



Environmental Evaluation and Proposal to Lease, Operate and Maintain the Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center Langley Park, Maryland Docket R15-02

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on the Environmental Evaluation and Proposal to Lease, Operate and Maintain the Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center in Langley Park, Maryland as follows:

Hearing No. 605
Tuesday, July 14, 2015
Langley Park Community Center
1500 Merrimac Drive
Hyattsville, Maryland 20783
Closest Metrobus lines: C2, C4, F8, J4, K6, K9

Hearing scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m.
Open house at 6:00 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 a new hearing on wmata.com.**

The locations of 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/hearings and www.wmata.com/bus/tlctc



PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) regarding the Environmental Evaluation and Proposal to Lease, Operate and Maintain the Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center in Langley Park, Maryland. At the hearing, WMATA will receive and consider public comments and suggestions about the proposal.

REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

The Environmental Evaluation and general plans for the Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center are available online at www.wmata.com/hearings and may be inspected during normal business hours at the following locations beginning on Saturday, June 13, 2015.

WMATA
Office of the Secretary
600 Fifth Street, NW, Room 2D-209
Washington, DC 20001
202-962-2511
(Please call in advance to coordinate)

Takoma Park Maryland Library
101 Philadelphia Ave
Takoma Park, MD 20912
301-891-7259

Hyattsville Branch Library
6530 Adelphi Rd
Hyattsville, MD 20782
301-985-4690

Long Branch Library
8800 Garland Ave
Silver Spring, MD 20901
240-777-0910

WHAT IS PROPOSED

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) is constructing a new local and regional bus transit center at the Takoma Langley Crossroads, located on the northeast corner of New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) and University Boulevard (MD 193). The transit center includes eight bus bays, bus customer information, an outdoor covered customer waiting area, an indoor service building with customer and bus operator restrooms, and pedestrian improvements around the site. The project is proposed to improve local and regional transit accessibility to and from the Takoma Langley Crossroads area for current and future residents, employees, and businesses. WMATA Metrobus, Montgomery County Ride On, Prince George's County TheBus, and University of Maryland shuttle propose to serve the transit center and change their routes slightly to serve their assigned stops within the transit center. WMATA is proposing to lease the transit center from MTA and assume responsibility for its operations and maintenance, with funding to be provided by the State of Maryland. Several bus stops in the vicinity of the transit center are proposed to be relocated to the transit center.

WMATA COMPACT REQUIREMENTS

WMATA's Compact requires that the Board, in amending the mass transit plan, consider current and prospective conditions in the transit zone should the project be built. The transit zone includes Prince George's County where the transit center is located, and

considerations include, 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; 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 costs 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.

On January 21, 2010, MTA was granted a categorical exclusion to construct the transit center by the Federal Transit Administration (FTA). WMATA has revised the information contained in this determination and produced an Environmental Evaluation in accordance with WMATA Compact policies, the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. The Environmental Evaluation and general plans for the project are available for public review at the locations identified in the reference materials section above.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the proposal 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 the public hearing are requested to furnish in writing their name and organization affiliation, if any, via email to 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, DC 20001. Alternatively, you may fax this information to 202-962-1133. 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 WRITTEN STATEMENTS

Written statements and exhibits must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 24, 2015 by the Office of the Secretary and may be emailed to writtentestimony@wmata.com. They may also be mailed to:

Office of the Secretary
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
600 Fifth Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

Alternatively, statements may be faxed to 202-962-1133. Please reference the Hearing or Docket Number in your submission. 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.

SURVEY – Additionally, if you wish to participate in a survey on this project, please go to www.wmata.com/hearings. The survey will open by 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 13, 2015 and will close on Friday, July 24, 2015 at 5 p.m. You will be asked to provide feedback on the proposal and related service changes, as well as some demographic questions. The information collected through the survey will be maintained anonymously. This option is in addition to your ability to speak at a public hearing or to submit a written statement. The survey results, along with written statements and public hearing comments, will be presented to the Board and will be part of the official public hearing record.