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Chair Hudgins and Members of the Board:

It is my pleasure to present you with the Riders' Advisory Council's report for May 2011.

Board Governance Discussion:

Board Governance Committee Chair Mary Hynes and Maryland Board Member Kathy Porter attended the Council's May meeting for a discussion on the Board's draft bylaws and procedures. The conversation focused on how the Board can best solicit feedback from members of the public to aid in its decision-making and ways for the Board to interact with its various advisory and stakeholder groups. I look forward to providing more formal recommendations from the Council concerning the Board's proposed bylaws and procedures following our June meeting.

The Council appreciates the thoughtful and deliberative way that the Board is undertaking its governance review and synthesizing the various comments on governance that have been provided as part of recent studies of Metro's governance. We hope that the Board will continue to review its governance and look for ways to improve public participation in decision-making, even after approving its bylaws and revised procedures.

Town Hall Meetings and Public Hearings on FY2012 Budget:

Council members attended this month's series of public hearings and town hall meetings on Metro's FY2012 budget and proposed reductions in service. We look forward to providing the Board with input on the budget in June.

Thank you for your time and attention. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Frank DeBernardo'.

Frank DeBernardo, Chairman