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Dear WMATA Board of Directors,

The Riders' Advisory Council (RAC) has been working on two areas over the past month: Internal reforms of the RAC aimed at improving our ability to provide policy recommendations to the Board and secondly following the General Managers FY23 budget recommendations and preparing for our role in complimenting public comment on aspects of the budget of importance to riders.

I'd like to first thank Director Hadden Loh for attending our December meeting and offering her insights on ways for the RAC to provide the Board with meaningful feedback that encompasses the various perspectives among riders and members of the RAC. I would also like to thank Alternate Director Helfer for volunteering to serve as the Board's RAC liaison. We look forward to working with her and taking advantage of her significant experience and expertise with public involvement and advisory boards and commissions.

Concerning internal changes to the RAC, starting in the new year we will be implementing procedural changes to improve our efficacy and efficiency in providing policy recommendations to the Board and ensuring that members are given the information and preparation to develop responsive and informative recommendations.

Secondly, the RAC has been briefed on the content of the General Manager's FY23 budget as well as the proposed next steps in seeking public feedback concerning some of the issues addressed in the recommended budget. Some of these issues include fare discounts and simplifications aimed at supporting and increasing ridership and necessary investments in the Capital Improvement Program (CIP). We're looking forward to complimenting the work of WMATA's public outreach efforts in providing a more targeted, in-depth perspective on issues facing riders now and in the future.

Thank you and I hope everyone has a nice close to their 2021 and looking forward to working with the Board of Directors and the General Manager in 2022.

Best,

Brian Meyer

Chairman of the Riders' Advisory Council