

Veldran, Lisa

From: Mia <mia.amelie@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 10:19 AM
To: All Alders
Cc: Mymetrobus; Lynch, Thomas; Stuehrenberg, Justin; Martin, Crystal; Crawley, Katie
Subject: Be accountable for using Metro Transit busses to transport riot officers into our community!

Including all of you on this too! Please please please do whatever you can to make sure our beloved busses and bus drivers aren't being used to inflict REAL VIOLENCE on protesters. Metro transit transporting riot cops on Sunday 5/30 and other daysssss!

----- Forwarded message -----

De : Mia <mia.amelie@gmail.com>

Date: mer. 3 juin 2020 à 09:13

Subject: Accountability for using Metro Transit busses to transport riot officers into our community!

To: <mymetrobus@cityofmadison.com>, Justin Stuehrenberg - General Manager of Metro Transit
<jstuehrenberg@cityofmadison.com>, Crystal Martin - Transit Deputy General Manager
<cmartin@cityofmadison.com>, Tom Lynch - Madison Transportation Director <tlynch@cityofmadison.com>, Katie Crawley - Deputy Mayor <kcrawley@cityofmadison.com>

To Justin Stuehrenberg and Metro Transit,

I am contacting you to demand Metro Transit immediately withdraw from providing transportation for violent riot police who have been terrorizing protesters, including children and medics, in Madison with pepper spray, tear gas, force, and brutality. Providing your busses as to bring violent riot officers in and out of our city is in direct opposition to the public service that public transit stands for, and you should be ashamed not only being complicit in but actively supporting police brutality, the murders of black people, and violence against protesters justifiably responding to systemic racism. We know that this decision is not a representation of the bus drivers we know and love in our communities, and using these busses and demanding workers serve as a literal vehicle for state-sanctioned violence is reprehensible. Bus drivers who oppose Metro Transit's part in uplifting state-sanctioned violence should make their outrage known and join the community in demanding accountability.

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Black Lives Matter!

~Mia Robidoux

Madison, WI 53703 & Longtime Madisonian (West High grad of '08)

From: Ayden Prehara <ayden.prehara@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Mymetrobus; Stuehrenberg, Justin; Martin, Crystal; Lynch, Thomas; Crawley, Katie; All Alders
Subject: Black Lives Matter

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Sincerely,
Ayden Prehara

From: Becca Wanta <rwanta@wisc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 10:30 AM
To: mymetrobus@cityofmadison.com; jstuehrenbe@cityofmadison.com; Martin, Crystal; Lynch, Thomas; Crawley, Katie; All Alders
Subject: In Regards to Metro Transit upholding police brutality

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Sincerely,
Becca Wanta, Madison Community Member

From: Madison Madison <act.like.u.care2020@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Mymetrobus; Stuehrenberg, Justin; Martin, Crystal; Lynch, Thomas; Crawley, Katie; All Alders
Subject: Outraged

To Justin Stuehrenberg and Metro Transit,

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Act like it.

From: Kayla Kuo <kaylanaus95@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 10:43 AM
To: Mymetrobus; Stuehrenberg, Justin; Martin, Crystal; Lynch, Thomas; Crawley, Katie; All Alders
Subject: BLACK LIVES MATTER

To Justin Stuehrenberg and Metro Transit,

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Veldran, Lisa

From: Tony Stano <astano@wisc.edu>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 10:51 AM
To: Mymetrobus
Subject: Your disgusting policy enabling the police terrorization of our communities

To Justin Stuehrenberg and Metro Transit,

I am contacting you to demand Metro Transit immediately withdraw from providing transportation for violent riot police who have been terrorizing protesters, including children and medics, in Madison with pepper spray, tear gas, force, and brutality. Providing your buses as to bring violent riot officers in and out of our city is in direct opposition to the public service that public transit stands for, and you should be ashamed not only being complicit in but actively supporting police brutality, the murders of black people, and violence against protesters justifiably responding to systemic racism. We know that this decision is not a representation of the bus drivers we know and love in our communities, and using these busses and demanding workers serve as a literal vehicle for state-sanctioned violence is reprehensible. Bus drivers who oppose Metro Transit's part in uplifting state-sanctioned violence should make their outrage known and join the community in demanding accountability.

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Sincerely,
Tony Stano

From: Eli Krebs <ekrebs@uwalumni.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 11:04 AM
To: All Alders
Subject: Call to Action

Hello,

I am contacting you to demand Metro Transit immediately withdraw from providing transportation for violent riot police who have been terrorizing protesters, including children and medics, in Madison with pepper spray, tear gas, force, and brutality. Providing your buses as to bring violent riot officers in and out of our city is in direct opposition to the public service that public transit stands for, and you should be ashamed not only being complicit in but actively supporting police brutality, the murders of black people, and violence against protesters justifiably responding to systemic racism. We know that this decision is not a representation of the bus drivers we know and love in our communities, and using these busses and demanding workers serve as a literal vehicle for state-sanctioned violence is reprehensible. Bus drivers who oppose Metro Transit's part in uplifting state-sanctioned violence should make their outrage known and join the community in demanding accountability.

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Best,
Eli Krebs

From: C OB <obric2501@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 12:28 PM
To: Mymetrobus; Stuehrenberg, Justin; Martin, Crystal; Lynch, Thomas; Crawley, Katie; All Alders
Subject: Community Feedback

I am contacting you to demand Metro Transit immediately withdraw from providing transportation for violent riot police who have been terrorizing protesters, including children and medics, in Madison with pepper spray, tear gas, force, and brutality. Providing your buses as to bring violent riot officers in and out of our city is in direct opposition to the public service that public transit stands for, and you should be ashamed not only being complicit in but actively supporting police brutality, the murders of black people, and violence against protesters justifiably responding to systemic racism. We know that this decision is not a representation of the bus drivers we know and love in our communities, and using these busses and demanding workers serve as a literal vehicle for state-sanctioned violence is reprehensible. Bus drivers who oppose Metro Transit's part in uplifting state-sanctioned violence should make their outrage known and join the community in demanding accountability.

