

Notice of Public Hearings

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Docket R16-01: Proposed Changes to WMATA Facilities at Greenbelt Metro Station

<u>Purpose</u>

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. 608

<u>Tuesday, February 23, 2016</u>

Greenbelt Marriott
6400 Ivy Lane
Greenbelt, MD 20770

Free shuttle information provided on www.wmata.com/development

Information Session at 6:30 p.m. – Public Hearing at 7 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 the new hearing on wmata.com.

The locations for 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/development



<u>PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING</u> – Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to propose amending its mass transit plan by the proposed redevelopment of 39.71 acres of real property located at WMATA's Greenbelt Metrorail station (the "Station"), in conjunction with the proposed development of the FBI Headquarters on approximately 61 acres located east of the adjacent proposed development, and the corresponding relocation and reconfiguration of transit facilities at the Station. The proposed redevelopment and subsequent reconfiguration of the transit facilities will only occur if the GSA selects Greenbelt as the location for the FBI Headquarters.

WMATA's existing transit facilities including the Kiss & Ride lots, Park & Ride lots, bus loop and pedestrian and bicycle facilities would be restructured to include:

- A covered Kiss & Ride lot located on the ground level of a residential and retail building with
 - 48 short-term metered/driver-attended parking spaces
 - 11 accessible spaces for disabled persons
 - o Pick-up/drop-off space for 15 taxis, 4 shuttles, and 9 standard vehicles
 - o 20 motorcycle spaces
- An 8-story Park & Ride garage with 3,669 parking spaces, including 47
 accessible parking spaces which will replace the existing accessible spaces in
 the Park & Ride lots, located southeast of the station with a direct pedestrian
 connection to the station that meets WMATA access standards.
- A covered bus loop with 12 bus bays and 14 bus layover space to be located on the ground floor of an office building and hotel to be developed above, located northeast of the station entrance.
- New well-lit sidewalks from the Kiss & Ride lot, bus facilities and parking garage.
- Improved pedestrian and bicycle facilities, including replacement of the existing bike racks and lockers.
- An event bus layover lot with 26 spaces located just to the east of the bus loop.
- Non-rider fee of \$14.50 is being proposed. A non-rider parking fee will discourage non-rider parking and compensate for loss of revenue if non-rider parking occurs.

All of the aforementioned improvements will be made by the developer at no cost to WMATA.

WMATA COMPACT REQUIREMENTS – 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 Prince George's 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 DC Metro Area; 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, the location of the relocated and reconfigured Kiss & Ride lot, the new parking garage, the new bus facilities, and pedestrian and bicycle improvements; 3) circulation diagrams, showing all modes of access; 4) phasing diagrams showing the temporary transit access and parking facilities; and 5) the Greenbelt Joint Development Environmental Evaluation dated December 2015. The docket is available online at www.wmata.com/development. In addition, the docket is available for inspection at the following locations:

Greenbelt Public Library 11 Crescent Road Greenbelt, MD 20770 301-345-5800

College Park Community Library 9704 Rhode Island Ave College Park, MD 20740 colparklib@gmail.com

WMATA's Headquarters 600 Fifth Street, NW Washington, DC 20001 202-962-2511 during normal business hours, please call in advance to coordinate

The work and changes to the Greenbelt 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. 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, or can be made by calling 202-962-2511. 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, March 4, 2016, 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. Please reference GREENBELT in the subject line of 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.

<u>SURVEY</u> – Additionally, if you wish to participate in a survey on this project, please go to <u>www.wmata.com/development</u>. The survey will open by 9 a.m. on Saturday, January 23, 2016 and will close on Friday, March 4, 2016 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 and 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.