



Notice of Public Hearing

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Docket R17-01: Proposed Changes to WMATA Facilities at College Park-U of Md Metro Station

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on the docket mentioned above as follows:

Hearing No. 614
Monday, April 24, 2017
College Park City Hall
4500 Knox Rd
College Park, MD
Free shuttle information provided on
www.wmata.com/plansandprojects

Open House at 6:30 p.m. – Public Hearing at 7 p.m.

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

In the event of a cancellation, Metro will post information about the new hearing on wmata.com.

The locations for 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 hearing, 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/plansandprojects



PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING – Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to propose amending its Mass Transit Plan by the proposed redevelopment of the approximately 5-acre surface commuter Park & Ride lot at the College Park-U of Md Metrorail station (Station).

A residential and retail joint development project proposed at this site requires the removal of the surface Park & Ride lot. In anticipation of joint development, the State of Maryland and Prince George's County financed construction of a 1,290-space garage to replace and expand the number of spaces to be lost at the surface Park & Ride lot. The Mass Transit Plan was amended by the WMATA Board of Directors on January 16, 2003 to remove the lot and add the new garage. The garage opened for service in 2005, while the lot was not removed from service.

Given the passage of time since the Board approved the amendment of the Mass Transit Plan to remove the surface parking lot in 2003, the Board determined a new hearing should be held. This hearing is being held to consider an amendment to the Mass Transit Plan for the removal of the surface Park & Ride lot.

WMATA COMPACT REQUIREMENTS – WMATA's Compact requires the Board, in amending the mass transit plan, to consider data with respect to current and prospective conditions in the Transit Zone (which includes Prince George's County, Maryland), including, 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; and 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.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC – The docket contains a narrative with the following exhibits: 1) a view of the property showing existing conditions; 2) an illustration showing the surface Park & Ride lot to be removed and the location of the parking garage to serve displaced customers from the lot; 3) a conceptual development plan and 4) the College Park Development Environmental Evaluation dated March 2017. The docket is available online at www.wmata.com/plansandprojects. In addition, the docket is available for inspection at the following locations:

City Hall
4500 Knox Road
College Park, MD 20740
(During normal business hours)

College Park Community Library
9704 Rhode Island Ave
College Park, MD 20740
colparklib@gmail.com

WMATA's Headquarters
600 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001
202-962-2511
(During normal business hours, please call in advance to coordinate)

The work and changes to the College Park-U of Md station depicted in this information package constitute the proposed amendment to the mass transit plan for purposes of the WMATA Compact.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK – All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the proposed amendment to the mass transit plan as it relates to the Station 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 this public hearing are requested to furnish in writing their name and organizational 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, or can be made by calling 202-962-2511. Please submit only one speaker's name per letter. Lists of individual speakers will not be accepted. Please note that all comments received are releasable to the public upon request, and may be posted on WMATA's website, without change, including any personal information provided. 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 TESTIMONY NOT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING – Testimony may be submitted via a comment form on the proposal, found at wmata.com/plansandprojects. The comment form will open by 9 a.m. on Saturday, March 25, 2017 and will close on Thursday, May 4, 2017 at 5 p.m. It will provide the opportunity to submit freeform comments and provide attachments. This option is in addition to your ability to speak at the public hearing. For those without access to computers or internet, testimony may also be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. All comments must be received by the Office of the Secretary by 5 p.m. on Thursday, May 4, 2017 to be included in the public record. The comments, along with mailed written statements and public hearing comments, will be presented to the Board and will be part of the official public hearing record. Please note all statements are releasable to the public upon request, and may be posted on WMATA's website, without change, including any personal information provided.