



RE: Metrobus and Metrorail Service for Local Events

March 16, 2018

Dear Chairman Evans:

At the March 7, 2018, meeting of the Riders' Advisory Council, members of the public expressed concerns that there would not be adequate Metrorail and Metrobus service for evening and weekend baseball games at Nationals Park. Specifically the riders were most concerned about the following events: Sunday, April 8, the regular season game starting at 8:00pm; Monday, July 16, the Home Run Derby and Celebrity Softball Game; and Tuesday, July 17, the 2018 Major League Baseball All-Star Game. All three of these events will be nationally televised and are expected to draw large numbers of sports fans and tourists many of whom may be new to the region and Metro.

We ask that the WMATA Board and Management ensure that adequate bus and rail service be provided for several hours after the conclusion of these major special events. Second, we ask that the WMATA Management communicate with local establishments so their patrons can schedule postgame activities accordingly. Third, and perhaps most importantly, we ask that our riders who are employed at Nationals Park and nearby establishments have adequate service, as the actual time they leave their workplaces is typically long after they close to the general public.

WMATA's own estimates show that demand for transit services will be high this year. This demand will not only be from the All-Star Game but also the many other sporting events, patriotic events, and demonstrations being held in the WMATA service area. The national spotlight will be on the Washington region, and fans and tourists will need WMATA and our local transportation partners to provide safe, reliable, and affordable service. Additionally, they will rely on Metro Transit Police, DDOT, and local law enforcement to maintain security and guide traffic in and around the various venues and stations.

If we can provide this level of service, we will demonstrate our commitment of getting Back2Good and furthermore, show that WMATA is a world class transportation system.

We thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

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Members of the WMATA Riders' Advisory Council (RAC)

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WMATA Board of Directors