      Metro funding should not be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations. However, supporters of Metro should be supportive of governance and management changes to improve how Metro runs. Metro needs funding, but it also requires better management and governance.</p>

**QUESTION**

**a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?**

**b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?**

District / Position	Candidate		Party	Verbatim response
16 (cont)				
Delegate	Sara	Love	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? I support the dedicated funding package that has passed in Maryland, spearheaded by the leadership and dedication of Del. Korman, whom I view as an important leader in our community on WMATA and transportation issues generally.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? I believe that the approach taken by the legislature was appropriate. We need to fund Metro now, while continuing to work on the governance sets of issues that will make sure dollars are spent effectively. I support the Metro Board Member Act, sponsored by Del. Korman and Sen. Feldman, which is working its way towards passage.</p> <p>Moving forward, the legislature needs to continue to ensure that WMATA dollars are effectively spent to enhance safety and reliability, but also make sure that WMATA is making customer-focused improvements to enhance ridership and bring people back to the system. We need to make sure that headways are improved so that we win back more riders to the system, particularly on weekends and in the evenings. We will continue to have long-term</p>
	Samir	Paul	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes. I am content to see the money coming from the state Transportation Trust Fund, but I would be just as happy to free those dollars for other projects by levying a 1% sales tax (whether MD or regional) or finding a separate funding mechanism.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? No, but that doesn't mean governance/labor relations work is somehow secondary. The broad consensus was that this system was falling apart and needed the money, and I am glad we gathered the will to make it happen.</p>

**QUESTION**

**a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?**

**b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?**

District / Position	Candidate		Party	Verbatim response
17				
Delegate	Esam	Al-Shareffi	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes, I am in favor of current plans for Maryland to provide \$150 million in yearly dedicated funding and hope DC and VA will do the same.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? No, although if the federal government was to promise more funding, I am open to discussing these other issues.</p>
	Kumar P.	Barve	D	<p>a) YES. AS CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT &amp; TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE I SUCCESSFULLY PUSHED FOR AN ANNUAL \$159 MILLION (\$25 MILLION MORE THAN PROPOSED BY THE GOVERNOR). I NOW SUPPORT THE HIGHER COMMITMENT OF \$167 MILLION.</p> <p>b) NO, ALTHOUGH I SUPPORT REFORMS TO THE GOVERNANCE OF WMATA AND PASSED LEGISLATION TO THAT AFFECT.</p>
	Julie	Palakovich Carr	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes. I support Maryland providing \$167 million a year in permanent funding for Metro because a healthy Metro system is essential for the region’s vitality. It is key to reducing traffic congestion, improving environmental sustainability, and providing transportation options for everyone. It is also a smart investment in the region’s future, as employers are increasingly demanding world class transit when choosing where to locate. The current lack of dedicated funding is clearly the major impediment to achieving this.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? No.</p>

**QUESTION**

**a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?**

**b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?**

District / Position	Candidate		Party	Verbatim response
18				
Senator	Dana	Beyer	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes, and the developing agreement looks very promising.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? No.</p>
	Michelle	Carhart	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes, I support dedicated funding. Metro is here to stay and we need to develop policies to increase demand. A stable funding source sends a message that Metro is a priority.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? Metro needs to adopt best practices; however, dedicated funding should not be conditional.</p>
	Jeff	Waldstreicher	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes. I was honored to vote for just that in the House of Delegates last week. It is a historic moment.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? No. WMATA needs governance changes, but dedicated funding should not be held up because of that. The funding is too important to the safety and reliability of the system to delay it.</p>
Delegate	Leslie	Milano	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Absolutely, and I support the full dedicated funding amount of \$167M.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? It should be contingent on changes to WMATA governance. We need to ensure that the money is spent according to the strategic plan and that the investment funds are utilized effectively.</p>

