

**PUBLIC HEARING
STAFF REPORT**

**STAFF ANALYSIS OF THE PUBLIC HEARING
AND
STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

**METRO TRAINING CENTER
3636 PENNSY DRIVE, HYATTSVILLE, MD**

Hearing No. 676
Docket No. R26-02
Thursday, September 17, 2026

**WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
(WMATA)**

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WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY
PUBLIC HEARING STAFF REPORT
REVIEW OF PUBLIC HEARING TESTIMONY AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS
PROPOSED METRO TRAINING CENTER
3636 PENNSY DRIVE, HYATTSVILLE, MD
HEARING NO. 676
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This report presents a review of the public hearing on September 17, 2026, including material submitted for the public hearing record. Included in this report are recommendations from various WMATA staff concerning the proposed Metro Training Center, 3636 Pennsy Drive, Hyattsville, MD.

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I. INTRODUCTION

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WMATA, Office of Board Affairs
300 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024
202-962-2511

II. COMMUNICATION AND OUTREACH TO THE PUBLIC

This section provides an overview of public outreach activities and an analysis of their effectiveness.

Introduction

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Figure 1: METRO TRAINING CENTER (Existing Conditions)

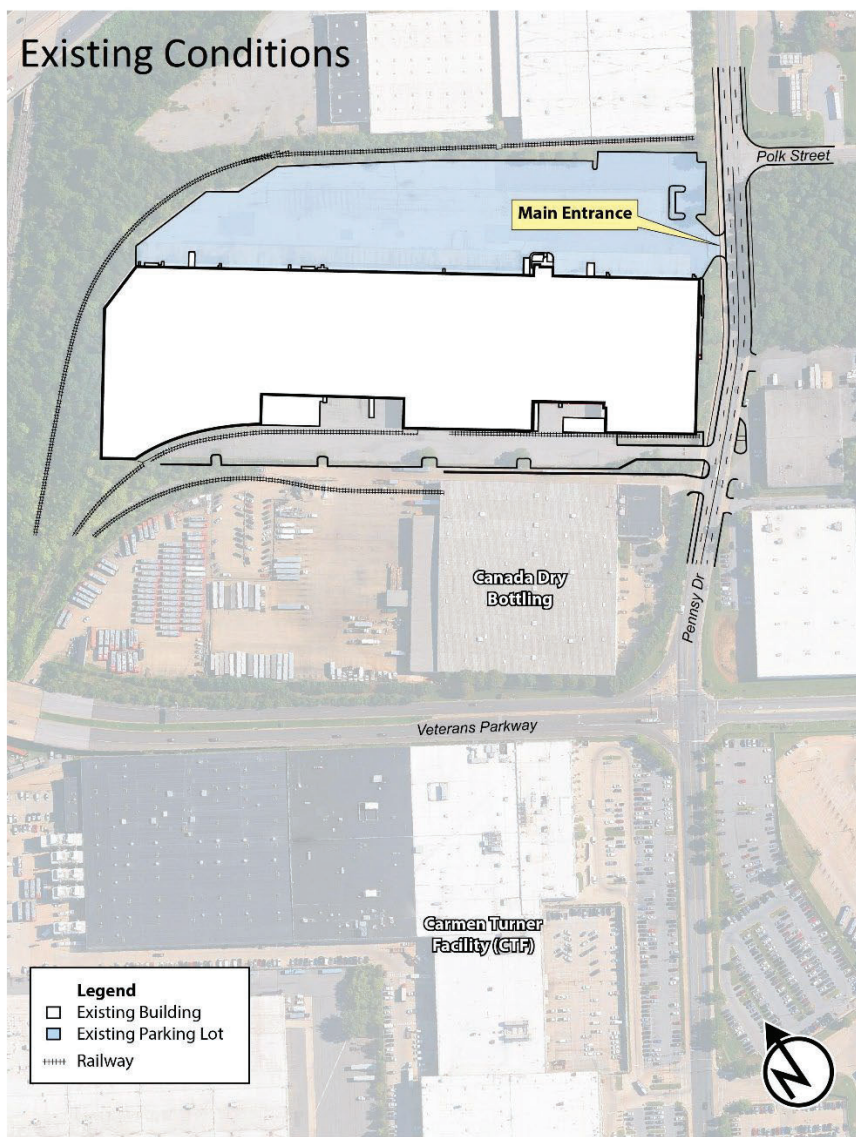
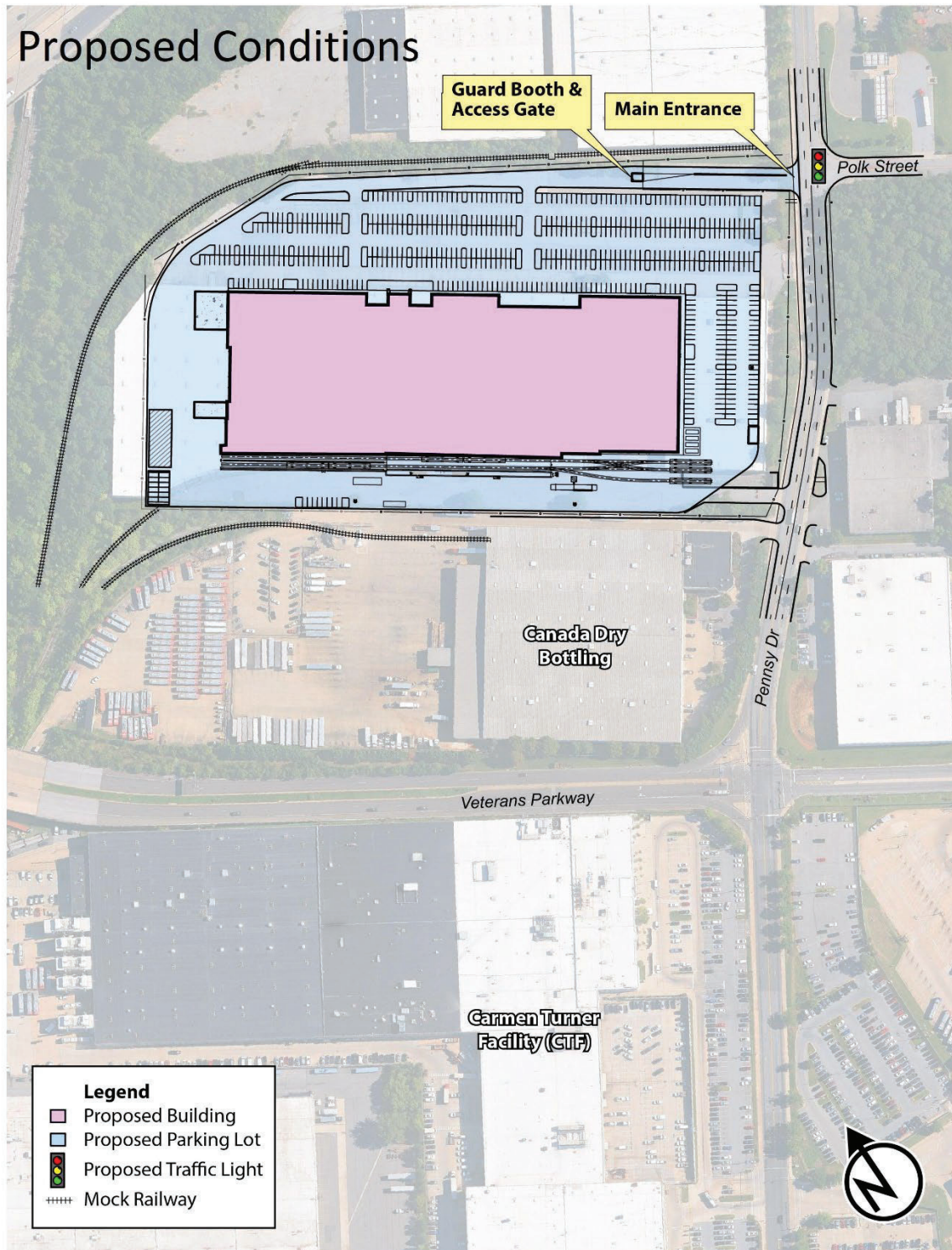


