



## **Notice of Public Hearings**

**Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority**

### **Docket R14-01: Proposed Changes to WMATA Facilities at Takoma Metro Station**

#### **Purpose**

**Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on the docket mentioned above as follows:**

Hearing No. 595  
Wednesday, June 18, 2014  
Takoma Education Campus  
7010 Piney Branch Road NW  
Washington, DC

**Information Session at 4:30 p.m. – Public Hearing from 5 - 10 p.m.**

**Please note that this date is subject to the facility's inclement weather cancellation policy.  
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**PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING** – Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to amend its mass transit plan by the proposed redevelopment of 6.8 acres of real property located at WMATA's Takoma Metrorail station (the "Station"), in conjunction with the development of a multifamily residential project on approximately 2.9 acres of the 6.8-acre site, and the corresponding relocation and reconfiguration of transit facilities at the Station. Generally, the relocation and reconfiguration of transit facilities at the Station will consist of: 1) the reconfiguration of the existing Kiss & Ride lot, including access and a reduction in metered spaces from approximately 141, which have historically not been more than 50% occupied, to 85; 2) the provision of 27 spaces in the Kiss & Ride lot for reserved parking spaces for people with disabilities, driver-attended waiting spaces and spaces for taxis, and shuttles; 3) drop off areas for customers, including people with disabilities, in the Kiss & Ride lot; 4) three motorcycle spaces in the Kiss & Ride lot; 5) the addition of a bus bay (for a new total of 10 bus bays) and a new bus layover area to the east side of the existing bus loop that will otherwise remain unchanged; and 6) the improvement of pedestrian and bicycle access to the Station, including new paths that reflect actual travel patterns and a new bike station for 105 bikes to be installed by WMATA in 2014. The WMATA Kiss & Ride lot will be located on the ground floor of an apartment complex to be developed above. The parking will be owned and maintained by the developer and operated by WMATA. All of the aforementioned improvements will be made by the developer at no cost to WMATA.

**FACTORS SUBJECT TO CONSIDERATION** – WMATA's Compact requires the Board, in amending the mass transit plan, to consider data with respect to current and prospective conditions in the Transit Zone (which includes the District of Columbia and Montgomery County, Maryland), including, 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 Nation's Capital; and 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.

**INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC** – The docket contains a narrative with the following exhibits: 1) A view of the property showing existing conditions; 2) A site concept plan showing, on the portion of the property to be sold, the location of the relocated and reconfigured Kiss & Ride lot and, on the portion of the property to be retained by WMATA, the bus, pedestrian and bicycle improvements; 3) A parking accessibility diagram comparing the existing and proposed drop off and parking areas for people with disabilities; 4) A Circulation Paths diagram; 5) An interim parking plan showing spaces available during construction; 6) The Takoma Metrorail Station Access Analysis Technical Memorandum dated September 2013; and 7) The Takoma Metro Station Traffic Analysis Technical Memorandum dated April 2014. The docket is

available online at [www.wmata.com/hearings](http://www.wmata.com/hearings). In addition, the docket is available for inspection at the following locations: Takoma Park Neighborhood Library, 416 Cedar Street NW, Washington, DC 20012; the Takoma Park Maryland Library, 101 Philadelphia Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912; and during normal business hours at WMATA's Headquarters, 600 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001, in the Office of the Secretary. The work and changes to the Takoma station depicted in this information package constitute the proposed amendment to the mass transit plan for purposes of the WMATA Compact.

**HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK** – All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the proposed amendment to the mass transit plan as it relates to the Station 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 this public hearing are requested to furnish in writing their name and organizational affiliation, if any, via email to [speak@wmata.com](mailto: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](http://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 June 30, 2014, by the Office of the Secretary and may be emailed to [writtentestimony@wmata.com](mailto: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 Docket R14-01 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.