

Metropolitan Council Equity and Federal Fund Allocation

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Equity Advisory Committee



Equity Project 2021

Metro Transit Federal Fund Allocation

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Governor's Budget Recommendations

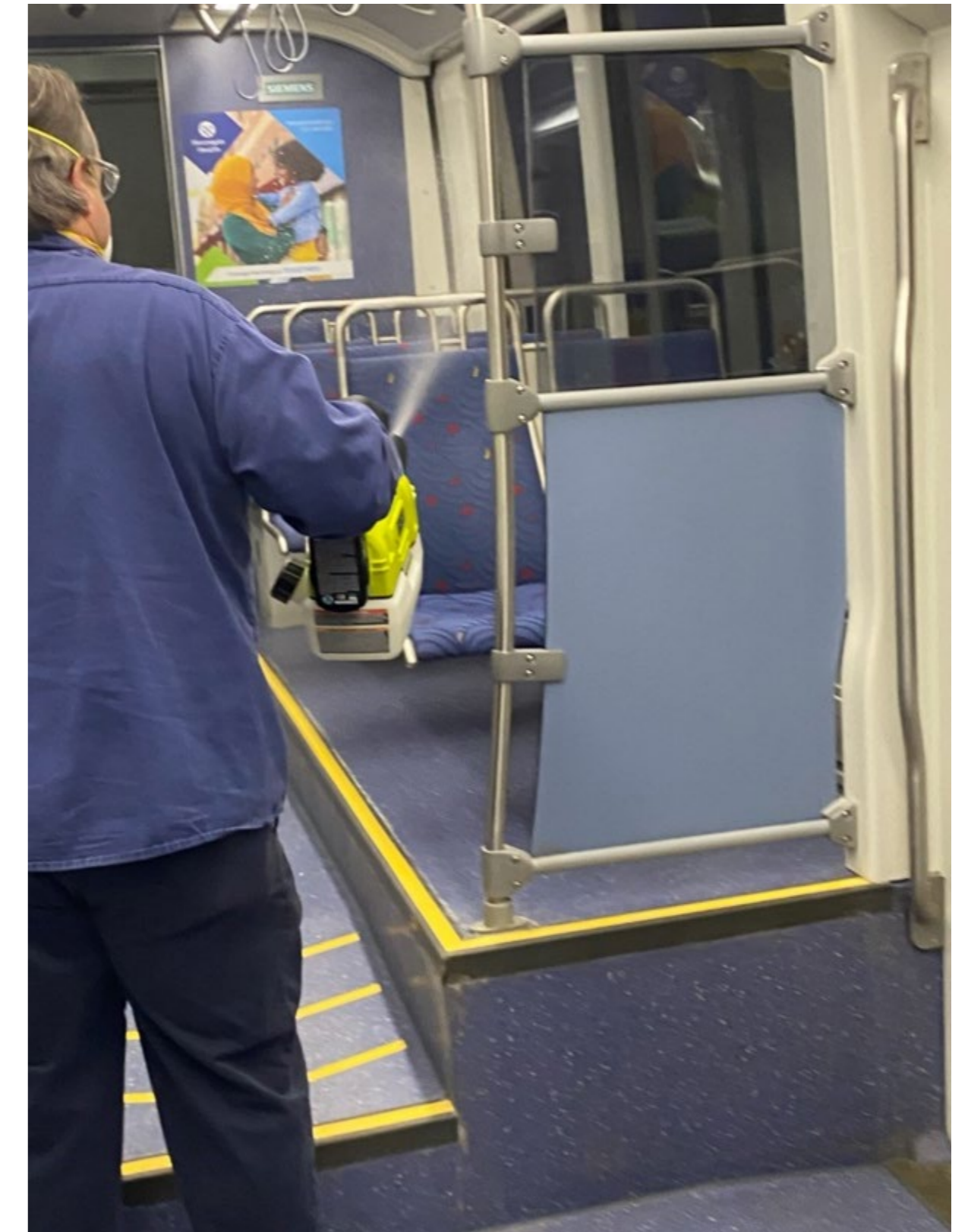
Governor's budget considers one-time transit-dedicated federal relief received by the Metropolitan Council

