

WASHINGTON REGIONAL NETWORK FOR LIVABLE COMMUNITIES

A Fare Hike? There's a Better Solution:

✓ Raise parking fees by \$2	+\$17.6 million
✓ Eliminate the 10% bonus on \$20 cards	+\$10 million
✓ Enhance feeder bus to Metrorail	- \$ 3 million
	+\$24.6 million

No bus or rail fare hike is needed!

How this solution addresses the \$24 million shortfall:

Metro could gain \$17.6 million in new revenues from a modest \$2/day fee increase and proportionate increases in monthly and reserved parking. This is an increase from current subsidized parking rates of 1-\$2.25/day to \$3-4.25/day. The current parking fee proposal from Metro calls for at most a \$1 increase. \$1 won't even break even on parking costs – all riders subsidize parking by \$11 million a year!

A \$2 parking increase coupled with the elimination of the 10% high value bonus – a \$10 million savings, will make up the \$24 million shortfall without raising fares on buses or rail. A study of New York City on transit fares found that high value bonuses are inequitable, mostly benefiting higher income riders.

This revenue strategy can also pay for the \$3 million needed for increased feeder bus to Metro stations - giving park & riders and everyone else better access options. The \$2 parking fee solution not only solves the budget problem, but it improves access for more Metro riders, and reduces the peak crunch period by giving riders better feeder bus service later in the morning.

TAKE ACTION: Instead of raising fares on everyone, tell Metro Chairman Jim Graham to choose the \$2 parking increase and discontinue the 10% bonus. Contact:

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- ⇒ **Testify at the hearings:** now until March 13th, see www.WMATA.com or call: 202-962-1092
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Join WRN, stop the fare hike, improve Metro!

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