# Metropolitan Transportation Authority

July Financial Plan 2014 - 2017

Board Presentation July 24, 2013



### Since July 2010, MTA's Plans have been disciplined, consistent and totally transparent

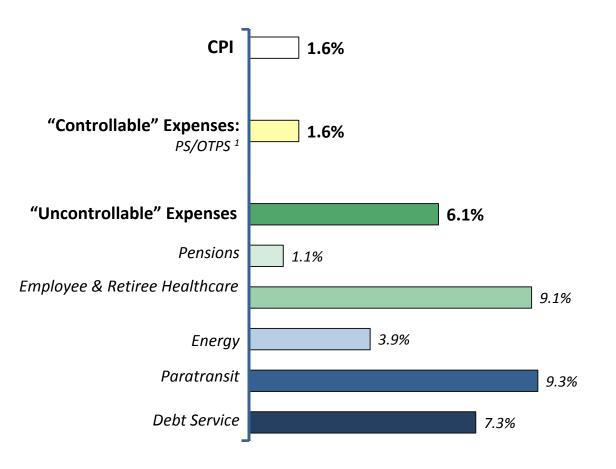
- This July Plan reflects the three key elements of prior Plans
  - Significant annually recurring cost reductions: \$1.3 billion by 2017
    - No budget-driven service reductions since 2010 cuts
  - Three years of "net zero" union wage growth
    - Already achieved four and a half years of real zero non-union wage growth
  - Biennial fare and toll increases as planned
- Adds and/or restores service when sustainable
- Preserves and enhances funding for the Capital Program
- Increases emphasis on addressing long-term costs such as pension, retiree health care, paratransit, and debt service previously considered "uncontrollable"



### "Uncontrollable" expenses are increasing faster than inflation and "controllable" spending

#### 2013 to 2017 Mid-Year Forecast

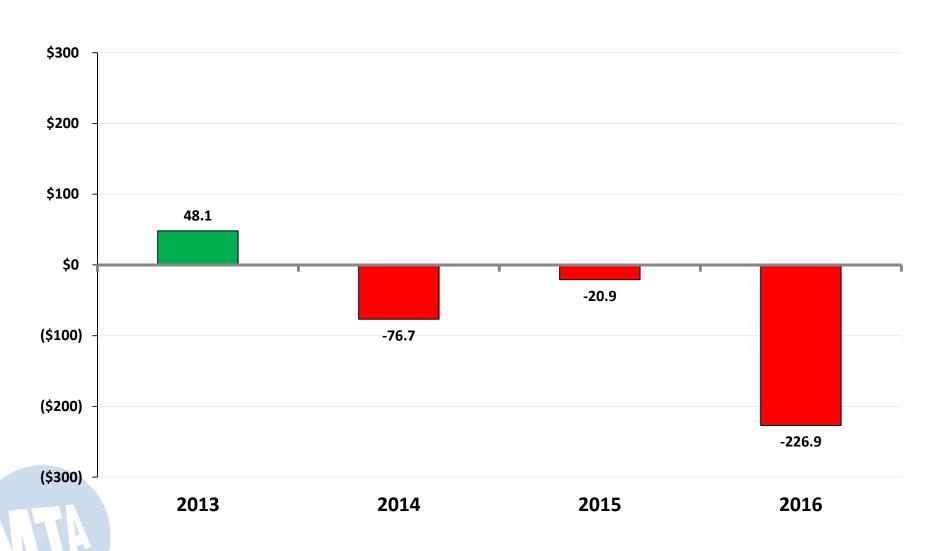
#### **Compounded Annual Growth Rate (CAGR)**





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Personnel Service / Other Than Personnel Service.

# Even assuming annually recurring cost savings, three "net zeros" and biennial fare and toll increases, the February Plan projected \$325 million of deficits through 2016 (\$ millions)



#### What has changed since the February Plan?

#### Favorable re-estimates and other changes

- Higher real estate-related subsidies (Urban Tax)
- Higher toll revenue
- Lower pension costs
- Lower health & welfare costs
- Lower energy costs
- Additional paratransit savings\*
- Reduced debt service from refinancings\*; and
- Reduced 2012 spending\* that increased the carry-over cash balance

#### Unfavorable re-estimates and other changes

- Lower PMT and PBT receipts
- Lower fare revenue
- Increased insurance costs (premiums impacted by Sandy)
- Metro-North derailment costs
- Operating cost "build up" associated with expansion projects

#### Bottom line is net-favorable

### Determining the amount of Service Investments to include in the July Plan

- New and restored service adds ongoing expense to the budget; funding must be sustainable
- Amount should be evaluated in the context of the overall budget, not specific revenue or expense lines
- Amount committed to additional service should be large enough to provide a meaningful improvement in our customers' use of the System, but no so large that its sustainability is at risk.

