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Chair Smedberg and Members of the Board:

Thank you for the opportunity to present the Riders' Advisory Council's report for January 2023.

General Manager's Proposed FY2024 Budget

At our January meeting, Tom Webster, Metro's Executive Vice President for Planning and Performance, reviewed the General Manager's Proposed FY2024 budget with the Council. We're pleased that several concepts reviewed by the Board last fall have been included in the General Manager's proposed budget, including the elimination of the peak/off-peak fare differential, a fare program for low-income riders, and potential service changes on the Green, Yellow and Orange lines.

As the Board votes today to take the FY2024 budget proposal out to the public, RAC members are committed to participate as active listeners in this year's outreach – with our networks, at the Metro-sponsored public hearings and at other outreach events. We look forward to returning to the Board in the spring with recommendations based on what we heard.

Recruitment/Reappointments

The Board has on its agenda today the reappointment of three members to the RAC – we appreciate the Board's consideration of this action. With this action, the RAC will have three remaining vacancies which we are working with Dr. Helfer, our Board liaison, to fill. I'd encourage anyone interested to fill out an application online and if Board members have any recommended candidates, to let them know of the opportunity to apply.

Thank you, and I remain available for any questions you may have.

Sincerely,

Brian Meyer

Brian Meyer, Chair
Riders' Advisory Council