

Statement of Principles
“Fund it, Fix it” Metro Coalition

We, the undersigned groups and individuals, support dedicated funding for the Metro system. A well functioning Metro system is crucial for the economic health and sustainability of the Washington DC region. Our region will not remain economically competitive without this vital public resource.

We urge our leaders in Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia to come together and support:

- **Dedicated funding for Metro:** In order for Metro to be a world class transit system, we must identify additional sources of revenue for WMATA that are sufficiently reliable and dedicated to support bonding. Without additional, committed revenues, WMATA’s fiscal situation will continue to deteriorate. Agreement on new revenues is essential before the end of fiscal year 2018.
- **Near term budget solutions:** State and local jurisdictions must provide the additional operating funds necessary to avoid drastic service cuts that will put Metro on the path toward a ‘death spiral.’ Agreement must be reached during the current state and local budget season.
- **Frequent and reliable service:** Operating budget issues will not be solved by further service cuts. Frequent service is essential for attracting and retaining riders, and supporting our booming transit-oriented economy. Providing efficient rail and bus service must be a top priority for regional officials, and should include priority bus corridors and dedicated bus lanes to the maximum extent possible.

Funding and fixing Metro is crucial to sustain an economically successful and equitable DC region. Metro provides reliable and affordable transit, connects workers to jobs, increases our economic competitiveness, reduces greenhouse gases, lessens air pollution and enhances quality of life for all residents of our region.

The future of our region depends on our Metro system. We urge the leaders of Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia to come together and provide funding solutions for this vital system.

Sincerely,

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