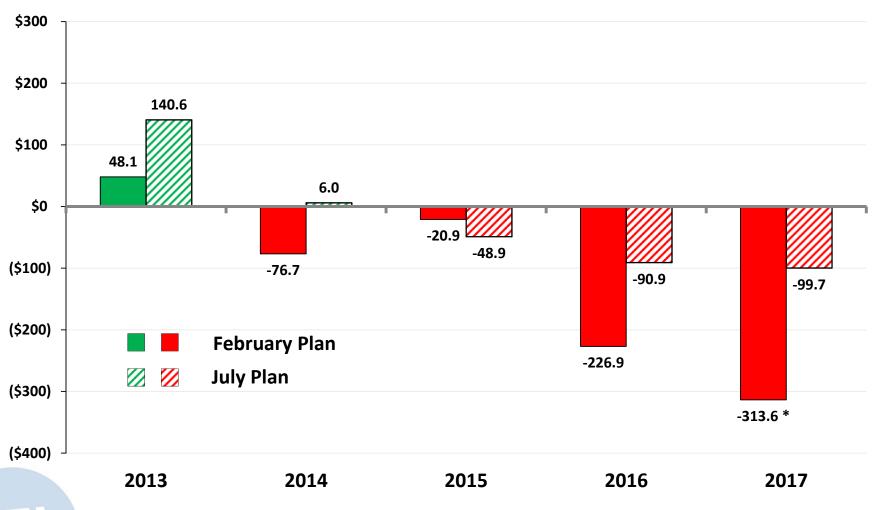


#### Highlights of the July Plan

- Funds \$18 million of additional service investments and customer enhancements
  - *In addition to* \$11.5 million of service adjustments, primarily driven by guidelines
- \$11 million in other customer service initiatives in 2014
- Invests \$76 million in important new operational and maintenance needs
- Includes \$80 million annually of PAYGO capital beginning in 2015 in support of the 2015-2019 Capital Program
  - Funded primarily with debt service savings from the 2013 refunding and reestimates of interest rates and cash flows
- Uses \$80 million of non-recurring real estate receipts to reduce LIRR Additional Pension Plan's \$1.2 billion unfunded liability, saving \$6 million annually
- Increases OPEB contributions to continue to address \$17.8 billion unfunded liability
- Proposes use of unexpended year-end General Reserve balances to make one-time payments toward long-term obligations (unfunded pension or OPEB liabilities, PAYGO or debt retirement) to reduce annual expenses, minimizing pressure on fares and tolls.
- Consistent with New York State budget projections

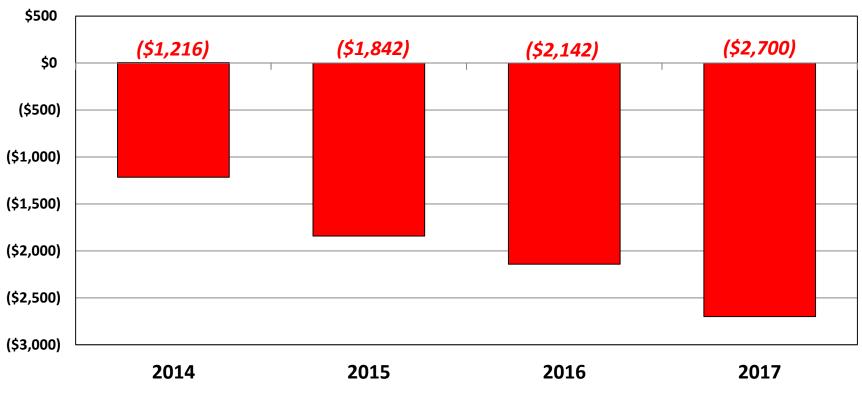
## With these re-estimates and new initiatives, the July Plan projects out-year deficits of \$240 million, lower than the February Plan

(\$ millions)



<sup>\*</sup> The February Plan only included projections through 2016; 2017 represents an extrapolation of the February Plan's 2016 projection.