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From: Lydia Odegard <lydiaodegard@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 2:37 PM
To: Mymetrobus; Stuehrenberg, Justin; Martin, Crystal; Lynch, Thomas; Crawley, Katie; All Alders
Subject: In protest of providing transportation for riot police

To Justin Stuehrenberg and Metro Transit,

I am contacting you to demand Metro Transit immediately withdraw from providing transportation for violent riot police who have been terrorizing protesters, including children and medics, in Madison with pepper spray, tear gas, force, and brutality. Providing your buses as to bring violent riot officers in and out of our city is in direct opposition to the public service that public transit stands for, and you should be ashamed not only being complicit in but actively supporting police brutality, the murders of black people, and violence against protesters justifiably responding to systemic racism. We know that this decision is not a representation of the bus drivers we know and love in our communities, and using these busses and demanding workers serve as a literal vehicle for state-sanctioned violence is reprehensible. Bus drivers who oppose Metro Transit's part in uplifting state-sanctioned violence should make their outrage known and join the community in demanding accountability.

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Lydia Odegard

Veldran, Lisa

From: Gisela Wilson <giselawilson@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 10:41 AM
To: Mymetrobus; Stuehrenberg, Justin; Martin, Crystal; Lynch, Thomas; Crawley, Katie; All Alders; Rhodes-Conway, Satya V.
Subject: Metro Transit's Role in Providing Transport to Violent Riot Police

June 3, 2020

To Justin Stuehrenberg, Metro Transit, Madison Alders and Mayor Rhodes Conway,

I am appalled that Metro Transit provided transport for riot police whose confrontational stance and violence have escalated justifiable protests of police brutality and structural racism in our country and in Madison, specifically. I do not agree to my tax dollars being used for this purpose and strongly object to being complicit in this travesty.

I demand Metro Transit immediately withdraw from providing transportation for violent riot police. MPD has been terrorizing protesters — including children, medics and reporters — with pepper spray, tear gas, force, and brutality. This is in direct opposition to the public service that public transit stands for. Just as I personally object and am outraged, bus drivers who oppose Metro Transit's part in uplifting state-sanctioned violence should make their outrage known and join the community in demanding accountability.

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Sincerely,

Gisela F Wilson, PhD
Madison, WI 53703

From: Lauren Wielgus <lauren.wielgus@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 12:22 PM
To: Mymetrobus; Stuehrenberg, Justin; Martin, Crystal; Lynch, Thomas; Crawley, Katie; All Alders
Subject: Black Lives Matter- Stop providing transportation for riot cops

To Justin Stuehrenberg and Metro Transit,

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Thanks for your consideration.

-Lauren Wielgus

Veldran, Lisa

From: kyle kohl <kyle.r.kohl@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 12:08 PM
To: Mymetrobus; Stuehrenberg, Justin; Martin, Crystal; Lynch, Thomas; Crawley, Katie; All Alders
Subject: Shame on you.

To Justin Stuehrenberg and Metro Transit,

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Kyle Kohl

608-444-4581

From: Eva Maxwell <eomaxwell@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 11:50 AM
To: Mymetrobus; Stuehrenberg, Justin; Martin, Crystal; Lynch, Thomas; Crawley, Katie; All Alders
Subject: Support Urban Triage, Freedom Inc., & Free the 350 Bail Fund!

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Eva Maxwell
eomaxwell@gmail.com

From: Megan Kennedy <megan.marianne@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 11:22 AM
To: Mymetrobus; Stuehrenberg, Justin; Martin, Crystal; Lynch, Thomas; Crawley, Katie; All Alders
Subject: Black lives matter!

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(she/her/hers)
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From: James M. Deckert <decmicjam@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 11:43 AM
To: Mymetrobus; Stuehrenberg, Justin; Martin, Crystal; Lynch, Thomas; Crawley, Katie; All Alders
Subject: In Regards to Assisting MPD

To Justin Stuehrenberg and Metro Transit,

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From: Tamar Myers <tamaremyers@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 03, 2020 1:12 PM
To: Mymetrobus; Stuehrenberg, Justin; Martin, Crystal; Lynch, Thomas; Crawley, Katie; All Alders
Subject: Please stop transporting police

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Dear Metro Transit,

You are a vital part of the community and have been a key part of my experience of living in Madison.

I want to request that you stop allowing buses to be used to transport police officers. Your priority should be keeping people of Madison safe. Allowing buses to be used by riot police puts people of color in danger. This is contrary to the public service goal of Metro Transit.

Thank you,

Tamar Myers

Veldran, Lisa

From: Joan Downs <downsjoan70@gmail.com>
Sent: Thursday, June 04, 2020 7:42 AM
To: council
Subject: Need for return to normal bus service NOW

Caution: This email was sent from an external source. Avoid unknown links and attachments.

As a 68-year old person who has great difficulty walking, I am unable to go just about anywhere without normal bus service or taking a cab, which can be expensive. Please have Madison Metro return to normal service, in stages if necessary, i.e., going from 15 to 25 passengers per bus, asap. Thank you.

Joan Downs
765 West Washington Ave.
Madison, WI 53715-1486

Cell: 608-669-5510

