

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

☒ Action ☐ Information

MEAD Number:  
202092

Resolution:  
☒ Yes ☐ No

**TITLE:**

Public Hearing for Bladensburg Bus Garage Project

**PRESENTATION SUMMARY:**

Board approval to hold a Public Hearing to amend the Mass Transit Plan (MTP) for changes at the Bladensburg Bus Garage site.

**PURPOSE:**

Board approval to hold a Public Hearing to amend the MTP for proposed changes at the Bladensburg Bus Garage site.

**DESCRIPTION:**

**Key Highlights:**

- The existing Bladensburg Bus Garage is approaching 60 years of age.
- The plans to rebuild the garage change the layout of the site and require WMATA to acquire three adjacent properties, allowing for two entrances.
- The proposed changes result in an amendment of the MTP and, thus, require a public hearing.

**Background and History:**

With the opening of Cinder Bed and Andrews Federal Center, Metro has a total of 11 bus garages. The nine older garages include four that are obsolete: Southern; Bladensburg; Northern and Western. The Bladensburg Bus Garage is nearly 60 years old and the buildings have reached the end of their useful life. The site serves the bus operating division and also houses mid-life overhaul of buses.

Replacement facilities for the mid-life overhaul work were included in the plans for the Andrews Federal Center Bus Garage and those activities will move out of Bladensburg in the summer of 2019. The reconstruction of the Bladensburg operating division will take place at the existing location in Northeast, Washington, DC.

**Discussion:**

The concept prepared for rebuilding Bladensburg at its existing location includes rebuilding a garage with slightly larger capacity (increase from 282 buses to 300 buses) and creating the ability to house more articulated buses. Additionally, on-site parking for employees will be built which will replace off-site parking at a leased lot. As the concept was developed, it became clear that the current vehicular entrance would need to be relocated. The final plan includes a dedicated entrance for buses and a separate entrance for employee vehicles, and one of the entrances will require WMATA to acquire three adjacent properties. The nature of the changes required by the plans will result in an amendment of the MTP and, thus, require a Public Hearing. Therefore, staff is requesting Board approval to conduct a Compact Public Hearing for the proposed changes at the Bladensburg Bus Garage site.

**FUNDING IMPACT:**

There is no impact on funding to conduct a Public Hearing	
Project Manager:	John D Thomas
Project Department/Office:	DECO/COO

**TIMELINE:**

<b>Previous Actions</b>	Finalized the concept for the rebuilding of Bladensburg Bus Garage
<b>Anticipated actions after presentation</b>	Advertise for the Public Hearing

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The Board approve holding a Public Hearing to amend the MTP for the proposed changes at the Bladensburg Bus Garage site.

SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO HOLD A COMPACT PUBLIC HEARING FOR BLADENSBURG  
BUS GARAGE PROJECT

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

WHEREAS, Compact Section 15 requires the Board to transmit proposed changes to the Mass Transit Plan (MTP) to certain enumerated agencies and to conduct a public hearing; and

WHEREAS, The Bladensburg Bus Garage is nearly 60 years old and the buildings have reached the end of their useful life; and

WHEREAS, Staff has prepared a concept plan for rebuilding the Bladensburg Bus Garage at its existing location and the proposed plan will result in changes to the MTP;

NOW, THEREFORE, be it

*RESOLVED*, That, in accordance with Compact Section 15, the Board authorizes staff to transmit the proposed MTP changes to the enumerated agencies and to hold a public hearing on the proposed changes to the Bladensburg Bus Garage site; and be it further

*RESOLVED*, That the Board authorizes the General Manager/Chief Executive Officer to release the Public Hearing Staff Report to the public for comment prior to Board approval; and be it finally

*RESOLVED*, That, this Resolution shall be effective 30 days after adoption in accordance with Section 8(b) of the WMATA Compact.

Reviewed as to form and legal sufficiency,

  
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Patricia Y. Lee  
General Counsel