



**\*\*\*ATTENTION \*\*\***

**WHAT: WMATA PUBLIC FORUM**

**WHY:** Solicit public input regarding WMATA's upcoming 2011 Fiscal Year Budget and potential service cuts

**WHEN:** NOVEMBER 18, 2009 at 7:00 PM

**WHERE:** Prince George's Community College  
Rennie Forum, Largo Student Center

***FREE public transportation available via THEBUS.***

**Shuttle buses will run between Largo Town Center Metrorail Station to the Community College beginning at 6: 00 PM. and until the end of the meeting.**

WMATA projects a budget deficit of \$107 million or more due to declining revenues and increasing costs. As such, the Board wants the public's input on how to best make the "hard" choices related to balancing the budget, which could result in **elimination and/or reduction in Metrobus services.**

Prince George's County has the second highest Metrobus ridership in the region with many residents dependent upon public transportation to get to and from employment, shopping, recreation and for faith-based activities. Just last year, Prince George's County was faced with major and potentially devastating Metrorail and Metrobus service cuts. However, the county's residents and elected officials stood united and voiced their opposition to service cuts. Because of that, service cuts were successfully avoided last year. Once again, Prince Georgians must voice their strong concerns about potential service cuts and weigh in on what they think should be considered to balance the budget and keep necessary services. In order not to eliminate or reduce services, WMATA could:

- **Fund transfers, freeze wages, cut non-essential operating costs, or capitalize operating expenses.**
- **Increase Metrorail fares.**
- **Increase Metrobus fares.**
- **Increase parking fees at Metro facilities.**

**Pre-registration is not required to speak at the form. Sign-up upon arrival.**