



Finance & Administration Committee

Action Item III-C

October 9, 2014

**Approval to Hold Public Hearing for
New Carrollton Yard and Landover
Station Projects**

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Board Action/Information Summary

Action Information

MEAD Number:
201023

Resolution:
 Yes No

TITLE:

Public Hearing - New Carrollton Project

PRESENTATION SUMMARY:

Staff is seeking Board approval to hold a public hearing for the proposed New Carrollton Yard Project improvements which are required to store and maintain an increased number of rail cars that are required to support 8-car train operation.

PURPOSE:

Board approval to hold a public hearing on the proposed improvements to New Carrollton Yard and at Landover Station.

DESCRIPTION:

Key Highlights:

The proposed improvements associated with the expansion of New Carrollton Yard are one of the early actions Metro is taking to prepare for the implementation of 100% eight car trains. The Governors of Maryland and Virginia and the Mayor of Washington, DC have provided \$75 million of additional funding in FY'15 to cover the costs of the early actions for the 8-Car Train Program. A portion of the \$75 million is being used to prepare the environmental evaluation required for the public hearing.

Background and History:

Momentum and the Eight Car Train Report identified capital improvements required to operate eight car trains on all rail lines. Since the rail car fleet needs to increase in size to achieve this, improvements to rail yards for the larger fleet are required for maintenance and storage.

Discussion:

Metro will have to add 220 rail cars by the year 2020 to operate 100% 8-car trains on all lines with the Red Line turnbacks in place. To accommodate storage and maintenance of these additional rail cars, two yard projects are proposed; the expansion of New Carrollton rail yard and the construction of a new rail yard for heavy repair and overhaul. The former will accommodate a portion of the growth while the latter will free up space in other existing yards for the remainder.

The modifications to New Carrollton Yard include adding 15 storage tracks, renovating the original maintenance building and adding new buildings for the additional operational personnel that will work in the yard. The addition of the storage tracks will cause the displacement of certain maintenance functions which will move to new facilities on Metro owned property at the Landover Station. At Landover, part of the new facility would sit on an existing station parking lot which will be replaced with a parking garage. The modifications at New Carrollton Yard will also require the acquisition of property from the State of Maryland as well as from Amtrak.

The purchase of new property combined with the new facilities that are proposed as part of the project prompts the need to conduct a Compact Public Hearing.

FUNDING IMPACT:

While there is no impact on funding since the costs of holding a public hearing are within the current budget, the costs of preparing the documents for the public hearing are from the \$75 million in local funds for the 8-car train initiative.	
Project Manager:	John D Thomas
Project Department/Office:	TIES/MCAP

TIMELINE:

Previous Actions	May 2014 – Board approval of the Capital Budget.
Anticipated actions after presentation	December 2014 – Conduct a Compact Public Hearing.

RECOMMENDATION:

Board approval to hold a public hearing for the proposed improvements to New Carrollton Yard and at Landover Station.



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Background

- Jurisdictions provided \$75 million in FY15 as a down payment on the eight-car train initiative
- Will require expansion of rail fleet and supporting facilities
 - Fleet will increase by 220 cars if all 7000-Series options are exercised
- Additional storage and maintenance space to be achieved through expansion of New Carrollton Yard and new yard at Landover



