



Notice of Metrobus Public Hearing No. 546

Proposed Restructuring of the Veirs Mill Road Line Route Q2

Docket No. B09-5

Notice is hereby given that the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority will hold a public hearing on the above service proposal as follows:

Tuesday, October 13, 2009
First Baptist Church of Wheaton
Fellowship Hall
10914 Georgia Avenue
Wheaton, MD 20902
Open House - 6:30 p.m.
Public Hearing - 7 p.m.

This public hearing is being conducted in a location accessible to persons with disabilities. Any individual who requires special assistance, such as a sign language interpreter, to participate in the public hearing should contact Ms. Danise Peña at 202-962-2511 or TTY: 202-638-3780 by Thursday, October 8 in order for Metro to make necessary arrangements. For language assistance, call 202-962-2384 by October 8.

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Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
600 Fifth Street N.W. Washington, DC 20001

Purpose. In coordination with Montgomery County and the Maryland Department of Transportation, Metro staff has developed a service plan that restructures Metrobus Route Q2 (Veirs Mill Road Line) which currently operates between Shady Grove and Silver Spring Metrorail stations. This route is being proposed for restructuring in order to address continuing performance-related issues, including schedule adherence, bus bunching, traffic congestion, delays, passenger crowding, and long trip durations.

Proposal. The proposed service plan will (1) split the current Q2 route into two routes – Route Q2A, the northerly route, will provide service between Shady Grove and Wheaton and Route Q2B, the southerly route, will provide service between Rockville and Silver Spring; (2) provide overlapping service along Veirs Mill Road between Wheaton and Rockville Metrorail Stations which will operate as the all-day, base service; and (3) focus on improved frequencies along the higher-demand Veirs Mill Road segment (Rockville to Wheaton) with 7.5-minute peak service and 15-minute off-peak service, while providing wider headways along the Md. Rt. 355 segment (Shady Grove to Rockville), where parallel Ride On service is available and the well-served Georgia Avenue segment (Wheaton to Silver Spring, where parallel Metrobus service is available) with 15-minute peak service and 30-minute off-peak service.

How to Register to Speak at the Public Hearing. All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the proposed service changes will be afforded the opportunity to present their views, make supporting statements and offer alternative proposals. Individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to be heard at this public hearing are requested to furnish in writing their name, address, telephone number and organization affiliation, if any, by noon on the date of the hearing, to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. Please submit only one speaker's name per letter, and reference the Hearing and/or Docket number in your request. Lists of individual speakers will not be accepted. Alternatively, you may send an e-mail to public-hearing-testimony@wmata.com or fax this information to the Office of the Secretary at 202-962-1133. Others present at the hearing may be heard after those persons on the witness list have been called and heard. 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 and will be heard in order of registration. Relinquishing of time by one speaker to another will not be permitted. Those who are unable to speak at the hearings are encouraged to submit written statements.

How to Submit Written Statements. Written statements and exhibits may be submitted until 5 p.m. on Friday, October 16, 2009, to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001. Alternatively, you may send an e-mail to public-hearing-testimony@wmata.com or fax testimony to 202-962-1133. Please reference the Hearing and/or Docket Number shown on the front of this document in your submission.

