



A message from Metro Transit General Manager Kevin Desmond



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If you've ever had questions about where Metro's funding comes from or how the funds are used, we have a new tool to help you get answers.

Today Metro launched a webpage that provides an overview of our current operating and capital budgets and lets you drill down for more detailed information. For example, click on a slice of the operating expense pie chart and a breakdown of costs in that category will appear. You'll also find information about the financial challenges surrounding us and the actions we're taking to manage them.

» <http://metro.kingcounty.gov/am/budget/index.html>

We know how important it is for Metro to be transparent and accountable to the public. We've heard it from the Regional Transit Task Force, the Municipal League of King County, and citizens who participated in King County's strategic planning process.

The budget page is the latest in a series of products we've rolled out in the past six months to give the public a better window into Metro's operations, plans, and performance. These include a "dashboard" that reports on monthly performance measures (<http://metro.kingcounty.gov/am/reports/monthly-measures>), a strategic plan webpage (<http://metro.kingcounty.gov/planning>), and this e-newsletter.

Watch for continued enhancement of our reports to the public. In April we'll add annual performance measures to the dashboard. We'll also release a report card on our progress implementing recommendations made in a 2009 performance audit of Metro.

In the meantime, get to know Metro better by learning about where our funding comes from and where it goes. As always, I'm interested in your comments; you can reply to this e-mail.

Sincerely,

Kevin Desmond, General Manager
King County Metro Transit



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