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METRO SERVICE CUTS UNACCEPTABLE

The Transit First! Coalition, representing transit riders, environmentalists, and union members, declared today that proposed cuts in Metro service are totally unacceptable. “The bus service reductions now under discussion would eliminate basic service that many people rely on to get to work and for other necessary travel. They would create enormous hardships for large numbers of riders,” said coalition chair Ben Ross.

The coalition said that state and local jurisdictions that compose the Metro compact must fund Metro's budget at a level that avoids service cuts. Coalition members plan to be present at the Metro board meeting on Thursday morning.

Members of Transit First! are the Action Committee for Transit, Amalgamated Transit Union Local 689, Audubon Naturalist Society, Clean Water Action, Coalition for Smarter Growth, Greater Greater Washington, MCGEO — UFCW Local 1994, Prince George's Advocates for Community-based Transit, Progressive Maryland, Save Maryland Area Rail Transit. The coalition is chaired by Action Committee for Transit president Ben Ross; vice-chair is David Alpert, editor of the Greater Greater Washington blog.

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