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20+ organizations to announce campaign to reimagine bus service in Montgomery County

What: Over 20 organizations — spanning labor, climate and transit advocates, service providers, and community organizations — will hold an event to launch a campaign for better Ride On and Metrobus service in Montgomery County. The virtual launch event will feature at-large Montgomery Councilmember Evan Glass; Shruti Bhatnagar, President of Montgomery County Sierra Club; Ashanti Martinez, Research and Policy Analyst for CASA; and Clint Sobratti, a bus operator and shop steward of UFCW Local 1994 MCGEO.

Where: Zoom — register [here](#)

When: Thursday, December 10th, 2020, 12:00-1:00 PM

Why: The Better Bus campaign has a particular urgency given WMATA's announcement that it could cut half of its bus routes if Congress does not step up to provide emergency funding. Montgomery bus advocates argue that not only must local bus systems step up to maintain service in the short-term, they need to create a plan to reimagine regional bus service over the next decade in order to meet climate, economic development, and social justice goals.

The full platform with the full list of co-signers will be released on Thursday.

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