



## **AGENDA**

### **April 5, 2017**

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| <b>I.</b>    | <b>Call to Order – Roll Call and Approval of Agenda</b>   | <b>(6:30 – 6:35 p.m.)</b> |
| <b>II.</b>   | <b><i>Safety Discussion</i></b><br>Mr. Jim Corcoran, Board of Director (VA), Mr. Robert C. Lauby,<br>Board of Director (Fed.) and Ron Bodmer, WMATA Staff   | <b>(6:35 – 7:15 p.m.)</b> |
| <b>III.</b>  | <b>Public Comment Period</b>  | <b>(7:15 – 7:25 p.m.)</b> |
| <b>IV.</b>   | <b>Approval of Past Meeting Minutes</b><br>March 1, 2017  | <b>(7:25 – 7:30 p.m.)</b> |
| <b>V.</b>    | <b>Chair's Report</b>   | <b>(7:30 – 7:40 p.m.)</b> |
| <b>VI.</b>   | <b>RAC Committee Updates –</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Accessibility Advisory Committee</li><li>• Budget and Finance</li><li>• Customer Service</li><li>• Leadership</li><li>• Programs, Projects and Planning</li><li>• Safety</li></ul> | <b>(7:40 – 8:25 p.m.)</b> |
| <b>VII.</b>  | <b>Announcements</b>  | <b>(8:25 – 8:30 p.m.)</b> |
| <b>VIII.</b> | <b>Adjournment</b>  | <b>(8:30 p.m.)</b>        |

#### **Upcoming Meetings**

- RAC Leadership (Executive Session) (12:00 p.m.) – April 10, 2017
- RAC Customer Service Committee (6:00 p.m.) – April 13, 2017
- RAC Program, Projects, and Planning Committee (PPP) (6:30 p.m.) – April 19, 2017
- RAC Safety Committee (6:30 p.m.) – April 19, 2017
- RAC Budget and Finance Committee (6:30 p.m.) – April 20, 2017
- Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) (5:30 p.m.) – May 1, 2017
- Riders' Advisory Council Meeting (RAC) (6:30 p.m.) – May 3, 2017

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WMATA Riders' Advisory  
Council

Wednesday March 1, 2017  
6:30 P.M. Regular Meeting

MINUTES

**Place:** Lower Level Meeting Room, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
Headquarters (Jackson Graham Building), 600 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC

**Present:      Members**  
Katherine Kortum, District of Columbia, Chair  
Colin Reusch, District of Columbia, At-Large  
J. Clarence Flanders, District of Columbia, At-Large  
Sietse Goffard, District of Columbia  
Valerie Cook, District of Columbia  
Joseph Suh, District of Columbia  
Bob Fogel, Maryland, Montgomery County, Vice Chair  
Pat Sheehan, Maryland, Montgomery County, At-Large/AAC, Chair  
Wil White, Maryland, Prince George's County  
Yvette Washington, Maryland, Prince George's County  
Lorraine Silva, Virginia, Arlington County, Vice Chair  
Sawyer Baker, Virginia, Arlington County  
Richard Ezike, Virginia, Fairfax County  
Nick Bertoni, Virginia, Fairfax County  
Paul Meissner, Virginia, City of Alexandria

**Other Attendees**  
Joi Moorer, WMATA Staff Coordinator  
Mr. Christian Dorsey, Board Member (VA)  
Mr. Michael Goldman, Board Member (MD)

**Absent:      Members**  
James Zepp, Maryland, Montgomery County  
Dexter Williams, District of Columbia  
Debra MacKenzie, Virginia, Arlington County  
Jamie Woodside, District of Columbia

**Presider:** Katherine Kortum, RAC Chair, District of Columbia

## **I. Call to Order/ Approval of Agenda**

Ms. Kortum called the March 2017 meeting of the Metro Riders' Advisory Council (RAC) to order at 6:30pm. The agenda was approved without objection.

## **II. Budget Discussion with WMATA Board Members**

The Council welcomed Mr. Christian Dorsey (VA) and Mr. Michael Goldman (MD) to a discussion about WMATA's financial position.