Figure 2: METRO TRAINING CENTER (SITE PLAN)



Communication & Outreach to the Public

To encourage feedback on the proposal, as well as to fulfill Metro's Public Participation Plan, Metro tailored a communication and outreach plan that focused on residents, community representatives, businesses, and property owners near the proposed entrance area.

Below is an overview of all communications and outreach efforts conducted during the comment period from **9 am on Saturday, August 15, 2026, and ending at 9 am on Monday, September 28, 2026.**

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Communications and Outreach Overview

Communications and outreach were guided by the requirements for WMATA Compact Public Hearings as well as Metro's federally mandated, Board-approved Public Participation Plan (PPP).

Beyond meeting basic requirements for a Compact Public Hearing, WMATA followed PPP guidelines to create a targeted communications plan. The plan was designed to collect feedback inclusively and collaboratively with a focus on engaging minority, low-income, and Limited English Proficient (LEP) populations as well as those who use the station.

Most of the communications and outreach tactics outlined in this report occurred during the official public comment period timeframe (September 17, 2026, to September 28, 2026):

The final communications and outreach plan included the following efforts:

- **Stakeholder communication**
- **Standard marketing and media**
- **Compact Public Hearing**

Feedback was collected through the following sources during the public comment period:

- **Written comments received online and by the Board Secretary's Office**
- **Oral testimony received at the Virtual Compact Public Hearing**
- **Responses to public survey**

Three comments were received through the Public Input Survey, with no one testifying at the Compact Hearing.

Stakeholder Communication

Metro focused efforts on communications for stakeholders surrounding the Gallery Place-Chinatown station as well as local DC government officials.

The following efforts were made to communicate with project stakeholders:

- Metro released an advertisement in the Washington Post on Saturday, August 15, to initiate the public comment period and provide project-related details.
- Metro published a press release on Thursday, August 27, 2026, detailing the project initiatives, public comment period, and upcoming opportunities for the public to learn more and provide feedback.
- Metro reposted an advertisement in the Washington Post on Saturday, August 22, 2026, to remind customers of the public comment period and provide project-related details.



The project was advertised in the Washington Post on Saturday, August 15, 2026.



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Standard Marketing and Media

Standard marketing, signage, and media relations tactics were used to increase awareness and encourage public feedback.

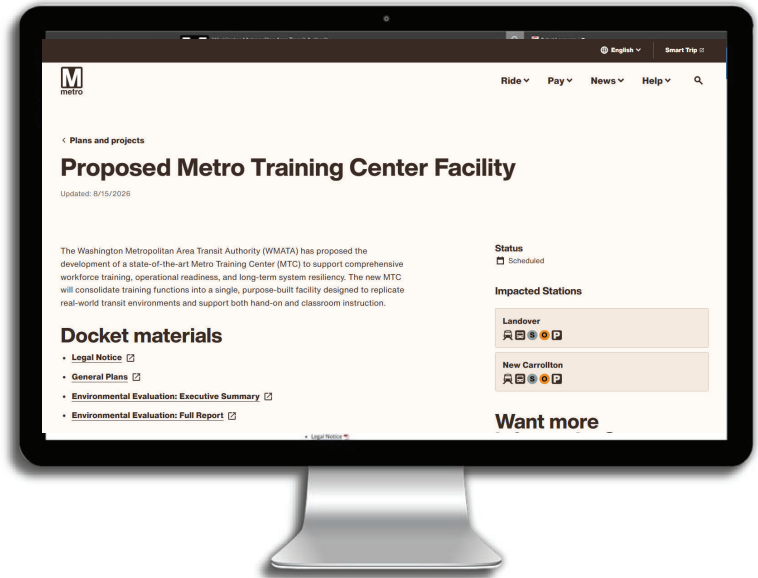
Project Webpage

The project webpage,

<https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans-and-projects/proposed-metro-training-center-facility.html>

