



Notice of Public Hearing
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Proposed MTPD District II Substation and Training Facility
6770 Frontier Drive
Springfield, VA 22150
Docket R11-01

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on a proposed new police substation and training facility at 6770 Frontier Drive, Springfield, VA as follows:

Hearing No. 562
Wednesday, July 20, 2011
Robert E. Lee High School
6540 Franconia Road
Springfield, VA 22150
(Fairfax Connector Routes 310, 331, 332, 401)

Hearing scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.
Open house at 6:30 p.m.

This location is 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: 202-638-3780 as soon as possible in order for Metro to make necessary arrangements.

For more information please visit
wmata.com/hearings



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 Documented Categorical Exclusion and plans for the proposed new police substation and training facility at 6770 Frontier Drive in Springfield, Virginia. At the hearing, WMATA will receive and consider public comments and suggestions about the proposal. The proposed design concepts may change as a result of this hearing.

REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

The Documented Categorical Exclusion and plans for the proposed new police substation and training facility are available online at wmata.com/hearings and may be inspected during normal business hours at the following locations beginning Tuesday, June 21, 2011:

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

Franconia Governmental Center
Lee District Supervisor Offices
6121 Franconia Road
Alexandria, VA 22310
703-971-6262

WHAT IS PROPOSED

Metro proposes construction of a police station (District II substation) and training facility for the Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD). The facilities would consist of a three-story administration/police station building and a single story training facility with a roof top mechanical room.

The three-story police station would be a replacement for the current facility at Huntington. The building would contain approximately 23,000 square feet of space consisting of administration offices, training rooms, evidence storage, crime scene work areas, and support areas, including a gym and locker rooms.

The Metro Transit Police are required to certify with weapons on an annual basis. Currently, training is conducted at facilities owned by other jurisdictions. A WMATA-owned facility would save the costs of renting those facilities. The approximately 33,000 square foot training facility would include 24 firing lanes, weapons cleaning and storage areas, administration areas, and conference rooms and classrooms.

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 the Springfield/Franconia area around the site 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 cost 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.

A Documented Categorical Exclusion was prepared by WMATA to provide the environmental documentation required under the WMATA Compact, as well as by the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). This document, along with a more detailed description of the project proposal, is available for public review at the locations indicated 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, D.C. 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 this information may be releasable to the public under the WMATA Public Access to Records Policy (PARP). The PARP can be viewed on WMATA's website at wmata.com/about_metro/public_rr.cfm under the link marked "Legal Affairs". 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 Monday, August 1, 2011 by the Office of the Secretary and may be emailed to writtentestimony@wmata.com. They may also be mailed to the 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 any personal information such as name, e-mail address, address, or telephone number you provide in the statement may be releasable to the public under the WMATA Public Access to Records Policy, available at the website link noted above.