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Statement: Neighbor first, Councilmember Bowser offers her thoughts and prayers to all affected by Monday's Metro accident

Yesterday's Metro accident is the deadliest accident in the history of the transit system's 33 years of operation. While I am the councilmember for Ward 4, where this horrible accident occurred, I am a neighbor first. I live only blocks away from the crash scene so many of the stories we have heard in the media were from my very own neighbors. My reaction to the Metro crash was one mixed with fear, shock and profound sadness. I extend my most heartfelt sympathy to the families of all the crash victims and to the WMATA family.

I applaud the efforts of the first-responders including WMATA officials, police and fire crews. They were all spot-on in their response and handled the situation with great care and dignity.

In the coming weeks, more will be revealed about what caused the collision. The investigation process will be tedious and thorough. After the process is completed, Metro will be safer for all of us.

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A native Washingtonian and former ANC commissioner, Councilmember Muriel Bowser is chair of the Committee on Public Services and Consumer Affairs and is also a member of the Committee on Economic Development, Committee on Human Services, Committee on Public Works and Transportation and the Committee on Public Safety and the Judiciary. Visit www.murielbowser.com for more information on Councilmember Bowser.

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