on Metro's website served as the project information hub and the primary channel for collecting public feedback. Information was presented in English and Spanish, and a variety of content was available for the public to review, including the environmental evaluation and detailed design plans of the proposed second entrance. The Virtual Compact Public Hearing was also streamed live on this page.

During the public comment period, the project webpage received 594 unique page views and had 422 total users.



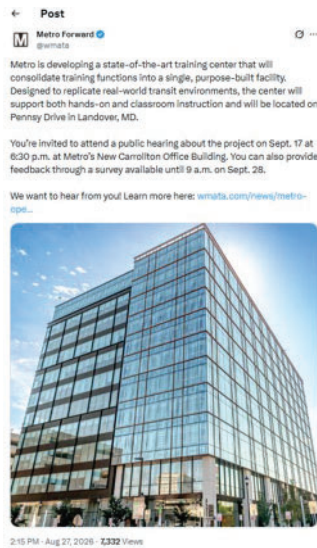
Social Media

Metro publicized the project via X, formerly Twitter, leveraging organic posts. In total, Metro's social media posts resulted in more than 6.6 views, 3 reposts, and 10 likes.

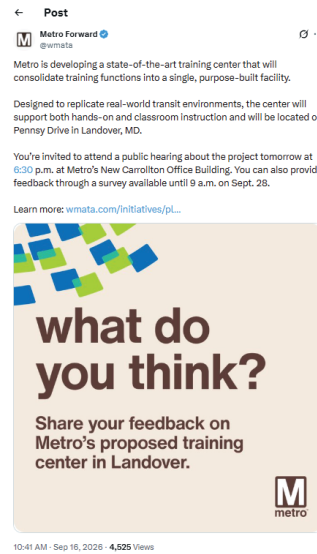
Note: Reach = the total number of people who saw the content (measure is estimated). Impressions = the number of times the content was displayed on a user's screen, no matter if it was seen, clicked or engaged with or not. Engagements = Likes, comments and shares.

Media	Date(s)	Details
X (formerly Twitter)	8/27/2026	7,329 impressions 46 engagements
	9/16/2026	4,519 impressions 10 engagements
Facebook	9/16/2026	1074 reach 34 engagements
LinkedIn	9/16/2026	2,417 impressions

Social Media Examples



X post on 8/27/2026



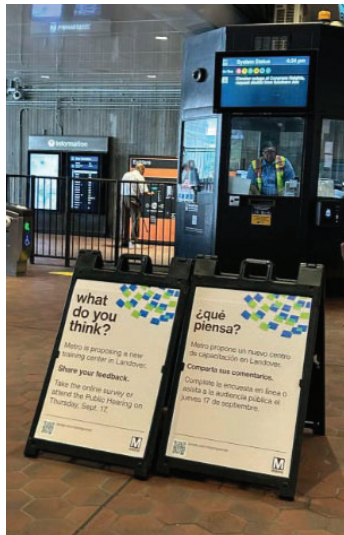
X repost on 9/16/2026

Print Sign

Postings

Information was posted in English and Spanish on signs in and around the Metro Training Center to reach rail and bus customers.

Signage Examples



Media Relations

Metro issued a press release on August 27, 2026, to generate earned media coverage about the project and promote the Compact Public Hearing.

