



**Planning, Program Development and Real Estate Committee**

**Item IV- A**

**May 8, 2014**

**Approval of Conveyance of Land at Branch  
Avenue Metro Station to Maryland State  
Highway Administration for New Metro  
Access Road**

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority  
**Board Action/Information Summary**

Action  Information

MEAD Number:  
200747

Resolution:  
 Yes  No

**TITLE:**

Conveyance of Land to MD SHA at Branch Avenue

**PRESENTATION SUMMARY:**

Request for Board approval to convey 134,532 square feet, or 3.09 acres, of Metro land at Branch Avenue Metro station to the Maryland State Highway Administration (MD SHA).

**PURPOSE:**

To request Board approval to convey fee simple interest of 3.09 acres of Metro land at Branch Avenue Metro station to the MD SHA for the construction of a new access road to the station.

**DESCRIPTION:**

MD SHA has requested that Metro donate 134,532 square feet, or 3.09 acres, of land owned by Metro at the Branch Avenue Metro station to build a new road - Woods Way - that will improve access between Maryland Route 5 (Branch Avenue) and the station.

**Key Highlights:**

The project will:

- Create a new access road between Maryland Route 5 and the Branch Avenue Metro station
- Create a new pedestrian bridge over Maryland Route 5 to improve pedestrian safety
- Add new sidewalks leading to the station
- Relocate three Metro parking spaces; this will be accomplished through re-striping of spaces elsewhere on Metro property. There will be no loss of parking spaces.

**Background and History:**

On July 8, 2013, Governor Martin O'Malley announced the funding of a \$50 million project to improve access to the Branch Avenue Metro station by constructing a new pedestrian bridge over MD 5 and a new Metro access road (Woods Way) with sidewalks from MD 5 to the Branch Avenue Metro station, including upgrading existing roadways.

**Discussion:**

The land to be conveyed to MD SHA includes three parking spaces; Metro will re-stripe spaces elsewhere on the property to replace the spaces; there will be no loss of parking spaces.

**FUNDING IMPACT:**

The land conveyance will be at no cost to either Metro nor to MD SHA	
Project Manager:	Anabela Talaia
Project Department/Office:	DGMA/CFO/LAND

**TIMELINE:**

<b>Previous Actions</b>	No previous actions
<b>Anticipated actions after presentation</b>	Conveyance of 3.09 acres of Metro land to MD SHA anticipated to occur by June 30, 2014.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Board approval to convey fee simple interest of 3.09 acres of Metro land at Branch Avenue Metro station to the Maryland State Highway Administration (MD SHA) to build a new access road to the station



Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

# Approval to Convey Land to Maryland State Highway Administration at Branch Avenue Metro Station

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# Purpose

Request Board approval to convey 3.09 acres of land at Branch Avenue station to the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA)





# Background

SHA project requires conveyance of 3.09 acres of Metro-owned property at Metro at Branch Avenue





# Background

## Project details:

- Conveyance will be at no cost to MD SHA
- 3 parking spaces impacted by new access road will be relocated (no loss of parking)
- Pedestrian access enhancements include:
  - New pedestrian bridge over Maryland Route 5 (Branch Ave.)
  - New sidewalks to the station





# Recommendation

Approval to convey 3.09 acres of land at Branch Avenue station to the Maryland State Highway Administration





SUBJECT: APPROVAL OF CONVEYANCE OF LAND AT BRANCH AVENUE METRO STATION TO MARYLAND STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION FOR NEW METRO ACCESS ROAD

RESOLUTION  
OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
OF THE  
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

WHEREAS, The Maryland State Highway Administration (MDSHA) wants to improve access to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) Branch Avenue Metro station by constructing a new pedestrian bridge over Maryland Route 5 (MD 5) and a new Metro access road, Woods Way, with sidewalks from MD 5 to the station, and by upgrading existing roadways to include additional turn lanes and sidewalks; and

WHEREAS, MDSHA has requested that WMATA donate 134,532 square feet, or 3.09 acres, of land owned by WMATA to MDSHA in order to construct the improvements; and


WHEREAS, The completed project will result in the relocation of three WMATA parking spaces elsewhere on Metro property at Branch Avenue, thus maintaining the current inventory of commuter parking at Branch Avenue; and

WHEREAS, WMATA supports increased and improved rider access to its Metrorail stations; now, therefore be it

*RESOLVED*, That the Board of Directors approves the conveyance of 3.09 acres of land at Branch Avenue Metrorail station to MDSHA; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

  
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Kathryn H.S. Pett  
General Counsel