Amendment to 2014 Annual Plan & Budget

Presentation to Bus Transit Committee

May 14, 2014
March Budget Conditionally Approved
Background

- On March 27 Committee gave “conditional approval” to a budget:
  - For April 1, 2014 to March 31, 2015
  - With total expenditures of $121,900,833
  - And no change in fares, or
  - Level of service
Why Operating Costs are Rising

- 3% wage increases effective April 1, 2014
  - Top Operator Rate: From $28.57/hour to $29.43
  - Top Technician Rate: From $29.50/hour to $31.30
- Contractual wage increases add $1.4M to budget
Why Operating Costs are Rising

- Increase in Veolia’s monthly health insurance costs
  - Increased plan enrollment, plus
  - Increased monthly premiums (3% - 4%)
Why Operating Costs are Rising

- Rising natural gas costs of approximately 25%
- Supply rate comparison:
  - December 2013: $3.818
  - February 2014: $5.557
- Annual Impact = $0.7M
Why Operating Costs are Rising

Avg. Weekday Able-Ride Service

- Service Hours


Be SAFE  Be DEPENDABLE  Be NICE
Operating Cost Trend

Fixed Route Operating Expense per Revenue Hour

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<th>Year</th>
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Total Required Funding: $121,900,833

2014 Fiscal Year Funding Sources:
- STOA
- County STOA Match
- Additional Funding
- FTA PM Grant
- FTA Administration Grant
- Advertising and Concessions
- Fare Revenue

Funding Breakdown:
- $45,584,734
- $6,000,000
- $600,000
- $1,000,000
- $3,345,099
- $2,539,500
- $62,831,500
Additional Funding Required

- $3.3 million
- Potential sources
  - Further STOA increases
  - Other subsidy sources
  - Mid-year service adjustments
Why is Service Stability Important?

Complaints Per 100k Passenger Trips

- January 2013: 7.08
- February 2013: 5.83
- March 2013: 4.16
- April 2013: 4.54
- May 2013: 10.08
- June 2013: 12.38
- July 2013: 12.83
- August 2013: 10.83
- September 2013: 18.83
- October 2013: 15.71
- November 2013: 11.92
- December 2013: 5.75

Comparison between 2013 and 2014.
Balanced Budget Proposal
Change to a January 1 Fiscal Year

- County proposed the new fiscal year to:
  - Conform to County fiscal cycle
  - Conform to State funds disbursement cycle
  - Conform to Federal reporting cycle
  - Eliminate confusion from overlapping years
  - Align Federal, State, County, and NICE funding periods

- 2014 will end Dec. 31, 2014
- Budget gap reduced to $2.67M
Proposal to Close the $2.67M Gap
3 Steps

- County increase
- Fare increase
- Veolia contribution
Proposal to Close the $2.67M Gap

Step 1

- Nassau County will provide an additional $1.87M
- $2,670,620
- (1,870,620)
- 800,000
Proposal to close the $2.67M gap
Step 2

- County will provide an additional $1.87M
- Raise $400K by increasing the cash fare ($2.25) to match MetroCard ($2.50)
  September 1

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Step 3

- County will provide an additional $1.87M
- Raise $400K by increasing the cash fare ($2.25) to match MetroCard ($2.50) September 1
- Veolia will contribute $400K
- Maintain service levels

$2,670,620
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Operating Expenses
9 Month Version

Total = $91,782,843
## Fare Revenue Budget

### 9 Month Version

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<td><strong>34,783,973</strong></td>
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Total Revenue
9 Month Version

Total Funding Required: $91,782,843

- STOA: $47,123,625
- County STOA Match: $34,783,973
- Additional County Contribution: $1,904,625
- FTA PM Grant: $1,870,620
- FTA Administration Grant: $1,870,620
- Advertising and Concessions: $400,000
- Veolia Contribution: $450,000
- Fare Revenue: $750,000
Recommendations

- Approve new operating budget for April 1 to December 31, 2014 in the amount of $91,782,843

- Hold public hearings on proposed fare changes between: July 15 and July 17