

**Subject: Metro Subsidy**

**FY 2021 Proposed Budget  
Budget Work Session Follow-up**

4/22/2020

The following information is provided in response to a request made by Matt de Ferranti, regarding the following question:

- 1) How much would it cost to increase the transportation allotment requested by the employee groups?

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The County Manager's original Proposed Budget in February included an increase in the Metro transit subsidy from \$180/month to \$225/month. This proposed increase was to cost \$76,620/year for the employees currently receiving this benefit. However, in April, the County Manager revised his FY 2021 budget recommendations to the County Board and removed this increase to help balance the budget based on significant changes in revenue forecasts with the COVID-19 pandemic.

The current federal limit for Metro subsidy is \$265/month. If the County were to raise the transit subsidy limit from \$180/month to \$265/month, the total cost increase would be \$122,000.