Date	Title	Details
Thursday, August 27, 2026	https://www.wmata.com/news/metro-opens-public-comment-on-proposed-new-training-facility-on-.html	Metro opens public comment on proposed new training facility on Pennsy Drive in Landover, Maryland



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Metro opens public comment on proposed new training facility on Pennsy Drive in Landover, Maryland

Updated: 9/28/2026

Metro is developing a state-of-the-art training center that will support **Metro's Strategic Transformation Plan** priority, Talented Teams. The proposal consolidates training functions into a single, purpose-built facility designed to replicate real-world transit environments and support both hands-on and classroom instruction.

The public is invited to attend a public hearing about the project on Sept. 17 at 6:30 p.m. at Metro's New Carrollton Office Building. A feedback [survey](#)  will be available until 9 a.m. on Monday, Sept. 28.

The project, located at 3636 Pennsy Dr. in Landover, Maryland, proposes demolition of the

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Press release posted to Metro webpage.

Compact Public Hearing

A Compact Public Hearing was held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. The hearing was conducted by WMATA Board of Directors member Leslie Ford Weber and Senior Capital Program Manager Elvio Caporuscio and was streamed live on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tbUoD22Qxk>. The hearing hosted 30 in-person attendees and was viewed by 245 people with 3 likes online. No one testified at the hearing, and 41 comments were submitted through the online survey. Submitted comments are presented in the appendix of the Staff Report.



Public Input Results

Metro collected public input during the public comment period from 9 am on Saturday, August 15, 2026, and ending at 9 am on Monday, September 28, 2026.

<https://questionpro.com/t/7Bt3L0Z9coi>

Metro collected public input during the public comment period from 9 am on Saturday, August 15, 2026, and ending at 9 am on Monday, September 28, 2026 via written comments (submitted online or letters mailed to the Board Secretary's Office) and oral testimony at the Compact Public Hearing.

III. SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEARING

A Compact Public Hearing was held on Thursday, September 17, 2026, at 6:30 P.M. The hearing was conducted by WMATA Board of Director, Leslie Ford Weber, and Senior Capital Program Manager, Elvio Caporuscio, and was streamed live on Metro's project webpage as well as on <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-tbUoD22Qxk>. The hearing hosted x in-person attendees and was viewed by xx people with x likes online. No one testified at the hearing.

Following an opening statement by Ms. Weber, WMATA staff described the proposed facility. The staff presentation is summarized in Section IV of this report. The background and supporting documentation included the following:

- Copies of the Public Hearing notice,
- The Environmental Report, and
- General Plans.

The hearing was closed at 6:45 P.M.

IV. SUMMARY OF THE STAFF PRESENTATION

Ms. Weber opened the hearing and explained that the hearing had been advertised in the Washington Post. She explained that the purpose of the public hearing was to receive comments, suggestions, and alternatives on the proposed Metro Training Center. Ms. Weber then explained the hearing procedures and explained that changes to the options presented may be proposed in response to testimony received and subsequent staff analysis.

Mr. Elvio Caporuscio, WMATA's Senior Capital Program Manager, delivered the staff presentation. Mr. Elvio Caporuscio explained that the project was the development of a state-of-the-art Metro Training Center (MTC) to support comprehensive workforce training, operational readiness, and long-term system resiliency, and provided an overview of the identified environmental impacts and the environmental approvals.

The transcript and presentation are included in Appendices B and C, respectively.

PROPERTY REQUIREMENTS

The project developer will not require any easements necessary for the construction, operation, and maintenance of the MTC. WMATA and the developer are preparing agreements for the use of the existing easements in accordance with the Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Act of 1970.

V. SUPPLEMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE SUBMITTED FOR THE RECORD

The Public Hearing record remained open until September 28, 2026. Three general comments were submitted through the online survey. Submitted comments are presented in Section VII of the Staff Report.

VI. COMPACT ARTICLE, SECTION 15-OTHER AGENCY REVIEW AND COMMENTS

Copies of the Public Hearing notice were sent to federal, state, regional, and local agencies. No comment was received.