- Uses one-time federal relief and reserves to address near-term:
 - Operating deficits
 - Capital maintenance deficits
 - Transit security, including administrative citations implementation if authorized
- Budget language clarifies and updates state law regarding non-state funding responsibilities for the operations and ongoing maintenance of transit guideway investments

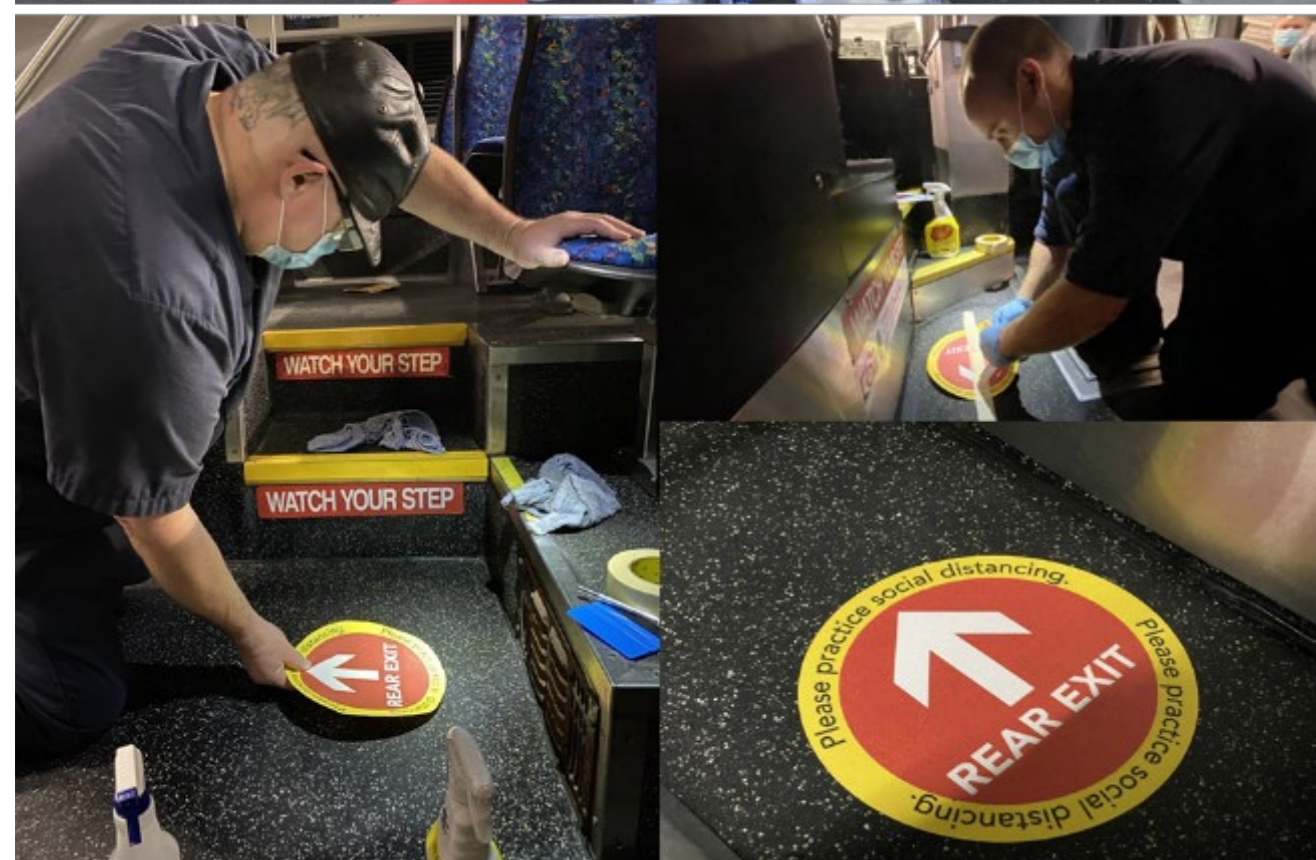
One-Time Federal Relief - CARES Act

Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act

- \$25 billion nationally for public transit
- \$226.5M to metro region transit
 - \$214.4M to Metropolitan Council
 - \$12.1M to Suburban Opt-outs and UofM Transit
- 86% of total regional federal CARES Act funds were spent in 2020
 - Salaries and benefits of transit staff (83%)
 - Contracted transit services including Metro Mobility, Transit Link, and contracted fixed routes (9%)
 - Pass-thru grants to opt out providers (6%)
 - Fuel (1%)
 - Materials and cleaning supplies (1%)
- All remaining funds will be spent in CY 2021



One-Time Federal Relief - CRRSAA



- COVID Response & Relief Supplemental Appropriations Act
 - National Total = \$13.262 billion for public transit
 - \$185.9 million to metro region transit
 - \$175.9 million to Metropolitan Council
 - \$10.0 million to Suburban Opt-outs and UofM Transit
- Support anticipated shortfalls in the FY22-23 biennium for Metro Mobility (\$48.6m) and Rail Operations (\$17.8m)
- Like CARES Act, CRRSAA funds used for payroll and operations eligible expenses including additional maintenance due to pandemic

One-Time Federal Relief - ARP



- American Recovery Plan
 - \$30 billion nationally for public transit
 - Estimated \$313.4 million to metro region transit
- Planned use to support anticipated shortfalls in our Transportation Programs
 - Primary directed to payroll and operations
 - Funds available through September 30, 2024

One-Time Federal Relief – ARP – added info

<https://www.transit.dot.gov/sites/fta.dot.gov/files/2021-03/American-Rescue-Plan-Act-Fact-Sheet.pdf>

In summary:

- Available at 100% federal share
- Available for payroll and operations, unless the recipient certifies that it (and any subs/contractors) has not furloughed any employees
- Available for:
 - Payroll for public transit providers, including private providers of public transportation
