

May 21, 2026 Community Meeting Q&A

Meeting Summary:

The Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction Project held its hybrid spring community meeting on May 21, 2026. The project team provided an introduction and overview of the project, discussed construction progress and updates on Art in Transit. They also shared a preview of what the community can expect and answered questions from attendees. A summary of those questions has been outlined below. Questions on similar topics and themes have been grouped for clarity. A recording of this meeting is available at:

<https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans-and-projects/bladensburg/updates.html#accordion-2e2da1fcf3-item-8ad60a7b8d>.

Q: What was in the storage tanks mentioned in the presentation — water or gas? And what will be put in the new tanks?

A: The old tanks held both fuel and water. During phase one of the project, new storm filtration systems were added to manage rainwater.

Q: Is there any consideration for placing the Metro logo on the corner of 25th Place and Bladensburg Road?

A: There are no current plans to incorporate the Metro logo at that location.

Q: Does the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) have a plan to reenvision Bladensburg Road near the new entrance?

A: The project team is actively coordinating with DDOT on this matter, and has submitted plans and held several productive meetings. We will continue working closely with DDOT to refine the designs and obtain final approval.

Q: Have the art panels on Bladensburg Road been fixed? Also, is there a plan to permanently fill the gap from the fence to the ground by the CNG tank?

A: The art panels have been repaired. The project team is not currently aware of a gap along the fence line near the CNG tank, but will investigate and, if confirmed, determine an appropriate repair.

Q: Has the construction team stopped truck drivers from traveling down Douglas St.?

A: Yes. With support from local stakeholders, the project team has restricted truck traffic to the section of Douglas Street west of Bladensburg Road NE, where required roadway and cul-de-sac

modifications are underway. Traffic is closely monitored, and mitigation measures are in place to keep the road clean and usable.

Q: Can people just show up to the in-person meetings instead of having to register?

A: We will explore options to make in-person attendance more flexible and provide an update once we have further details.

Q: Will there be an art installation where the community can engage, participate, and provide input?

A: Yes. Through WMATA's Art in Transit program, a call for artists is being issued across the Washington metropolitan area. The program brings together professional artists, designers, and community representatives on a selection panel, who will review design concepts developed by selected artists and choose a final design. Strong emphasis is placed on artwork that connects to the neighborhood's history, character, and identity.

Q: Will links to the presentation and recording be available online for review?

A: Yes. You can access the presentation and recording here: [Bladensburg Bus Garage Project Updates](#).