## Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction Project Newsletter and Social Media Text

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## **Update: Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction**

As part of its Capital Improvement Program, Metro is rebuilding the Bladensburg Bus Garage, one of its oldest assets. The reconstructed garage will consolidate three existing buildings into one modern facility. The new garage will reopen in late 2026 with an expanded bus fleet, allowing Metro to provide reliable service to even more customers throughout D.C. and parts of Maryland.

A three-phase approach will allow the Bladensburg Bus Garage to continue operating during reconstruction.

- **Phase 1:** July 2021 August 2024: Reconstruct maintenance facility
- **Phase 2:** August 2024 March 2026: Build new employee parking structure and bus entrance
- **Phase 3:** March 2026 December 2026: Work on remaining bus parking Dates are projected and subject to change.

The new garage will be a safer, community-considerate, and environmentally-conscious facility. Two new entrances, one for buses and the other for employees, will improve safety and traffic flow. New environmental features will support Metro's transition to an electric bus fleet, harvest rainwater for use in bus washing, and incorporate solar panels. The garage will feature community-inspired artwork recognizing area history, a new ornamental perimeter fence, and exterior architectural finishes. A new onsite multi-level parking structure will provide spaces for up to 300 Metrobuses and 560 employees.

Community members are invited to join Metro's quarterly community meetings to learn more about the project.

Visit wmata.com/BladensburgBusGarage to sign up for the latest news and updates.

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There is something new to see when you travel along Bladensburg Road! Temporary art banners have been installed along the site of the Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction Project, courtesy of Metro's #ArtInTransit Program. The project teamed up with the Bladensburg community to develop artwork that is reflective of the community's history.

Next time you are in the area, enjoy the vibrant, colorful look at the activities and local landmarks that have forged the history of the site and the neighborhood for the past few hundred years.

Learn more about the project by signing up for the latest news and updates at <a href="https://www.wmata.com/BladensburgBusGarage">wmata.com/BladensburgBusGarage</a>. #wmata

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Did you know that the Bladensburg Bus Garage pre-dates Metro's original creation as a transit agency? Nearly six decades old, it's one of Metro's oldest assets, and continues to provide critical services to Metrobus customers!

Metro is rebuilding and modernizing the garage to better serve customers and continue essential operations for many more decades to come.

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Temporary banners, showcasing art that is reflective of the community's history are installed along Bladensburg Bus Garage, courtesy of @wmata's #ArtInTransit Program. Learn more about the project by signing up for updates at <a href="wmata.com/BladensburgBusGarage">wmata.com/BladensburgBusGarage</a>. #wmata

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Did you know that the Bladensburg Bus Garage pre-dates @wmata and is one of the agency's oldest bus facilities? After nearly 6 decades, Metro is rebuilding the garage to extend essential operations for many more years. Learn more at <a href="https://www.wmata.com/BladensburgBusGarage">wmata.com/BladensburgBusGarage</a> #wmata