 - Operating costs of public transit during the public health emergency, including the purchase of personal protective equipment
 - Administrative leave for operations or contractor personnel due to reductions in service
- Must be obligated by September 30, 2024, and disbursed by September 30, 2029

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Metro HRA Cares Act Funding

Housing Choice Voucher Program

- \$2.4 million in administrative fees
 - Salaries and benefits of Metro HRA staff (100%)
 - Includes hiring additional staff to cover increased workload
- \$4.9 million in subsidy payments funding
 - Housing assistance payments to private landlords on behalf of low-income families
 - Covered increased housing costs due to increasing rents
 - Allowed Metro HRA to issue all possible housing vouchers



Metro HRA Cares Act Funding

Mainstream Housing Vouchers

- Awarded an additional 47 Mainstream Vouchers
 - Provide rent assistance to persons living with disabilities experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness.
 - Partnership with the Metro Transit Homeless Action team to connect people experiencing homelessness and using the transit system as shelter to housing stability
 - Partnerships with Anoka, Hennepin and Ramsey Counties
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- \$0.02 million in administrative fees
 - Salaries and benefits of Metro HRA staff (100%)
 - Includes hiring additional staff to cover increased workload
 - \$0.4 million in subsidy payments funding
 - Housing assistance payments to private landlords on behalf of low-income families



Metro HRA American Recovery Act Funds

Emergency Housing Vouchers

- Awarded 218 Emergency Housing Vouchers
 - Provide rent assistance to persons experiencing homelessness, at risk of homelessness, recently homeless or fleeing domestic violence
 - Required partnerships with Hennepin, Ramsey and Suburban Metro Area Continuums of Care.
 - Referrals required through Coordinated Entry Systems
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- \$0.3 million in administrative fees
 - Salaries and benefits of Metro HRA staff
 - \$2.3 million in subsidy payments funding
 - Housing assistance payments to private landlords on behalf of low-income families





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