The following topics were discussed:

- Rail Ridership Trends (FY2008 – FY2017) – reflected a decline in ridership
- Total Expenses – exhibited a significant increase in both personnel and non-personnel expenses
- FY2018 Proposed Operating Budget – demonstrated a net subsidy of \$845K in FY17 and \$976K in FY18
- GM Proposed FY18 Budget – focused on closing the \$290M budget gap by reducing operational cost and investing in projects of most concern to Metro's ridership
- FY2018 – FY2023 Proposed Capital Investment by Year – reported a \$7M investment in capital assets by FY23

At the conclusion of the discussion Mr. Goldman informed the Council of upcoming budgetary actions:

- March 9<sup>th</sup> - Finance committee work session
- March 23<sup>rd</sup> - Budget adoption

## **III. Public Comment**

There were no public comments

## **IV. Approval of Past Meeting Minutes**

The February 2017 minutes were approved with an amendment to Section VI by revising the month to January.

## **V. Chair's Report**

Council received a briefing on board activities. Both the RAC and AAC Chair reports can be found on [www.wmata.com](http://www.wmata.com).

## **VI. RAC Committee Updates**

- **Leadership** –
  - Decided to focus on safety during the first half of the April meeting
  - Requested Ms. Bowersox to attend the May meeting
  - Confirmed March 10<sup>th</sup> - call center site visit
- **Budget and Finance** –
  - Worked on final budget recommendations to deliver to Board, et.al.
  - Developed work plan items
- **Customer Service** –
  - Developed work plan items
- **Programs, Projects and Planning** –
  - Developed work plan items

- **Safety** –
  - Developed work plan items which include rail and train car safety; crime activity; safety messages; and, other matters of safety and security

Council members were encouraged to document its work plan items, maybe two or three, that can really be moved forward through the year.

**VII. Announcements**

- WMATA safety drill scheduled for Sunday, April 23
- RAC's response to Budget proposal will be posted as soon as possible

**VIII. Adjournment**

Without objection, Ms. Kortum adjourned the regular session meeting at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Joi Moorer



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March 6, 2017

Chairman Evans & WMATA Board Members:

The RAC continues to provide feedback to the WMATA Board and staff. Our activities and priorities are described below.

FULL RAC COMMITTEE:

During the monthly full RAC meeting on Wednesday, March 1, Board members Michael Goldman and Christian Dorsey visited us. They led a discussion about financial issues, which was followed by a very lively question and answer session. We appreciate their presence and engagement with the committee.

The RAC was also approached by the Rail Users Network ([www.railusers.net](http://www.railusers.net)), an organization intending to represent rail user perspectives nationwide, about joining. While the RAC doesn't intend to formally join the group at this time, we will stay in touch.

RAC SUBCOMMITTEES:

To date, the **Budget** subcommittee has focused on making its voice heard during the budgeting process. After submitting a letter to WMATA board and staff with feedback and questions about the proposed budget, Mark Schofield met with the subcommittee for a discussion and to provide some answers. The immediate goals of the subcommittee are to work with WMATA staff to deliver final budget recommendations before the vote expected at the end of March. After March, the subcommittee will continue to develop a plan of action that includes advocating for dedicated funding and providing ideas for additional revenue.

The **Customer Service** subcommittee has drafted ideas for its annual work plan and is finalizing which items will take priority. The final work plan will be complete next month. Each subcommittee member will be championing one or more ideas.

The **Programs, Projects, and Planning** subcommittee has also drafted a long list of ideas to champion over the next year. They will finalize their list of actionable items and provide that list to the full RAC for its April meeting.

The **Safety** subcommittee has created a list of items and an approximate timeline for their attention over the next year. These include door mechanisms, visibility of officers, crime at parking garages, the recently reported increase in violent crime, the process for riders reporting incidences, bus stop safety, station lighting, and safety messaging. The safety subcommittee will also be working to help with the quarterly WMATA safety drill scheduled for Sunday, April 23.

**ACTION ITEMS**

- Customer service visit to call center will be held on Friday, March 10.
- RAC's letter with budget feedback and questions was posted to the WMATA website. The letter and response from Jack Evans will be posted to the RAC Facebook page.

**CHANGES IN MEMBERSHIP**

Jamie Woodside, a member representing DC, has resigned from the Board due to increased work responsibilities.

Sincerely,

*Katherine Kortum*

Chair, Riders' Advisory Council



# **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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 5, 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.