



Notice of Public Hearing
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Proposed Rail Yard Improvements at New Carrollton Station
and new Rail Yard at Landover Station
Prince George's County, MD
Docket R14-02

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on proposed improvements at the New Carrollton Rail Yard and a new rail yard at Landover Metrorail station in Prince George's County, MD as follows:

Hearing No. 602
Thursday, December 4, 2014
Fortis College
4351 Garden City Drive
Landover, MD
Closest Metrorail station: New Carrollton
(Metrobus Routes F12, F14, TheBus 21)

Hearing scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.
Open house at 6:30 p.m.

Please note that this date is subject to the facility's cancellation policy.

The locations of all public hearings are wheelchair accessible. Any individual who requires special assistance such as a sign language interpreter or additional accommodation to participate in the public hearings, or who requires these materials in an alternate format, should contact Danise Peña at 202-962-2511 or TTY: 202-962-2033 as soon as possible in order for Metro to make necessary arrangements. For language assistance, such as an interpreter or information in another language, please call 202-962-2582 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing date.

For more information please visit
www.wmata.com/nclyard and www.wmata.com/hearings



PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) regarding the Environmental Assessment and plans for the improvements to New Carrollton Rail Yard and a new rail yard at Landover Metrorail station in Prince George's County, MD. At the hearing, WMATA will receive and consider public comments and suggestions about the proposal. The proposed design concepts may change as a result of this hearing.

REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

The Environmental Assessment (EA) and general plans for the improvements to New Carrollton yard and new Landover yard are available online at www.wmata.com/nclyard and www.wmata.com/hearings and may be inspected during normal business hours at the following locations beginning Monday, November 3, 2014:

WMATA
Office of the Secretary
600 Fifth Street, NW, Room 2D-209
Washington, DC 20001
202-962-2511
(Please call in advance to coordinate)

Glenarden Library
8724 Glenarden Parkway
Glenarden, MD 20706
301-772-5477

New Carrollton Library
7414 Riverdale Road
New Carrollton, MD 20784
301-459-6900

Landover Hills Town Hall
6904 Taylor Street
Landover Hills, MD 20784
301-773-6401

Kentland Community Center
2411 Pinebrook Avenue
Landover, MD 20785
301-386-2278

Town of Cheverly Executive Offices
6401 Forest Road
Cheverly, MD 20785
301-773-8360

WHAT IS PROPOSED

WMATA proposes improvements to the existing New Carrollton Rail Yard and the construction of a new rail yard at the Landover Metrorail station, which would provide additional rail car storage capacity to accommodate the future Metrorail vehicle fleet, and reorganize track maintenance functions at WMATA's rail yards to accommodate the increase in demand for additional track maintenance and associated equipment.

New Carrollton Yard

At the New Carrollton Yard, the project would expand storage capacity through the construction of an additional 120 rail car storage spaces and support facilities. The existing Engineering Campaign, Service and Inspection (S&I), and Train Wash buildings

would remain unchanged. The following facilities would be constructed within and adjacent to the existing rail yard:

- Fifteen storage tracks accommodating 120 rail cars:
- One contractor storage track with access road;
- Two maintenance-of-way (MOW) tracks;
- Reconfigured and expanded employee surface parking;
- New operations platform and a pedestrian bridge serving the northwest storage tracks;
- Relocation of the existing control tower to the top of the elevator/stair tower at the location of the pedestrian bridge;
- New operations building for the northeast storage tracks;
- Conversion of the existing Engineering Campaign building to a S&I building; and
- Conversion of an existing operations building to an Automatic Train Control (ATC) building and training facility.

WMATA would acquire adjacent property from Amtrak and Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) to accommodate the rail yard expansion. New storage tracks would be constructed within the existing rail yard, as well as on the Amtrak and SHA properties. The rail yard would be expanded from 36.8-acres to approximately 39.5-acres.

Landover Yard

At the Landover Yard site, WMATA would construct a new rail yard (“Landover Yard”), Metrorail commuter parking garage, and support facilities for WMATA’s Car Track and Equipment Maintenance (CTEM) division and the Office of Track and Structures (TRST). Existing CTEM and TRST facilities would be moved from New Carrollton Yard to the newly created Landover Yard. Track maintenance vehicles would be stored in and operate from Landover Yard. No Metrorail revenue vehicles would be stored at Landover Yard. The following facilities would be constructed at the new yard:

- Loop track around the southern portion of the rail yard;
- Lead and tail tracks for the rail yard;
- New CTEM and TRST building and eleven storage tracks for track equipment and maintenance vehicles;
- Six-level commuter Park & Ride facility, consisting of 848 spaces to replace the surface spaces displaced by construction;
- Employee surface parking lot and delivery area;
- New track crossover on the Metrorail revenue tracks;
- Retaining wall to accommodate the bypass track; and
- A stormwater management area.

No property acquisition would be necessary for construction of Landover Yard, as the rail yard would be built on land owned by WMATA. The new facility would be approximately 18.7-acres in size.

WMATA COMPACT REQUIREMENTS

WMATA's Compact requires that the Board, in amending the mass transit plan, consider current and prospective conditions in the transit zone should the project be built. The transit zone includes Prince George's County and considerations include, without limitation, land use, population, economic factors affecting development plans, existing and proposed transportation and transit facilities, any dislocation of families or businesses; preservation of the beauty and dignity of the DC Metro Area; factors affecting environmental amenities and aesthetics, and financial resources. The mass transit plan encompasses, among other things, transit facilities to be provided by WMATA, including stations and parking facilities, and the character, nature, design, location and capital and operating cost thereof. The mass transit plan, in addition to designating the design and location of transit facilities, also provides for capital and operating expenses, as well as "various other factors and considerations, which, in the opinion of the Board, justify and require the projects therein proposed" all as more particularly set forth in WMATA's Compact.

WMATA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) prepared an Environmental Assessment (EA) in accordance with WMATA Compact policies and National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The EA and general plans for the project are available for public review at the locations identified in the reference materials section above.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the proposal will be afforded the opportunity to present their views and make supporting statements and to offer alternative proposals. In order to establish a witness list, individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to be heard at the public hearing are requested to furnish in writing their name and organization affiliation, if any, via email to speak@wmata.com. The request may also be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. Alternatively, you may fax this information to 202-962-1133. Please submit only one speaker's name per letter. Lists of individual speakers will not be accepted. Please note that this information may be releasable to the public under the WMATA Public Access to Records Policy (PARP). The PARP can be viewed on WMATA's website at wmata.com/about_metro/public_rr.cfm under the link marked "Legal Affairs". Public officials will be heard first and will be allowed five minutes each to make their presentations. All others will be allowed three minutes each. Relinquishing of time by one speaker to another will not be permitted.

HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS

Written statements and exhibits must be received by 5 p.m. on Monday, December 15, 2014 by the Office of the Secretary and may be emailed to writtentestimony@wmata.com. They may also be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. Alternatively, statements may be faxed to 202-962-1133. Please reference the Hearing or Docket Number in your submission. Please note that any personal information such as name, e-mail address, address, or telephone number you provide in the statement may be releasable to the public under the WMATA Public Access to Records Policy, available at the website link noted above.