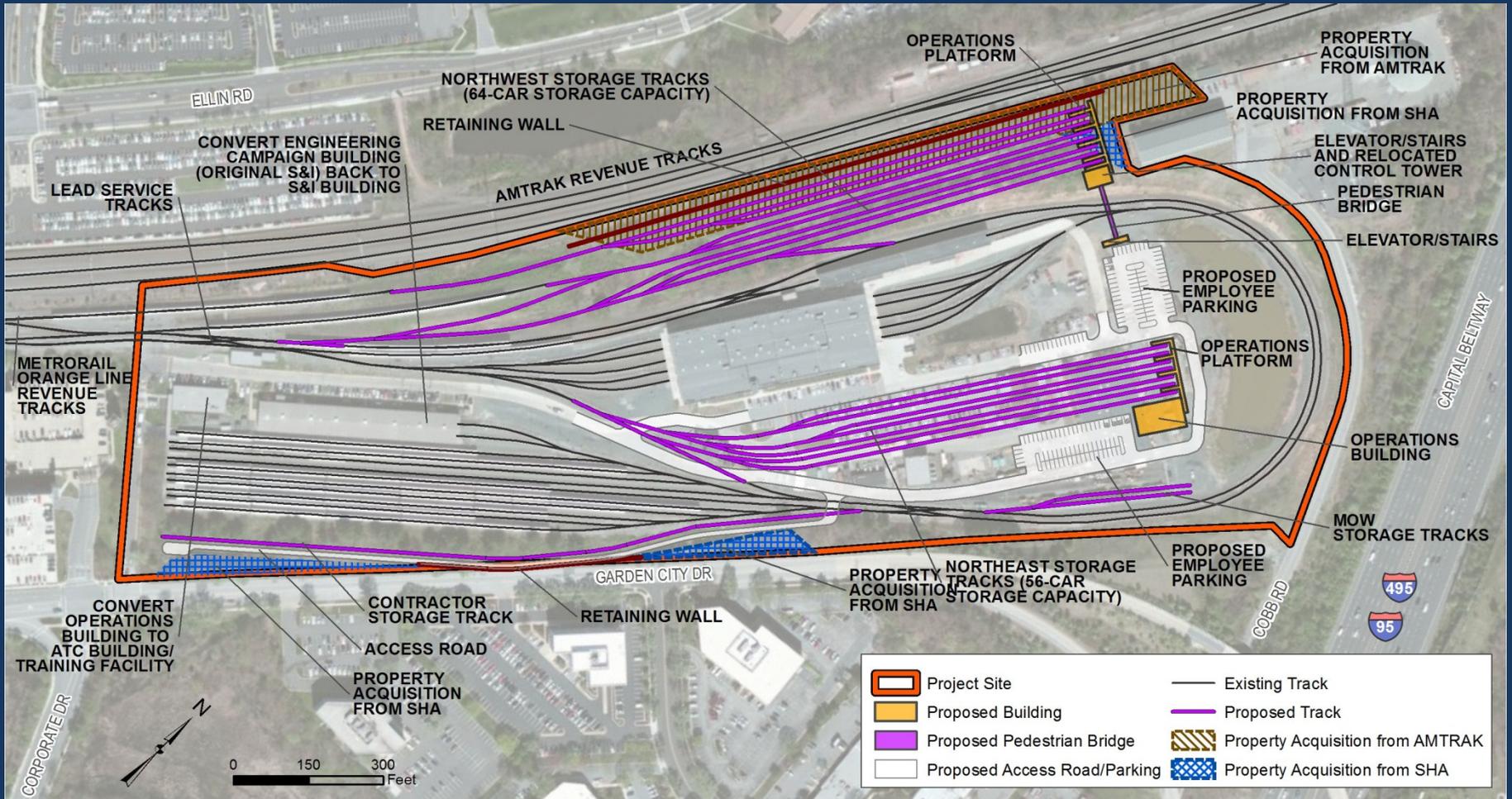
Background (cont.)

- New Carrollton Yard expansion will include 15 new storage tracks, 2 new buildings, and renovation of 2 existing buildings
 - Project requires acquisition of property from Maryland and Amtrak
- Existing departments in New Carrollton Yard will be displaced and relocated to new yard on WMATA property at Landover Station
- Property acquisition and magnitude of the project trigger the need for a Compact Public Hearing



New Carrollton Yard Improvements

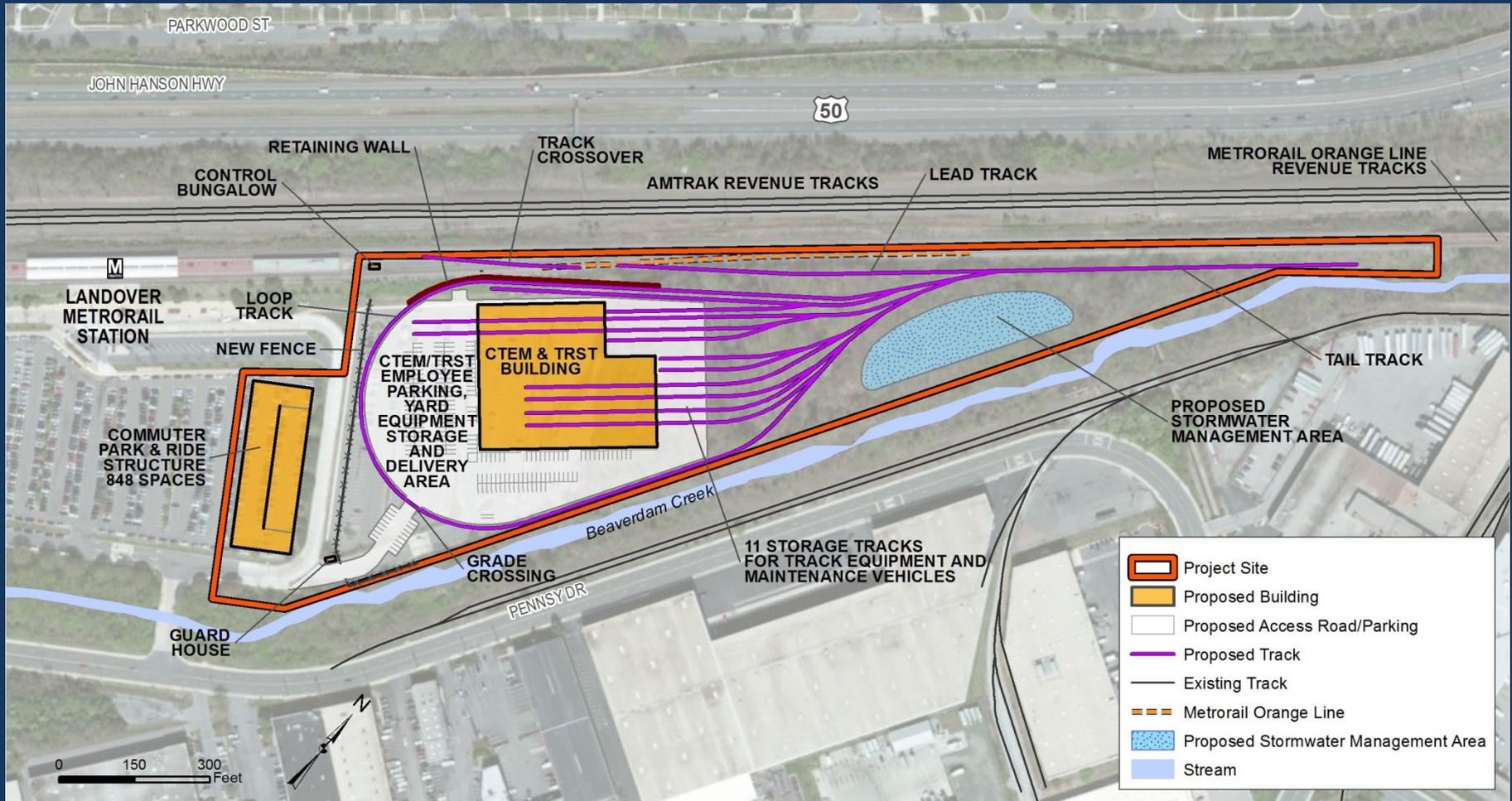
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Proposed Landover Yard