**QUESTION**

**a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?**

**b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?**

District / Position	Candidate		Party	Verbatim response
18 (cont)				
Delegate	Emily	Shetty	D	<p>a. Yes, I support dedicated, bondable funding for Metro. As a daily public transit user, I am all too familiar with the significant reliability and maintenance issues that have befallen the metro system. Without a reliable stream of funding for capital repairs and improvements, the system will continue its downward decline.</p> <p>If elected, I would support Del. Korman’s Maryland Metro Funding Act, which will provide mandatory, dedicated funding through the MDOT capital program, increasing 3% annually. I would work with colleagues in Congress, the Virginia legislature and DC Council to secure similar agreements from each jurisdiction.</p> <p>b. I do not require other reforms before supporting this necessary funding, although I am interested in seeing additional steps taken by Metro to become more consumer and customer focused.</p>
19				
Delegate	Dave	Pasti	R	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Response: Yes, I support dedicated funding with the hope that the monies will be well spent and hopefully our jurisdiction will have a say in the process.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? Response: Yes, mainly in the governance.</p>
	Brian	Crider	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes, we need to make sure WMATA is funded so they can provide reliable and safe transportation now and well into the future.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? No</p>

**QUESTION**

**a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?**

**b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?**

District / Position	Candidate		Party	Verbatim response
19 (cont)				
Delegate	Marlin	Jenkins	D	a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes, I support dedicated for WMATA. b) Should Mero funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? No, metro funding should not be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations. I am a Labor attorney and collective bargainer by trade, in my opinion, labor can be a valuable partner in the efficient governance of the Metro. Dedicated funding should include labor and provisions for governance; but should be contingent upon them.
	Vaughn	Stewart	D	a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes. Providing a dedicated source of revenue is necessary to stabilize Metro and ensure it's a world-class transit system. b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? No. I support governance reform efforts, but the three jurisdictions should approve unconditional funding while the stars are aligned.



**QUESTION**

**a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?**

**b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?**

District / Position	Candidate		Party	Verbatim response
20				
Senator		Smith	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?                      I support dedicated funding for WMATA and I have co-sponsored the Maryland Metro Funding Act (SB0277). This act would the Maryland Metro Dedicated Fund Account in the Transportation Trust Fund. This bill requires an annual grant of at least \$125,000,000 from the Fund Account to pay capital costs of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority. This legislation is a sensible and sustainable way to dedicate funding to ensure a fully functioning Metro system and I was happy to vote for its passage this past legislative session.</p> <p>b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?                      No – though I support responsible management and oversight of WMATA.</p>
Delegate	Fatmata	Barrie	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes                      b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?                      I believe that we should give dedicated funding but at the same time require that WMATA have better labor relations with their employees. Since there are so many issues facing WMATA and without proper public transportation, our region comes to an almost stand still, I cannot say that dedicating funding should not happen without the requirements first.</p>
	Lorig	Charkoudian	D	<p>a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Absolutely. We cannot continue to fight for funding every year and get partial, inadequate funding in return.                      b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? No. While I support some changes, making funding contingent on specific changes limits the permanence of the funding, which is crucial to allow Metro to borrow at favorable interest rates and secure affordable funding for maintenance and repairs.</p>

**QUESTION**

**a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA?**

**b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations?**

District / Position	Candidate		Party	Verbatim response
20 (cont)				
Delegate	David	Moon	D	a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes, and I cosponsored and voted for dedicated funding for WMATA this year. b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? No.
39				
Delegate	Bobby	Bartlett	D	a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes, I do. For safety reasons alone, it's painfully clear that we need significant investment in Metro to modernize and improve the system, but it's also something that badly needs enhanced service in terms of operating hours and frequency of trains. b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? No. The only conditions I would place on Metro funding would be to meet certain safety benchmarks and to establish passenger and operator safety as Metro's #1 priority moving forward.
	Kirill	Reznik	D	a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Yes, and I proudly voted this session to provide that dedicated funding. b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? No. I believe we must always examine governance as a standard practice and take action as may be necessary, but what WMATA needs now is the dedicated funding, and that is what we need to provide.
	Clint	Sobratti	D	a) Do you support dedicated funding for WMATA? Response: Yes b) Should Metro funding be contingent on changes in WMATA governance or labor relations? Response: Yes