

Metro proposes changes (“Modifications”) to the Congress Heights Metro Station (“Metro Station”) transit facilities to enable access improvements and real estate development envisioned in the District of Columbia’s St. Elizabeth East Campus Master Plan and grow ridership. A core infrastructure component of the St. Elizabeths East Campus project is construction of a new campus entrance from Alabama Avenue.

The Modifications include:

- Reconfiguration of the bus loop to improve access and safety
- Relocation of the Kiss & ride lot to on-street facility
- Reduction of Kiss & Ride capacity to eight (8) spaces
- Addition of a new traffic signal at the bus loop exit on Alabama Ave

The Modifications to the transit facilities and facility access will be funded through District of Columbia’s Office for the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development. The District of Columbia Public Library (DCPL) also proposes to include a new library facility at the Congress Heights Metro station that could be constructed adjacent to the reconfigured bus loop.

In accordance with the WMATA Compact, the Modifications require an Environmental Evaluation (“EE”) to assess the potential effects of this action on the human and natural environment in terms of transportation, social, economic, and environmental factors. Impacts identified in the EE are summarized in **Table 1** (see next page).

For more information, please refer to the provided Environmental Evaluation.

**Table 1. Environmental Impacts of Modifications**

Environmental Feature	Permanent Impacts	Construction-Related (Temporary) Impacts	Minimization & Mitigation Efforts
<b>Transportation</b>	<p>Reconfiguration of the bus facilities will re-distribute bus movements over multiple intersections and is not anticipated to impact traffic.</p> <p>Reduction of Kiss &amp; Ride spaces will generate less traffic at the station and align with pick-up/drop-off demand.</p> <p>The new traffic signal at the busway exit loop from 13<sup>th</sup> Street SE onto Alabama Avenue SE will improve safety for pedestrians and bicyclists accessing the station.</p>	<p>Disruption to pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular circulation during construction.</p>	<p>Interim locations for bus services, pick-up/drop-off, and bicyclist and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times during construction.</p> <p>Traffic controls and signage to be updated to reflect changes to bus and Kiss &amp; Ride facilities.</p> <p>Customers seeking longer-term parking options will be directed to use Park &amp; Ride facilities at Southern Ave or Anacostia Stations. Other on-street parking options may also be created as part of the St. Elizabeth’s East Campus Master Plan.</p>
<b>Stormwater</b>	<p>None. The total impervious areas of transit facilities to be reduced.</p>	<p>Minor sediment or erosion risk.</p>	<p>Controls to be applied per DC requirements.</p>
<b>Air Quality and Noise</b>	<p>No impacts resulting from changes to transit facilities.</p>	<p>Dust or noise from construction-related equipment and operation.</p>	<p>Cleaning, minimizing night-time work, noise control measures.</p>