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Chairman Benjamin and Members of the Board of Directors:

It is my pleasure to present you with the Riders' Advisory Council report for June 2010.

General Manager Search:

Pat Friel from Heidrick and Struggles, the search firm retained by the Board to find Metro's next permanent General Manager, came to the June Council meeting to give an overview of the search process as well as to provide a mechanism for the Council to offer its feedback regarding the qualities Metro should look for in the next General Manager. I am hopeful that Council members' input is helpful both to the search firm and to the Board as they recruit Metro's new leadership.

FY2011 Budget:

Though the Council provided its formal feedback on the FY2011 budget back in April, focusing on proposed fare increases and reductions in service, I would be remiss not mentioning that the Board will take formal action on the budget at its meeting today. The Council appreciates the Board's willingness to not only seek input from a variety of sources as it debated fares, service and jurisdictional subsidies, but also to seriously consider that input in its decision-making. The Council also appreciates that the budget before you recognizes the vital role that transit plays in the region by preserving Metrobus and Metrorail service.

Kojo Nnamdi Show:

On Monday, June 21st, I was a guest on the Kojo Nnamdi Show, along with Accessibility Advisory Committee vice chair Phil Posner. During the hour-long discussion, listeners made it clear that the region depends on Metro but that it must continue to make improvements to its service as it focuses on safety and reliability.

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

Sincerely,

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

Frank DeBernardo, Chairman