Prince George's County





Next Steps

- Conduct public hearing in early December
- Return to the Board in Spring 2015 to close the public hearing process
- Acquire property in Spring 2015
- Advertise contract in Spring 2015 for design and construction of improvements



Recommendation

Board approval to hold a Public Hearing for the New Carrollton Yard and Landover Station projects

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING ON CHANGES TO THE NEW CARROLLTON SERVICE AND INSPECTION YARD AND LANDOVER METRORAIL STATION

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

WHEREAS, WMATA is preparing for the expansion of the railcar fleet to accommodate a service model that uses all eight-car trains; and

WHEREAS, Development of this service model requires upgrades, enhancements, and expansion; and

WHEREAS, The first rail yard slated for reconfiguration and expansion is the New Carrollton Service and Inspection Yard through a project identified as the New Carrollton Yard Capacity Improvements Project (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, The New Carrollton Yard expansion is the first Metro 2025 project funded by the \$75 million initial commitment made last year by Governor Martin O'Malley, State of Maryland, Governor Terry McAuliffe, Commonwealth of Virginia and Mayor Vince Gray, District of Columbia; and

WHEREAS, The Project includes: adding 15 storage tracks that will house up to 120 rail cars, renovating the original maintenance building, and adding new buildings to accommodate additional personnel who will work in the expanded yard; and

WHEREAS, The modifications associated with the Project require the acquisition of property from the State of Maryland as well as from Amtrak, and will displace some maintenance functions, and personnel which will move to new facilities at the Landover Metrorail Station; and

WHEREAS, The Project includes improvements to WMATA-owned property at the Landover Metrorail Station, including a new building for personnel displaced from New Carrollton Service and Inspection Yard and trackwork for rail maintenance equipment to access the building; and

WHEREAS, The work at Landover Metrorail Station will include a new parking garage to replace a portion of the surface parking lot displaced by the new building; and

WHEREAS, The proposed changes to the WMATA transit facilities at the New Carrollton Service and Inspection Yard and the Landover Metrorail Station require a public hearing pursuant to the WMATA Compact; now, therefore be it

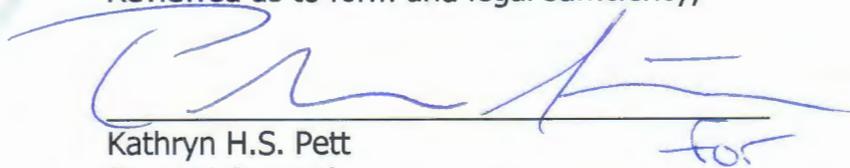
RESOLVED, That, in accordance with Sections 13-15 of the WMATA Compact, the Board of Directors authorizes the conduct of a public hearing on the proposed changes to WMATA's transit facilities at the New Carrollton Service and Inspection Yard and the Landover Metrorail Station; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the General Manager and Chief Executive Officer (GM/CEO), in coordination with the Board of Directors, will establish the date, time and location of the hearing on the proposed changes to WMATA's maintenance and transit facilities at the New Carrollton Service and Inspection Yard and Landover Metrorail Station; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Board of Directors authorizes the GM/CEO to release the Public Hearing Staff Report regarding the reconfiguration and expansion is the New Carrollton Service and Inspection Yard and Landover Metrorail Station for public comment, as soon as the Staff Report is available, subject to later submission of the Staff Report Supplement, with final staff recommendations to the Board of Directors for its approval. All Board members will receive the Staff Report concurrently with its release for public review; and be it finally

RESOLVED, That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Kathryn H.S. Pett', is written over a horizontal line. To the right of the signature, the letters 'for' are written in blue ink.

Kathryn H.S. Pett
General Counsel

WMATA File Structure Nos.:
12.7.3 Station Area Plans
18.8 Public Hearings/Meetings