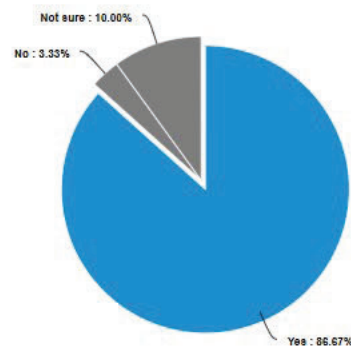
VII. RESPONSES TO COMMENTS RECEIVED FOR THE RECORD

41 written general comments were submitted through the online survey.

Summary

There were 26 supporting comments in favor of the Metro Training Center.

Are you in favor of this proposal



Answer	Count	Percent	20%	40%	60%	80%	100%
Yes	26	86.67%					
No	1	3.33%					
Not sure	3	10%					
Total	30	100 %					

Please explain the reasons for the answer above:

09/17/2026 143153465 I love public services and the people who operate them.

09/17/2026 143150216 - Is it feasible to install solar arrays and design more plant life onsite, such as in the parking lot, to mitigate the operational energy expense and greenify the trainee onsite experience?

09/17/2026 143147588 With Metro OEP, I help coordinate training for PGPD personnel, and this would be an excellent opportunity to enhance the training possibilities. The OEP staff have done an exceptional job at utilizing the current space, but this is a needed step forward. A station mock up would be a great improvement over the current configuration. I would ask for the training props to include the elevator and escalator systems. Notably adding training for the buses is also an exciting opportunity. If possible, please account for parking for the large apparatus that we utilize.

09/15/2026 143121609 New jack customers require new jack training.

09/13/2026 143089899 I am an employee and I think demolishing the old outdated what used to be Hechinger distribution/ main office, it's time for the future. This will make way for a new bigger building better technology. Military style training, AI simulation overall state of the art training for the employees. This will also make WMATA stand out from other transit agencies in the U.S.A.

09/01/2026 142927269 Additional training facilities are necessary. The workforce needs modern standards to be trained on. Primary concern is cost and traffic impacts. 380,000 SF is a lot of space. Is that enough? Does that provide room to grow into, or will it be full from Day 1?

08/27/2026 142891574 Assuming this is carried out correctly (I do believe the authority is well primed to do so) this will be very useful.

08/27/2026 142891216 sounds good and would be very usefull for it to be used on marketing and promotion of wmata as well and I saying this because the tunnels should be updated to a new standard with lights all the way through the tunnels like airports because the airports that have autmated trains is what wmata sounds like it is going to do, so the stations and tunels should be upgraded as well.

Response

Comments noted. The presentation within the public hearing provided images of the proposed changes. Additionally, the General Plans and environmental study provided additional details about the proposed modification to the vent shaft.

VIII. COMMENT OVERVIEW AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

A. Summary

Metro collected public input during the public comment period from Thursday, December 17, 2026, through 9 a.m. Monday, September 28, 2026, and there was no oral testimony at the Compact Public Hearing. There were no and no uploaded documents or written correspondence.

Public Input Sources	
Answer a survey	40
Written comments	5
Oral Testimony	0
Uploaded Documents	3
Total	48

Online comments account for 3 (100%) of the 3 comment submissions. Online respondents provided the following information related to their demographics:

Other Results and Demographics	Responses
Race	
Hispanic or Latino	8%
African American	28%
Native American	0%
Asian	0%
Pacific Islander	0%
White	60%
Other	4%

B. Draft Staff Recommendation

Staff recommends approval of the Metro Training Center as shown in the General Plans.

