



Washington Metropolitan
Area Transit Authority

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Notice of Public Hearing

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Proposed Metro Training Center Facility

Prince George's County, Maryland

Docket R26-02

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on proposed Metro Training Center Facility:

Open House 6 p.m.

Hearing No. 676

6:30 p.m., Thursday, September 17, 2026

WMATA New Carrollton Office Building

4100 Garden City Drive

1st Floor Conference Rooms

Hyattsville, MD 20785

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 location for this public hearing is wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpretation will be provided. Any individual who requires special assistance or additional accommodation to participate in this public hearing, or who requires these materials in an alternate format, should contact the Office of Board Affairs 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 202-962-1082 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing date.

For more information, please visit wmata.com/trainingcenter.

In accordance with the requirements of Section 15 of the WMATA Compact, Metro will conduct a public hearing at the location listed in this notice. Information on this hearing will be provided in nearby Metro Rail stations, and online at wmata.com.



HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to this docket will be afforded the opportunity to present their views, make supporting statements and to offer alternative proposals. Public officials 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.

Individuals can provide testimony at the hearing in one of three ways:

In person: Those wishing to testify in person are encouraged, but not required, to pre-register by emailing **speak@wmata.com** or calling **(202) 962-2511** by **12 p.m. on the day of the hearing**. Only one speaker's name should be submitted per request. Individuals may also sign up at the hearing.

By videoconference: To testify via videoconference, individuals must submit their name and organizational affiliation (if any) in writing to **speak@wmata.com** by **5 p.m. the day before the hearing**. Only one speaker's name should be submitted per request. Advance registration to provide video testimony is required.

By telephone: To testify by phone, individuals should call **(206) 899-2028** during the hearing and enter the **Meeting Code 943 834 972#**. Advance registration is not available for telephone testimony.

HOW TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY NOT AT A PUBLIC HEARING

You may submit testimony, upload documents, and provide written comments regarding this proposal online via survey at **wmata.com/trainingcenter**. This survey will open by **9 a.m. on Saturday, August 15, 2026** and close at **9 a.m. on Monday, September 28, 2026**.

If you do not have access to a computer or the internet, you may mail your testimony to:

Office of Board Affairs, SECT 2E

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

P.O. Box 44390

Washington, DC 20026-4390



All mailed comments must be **received by 9 a.m. on Monday, September 28, 2026** to be included in the official record. Please reference **“Metro Training Center Facility”** in your correspondence.

All comments timely submitted will be provided to the Board and included in the official public hearing record. All statements are releasable to the public upon request and may be posted on WMATA’s website, without change, including any personal information provided.

For those without internet access, a complete copy of the docket may be requested by calling **202-962-2511** or inspected in person during regular business hours at Metro’s Headquarters:

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

300 7th Street SW

Washington, DC 20024

Please call **202-962-2511** in advance to schedule an appointment.

WHAT IS PROPOSED

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) has proposed the development of a state-of-the-art Metro Training Center (MTC) to support comprehensive workforce training, operational readiness, and long-term system resiliency. The new MTC will consolidate training functions into a single, purpose-built facility designed to replicate real-world transit environments and support both hands-on and classroom instruction.

The project will be located at 3636 Pennsy Drive in Landover, Maryland. The selected concept proposes demolition of the entire existing 350,000 sq ft unused warehouse facility and construction of a new, two-story structure of approximately 380,000 sq ft. The new facility will include the following core design elements:

- Site work to enhance circulation, utility corridors, stormwater systems and building placement to meet engineering best practices and Prince George’s County site development requirements
- A replica Metro Rail station and tunnel complete with railcars



- Two (2) interior mock bus bays to accommodate diesel, electric, hybrid and gas bus technologies
- An auditorium with approximately 1,000 seats for group training, events and assemblies
- Administrative offices
- Flexible training classrooms and technical laboratory spaces
- Modern learning spaces designed for hands-on practicum, classroom, and virtual learning environments
- A dedicated Metro Transit Police Department (MTPD) Training Academy with secure and separate access

REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

The docket consists of this Notice of Public Hearing, an environmental report, and general plans for the proposed changes to the 3636 Pennsy Drive property. These documents are available online at **wmata.com/trainingcenter** and may be inspected during normal business hours at the following location:

WMATA, Office of Board Affairs
300 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024
202-962-2511
(Please call in advance to coordinate)

You can also request to have these materials mailed to you by calling the Office of the Secretary at 202-962-2511.



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 Prince George's County, MD 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.

The work and changes depicted in this information package constitute the proposed amendment to the Mass Transit Plan for purposes of the WMATA Compact.