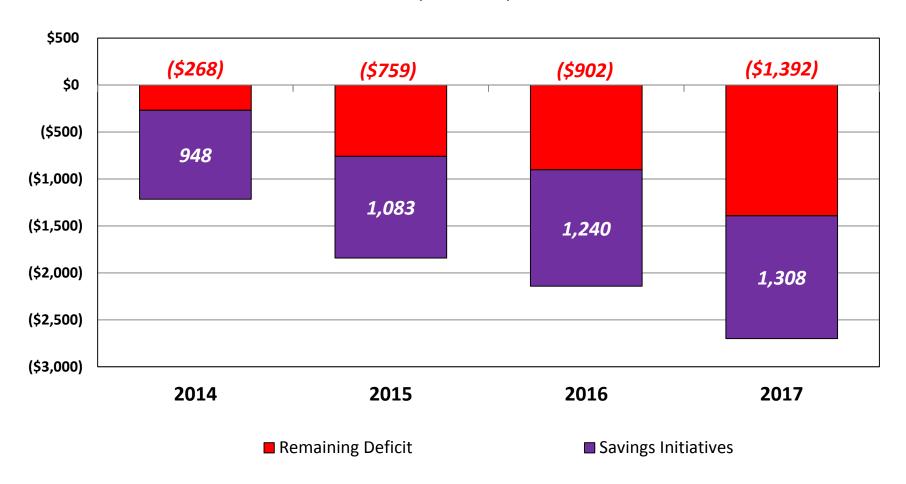
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■ Total Deficit without Key Elements



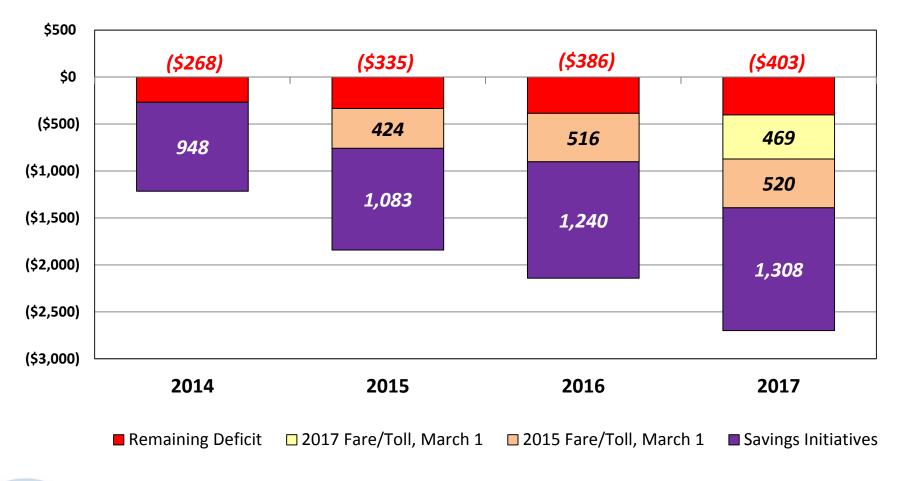
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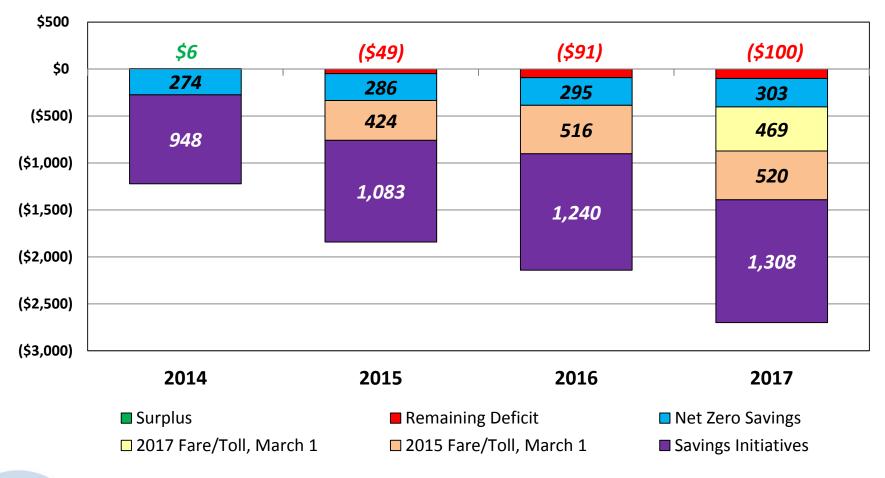
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- Fares and tolls close 24%, and
- "Net-zeros" from represented employees close only 15%

#### MTA is continuing to follow its Plan, but risks remain

- Execution of Financial Plan
  - "Net-zero" labor settlements
  - Annually recurring cost savings
  - Fare and toll increases in 2015 and 2017
- Loss or reduction of PMT or other revenues without equivalent replacement revenues
- Economic uncertainty
  - National economy remains weak
  - Local economy recovery is uneven
- Federal support below expected levels
  - On-going capital support in light of sequestration pressures
  - Repair and resiliency funding
- Longer-term vulnerabilities
  - Increasing operating costs associated with expansion projects
  - Funding for 2015-2019 Capital Program
  - Casualty risks to the system; ability to fund mitigation investments
  - Retiree healthcare costs
  - Pensions
  - Building and maintaining critical financial reserves