Appendix A - WMATA Metrorail Public Hearing Notice

Attachments – Public Hearing Notices in *Washington Post*

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815 **Legal Notices**

ABC LICENSE: Op Burgers VA LLC trading as Red Robin Gourmet Burgers and Brews, 110 Merchant Street Winchester (Frederick County, Virginia 22603). The above establishment is applying to the VIRGINIA ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE CONTROL (ABC) AUTHORITY for a Mixed Beverage Restaurant license to sell or manufacture alcoholic beverages. Timothy Furr, CEO. **NOTE:** Objections to the issuance of this license must be submitted to ABC no later than 30 days from the publishing date of the first of two required newspaper legal notices. Objections should be registered at www.abc.virginia.gov or (800) 552-3200.

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815 **Legal Notices**

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 9728. 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.

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(Please call in advance to coordinate)

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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.

MARYLAND
Rooms for Rent

PG - Room for rent. \$600/mo all util included. Furnished, near Metro & bus. 240-731-3204

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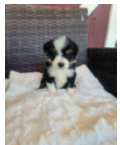
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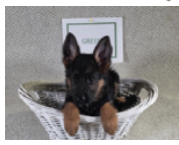
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Appendix B – Comments

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Metro Hearing #676

Docket R26-02: Proposed Metro Training Center Facility

Prince Georges County, Maryland

September 17, 2026

Welcome: Leslie Weber – Hearing Officer

Good evening and welcome. I'm Leslie Weber, Principal Director on the Metro Board representing Maryland and a member of the Washington Suburban Transit Commission. With me tonight is Jason White, senior program manager for the Training Center Project, Elvio Caporusco, senior capital manager, program manager in the WMATA Civil and Environmental Engineering group, who will be giving tonight's presentation. And on my right, Jennifer Ellison, Metro's Chief Board Affairs Officer.

This hearing is convened by the Metro Board of Directors to gather public comments on the proposed construction of the Metro Training Center located, very nearby, in Prince George's County, Maryland. This is our agenda today: we will begin with the purpose of the hearing, then move on to describing the proposed training center, followed by an overview of the protocol for commenting. We'll then hear the public comments and discuss next steps.

The general plans and environmental evaluation for this project are available online at the link in the presentation and then there are two copies also available in the hallway at the registration table that you passed on the way in. Notice of this hearing was made by publication in the Washington Post in August. The hearing notice was also sent to all local governments and other organizations within the Compact Zone as well as posted on wmata.com and provided to nearby libraries.

There are three ways to provide comments at this evening's hearing: in person, via Teams, or over the phone. If you're with us in person and would like to provide testimony, please see the staff at the registration table, again outside the room, if you have not

already put your name on the list of speakers. If you've pre-registered to provide testimony via video, we ask that you remain muted with your camera off until you're called upon to speak. And for those who may participate by telephone, if you'd like to provide testimony, please press star five. This will put you in the speakers queue and let us know that you're here to provide comments.

If any elected officials join us, they will be allowed five minutes and everyone else will be allowed three minutes to speak. Extra time will be given for translation if needed.

If you're here in person and you have copies of your testimony to distribute, please again, back to the registration table, and hand them to staff.

I'd also like to note that tonight's hearing is being broadcast live via YouTube on the Metro Forward YouTube channel and will be archived there after the hearing concludes. Now, I call on Mr. Caporuscio for the staff presentation.

**Presentation by Elvio Caporuscio – Senior Capital Manager
Program Manager**

Thank you, Director Weber.

The purpose of, the purpose of the hearing is to obtain public input on the proposed Metro Training Center Project which entails demolition of an existing 350,000 square foot WMATA facility and construction of a new two-story 380,000 square foot training facility.

The goal of the project is to support comprehensive workforce training, operational readiness, and long-term system resiliency.

The site of the proposed Metro Training Center is at 3636 Pennsy Drive, Hyattsville, Maryland.

Originally, this parcel of land was purchased and earmarked to be the WAMATA Heavy Rail and Overhaul facility, HRO.

WMATA held a compact public hearing for the HRO in 2019. However, due to funding limitations, the HRO project never came to fruition.

Upon recent WMATA Board review, it has been determined that this site is an ideal location for the new Metro Training Center.

Federal funds would be utilized for this proposed project.

The new Metro Training Center 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 new facility will include the following primary design components:

Training classrooms and labs; a replica metro rail station and tunnel complete with actual rail cars; mock bus bays with canopies to accommodate diesel, electric, hybrid, and gas bus technologies; conference and meeting rooms; a cafeteria; a dedicated Metro Transit Police Training Academy; administrative offices; and modern learning centers that are designed to support hands-on practicum as well as classroom and virtual learning environments.

Finally, as part of the Compact public hearing, staff have prepared an environmental evaluation for the project to assess any permanent or temporary impacts and to identify opportunities to minimize or mitigate them.

This analysis identifies whether there are impacts to transportation, storm water, open space, air quality, and noise as a result of the changes to the existing facility.

In short, there are little to no permanent impacts anticipated as a result of the new construction. There may however be some minor temporary impacts during construction like dust, equipment noise or sediment and erosion. These will be mitigated by using typical construction mitigation techniques and following Maryland and Prince George's County requirements.

This slide concludes my presentation on the project. I'll turn the floor back to Director Weber to go over the procedures for tonight's hearing.

Testimony Process: Leslie Weber – Hearing Officer

Thank you, Mr. Caporuscio

So again, briefly, I'm going to cover the procedures that were discussed a few minutes ago that we're going to follow during the hearing.

Are there any new participants registered on Teams? Okay. As there aren't anyone coming through Teams, we're going to proceed between alternating between comments in person, if there are any, or by phone.

If anyone is here to testify in person, you can start making your way to the podium.

I'm not seeing anyone standing up.

All right. And is there anyone registered by telephone?

One? No? None. Thank you, Mr. Reyes. Did any elected officials join us at the last moment?

So, in addition to opportunities to speak at this at this evening's hearing, there are opportunities to provide written comments on the proposed changes, and I can cover those as we move forward. Any verbal comments that might have been made tonight or written

comments will become part of the public record that will be reviewed by the Board of Directors.

If there are additional changes to the project presented tonight in response to testimony received in subsequent staff analysis that will also be disclosed to the public.

Any chance there? This hearing was focused in on the new training center, so, with opportunities to comment on the proposal, and we're here to listen, but we won't be able to answer any questions, again, if anyone walks in at the last minute before we finish,

There are other ways to contact Metro if you have other matters you want to address. And these include comments on the size, mix, or design of buildings, future joint development products, land use matters, service complaints, fares, all the types of things that folks experience when they interact with Metro. You have the information to contact our Metro's customer service team to address those matters.

As previously noted, the public comment period will close on September 28th, 2026, and staff anticipates releasing the draft staff report to the Metro website this coming fall. Once the staff report is released to the public, anyone who provides comments will have the opportunity to review the report to ensure that comments were captured accurately. That review and comment period will close two weeks after the draft staff report is posted. And then, staff anticipates that the final staff report will be submitted to the Board of Directors for acceptance in the fall of 2026.

The public will have another opportunity to comment on new construction in person at a future board meeting.

Are there any last-minute attendees who want to speak? All right, great. Thank you, Mr. Reyes.

So, we are getting very close here to wrapping up. We will be, again, accepting written testimony online or by mail until 9:00 am on September 28th, 2026.

You can be submitted online at [wmata.com/training center](http://wmata.com/training-center). All as one word. I will spell it out: W-m-a-t-a.com, "training center" is one word. Testimony can also be sent by mail to the Office of Board Affairs, Section 2E, at the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, or WMATA, P.O. Box 44390, Washington DC 20026.

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As a reminder, a video recording of this hearing will be posted on YouTube at the youtube.com/metroforward site if you'd like to view it or perhaps provide some insight on developing written testimony. Thank you again for participating in this evening's hearing. Have a good evening.

Appendix C – Legal Notice



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