Notice of Public Hearing

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Proposed Changes to North Bethesda Metro Station
Montgomery County, Maryland
Docket R26-03

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on proposed changes to transit facilities at the North Bethesda Metro Station.

Open House 6 p.m.

Hearing No. 677
6:30 p.m., Tuesday, December 1
Bethesda North Marriott Hotel and Conference Center
Meeting Rooms - Strathmore A&B
5701 Marinelli Road
Rockville, MD 20852

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/northbethesdahearing**.

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 548 968 979#.** Advance registration is not available for telephone testimony.

HOW TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY NOT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

You may submit testimony, upload documents, and provide written comments regarding this proposal online via survey at **wmata.com/northbethesdahearing**. This survey will open by **9 a.m. on Saturday, October 31, 2026** and close at **5 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 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 5 p.m. on Friday, December 11, 2026** to be included in the official record. Please reference **"North Bethesda"** 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) is proposing changes to the North Bethesda Metro Station transit facilities to enable joint development and increase ridership. The recommended changes are made after evaluation of future parking and transit demand at North Bethesda Metro Station.

The Modifications include:

- Construction of a new North Entrance to the Metro Station, in coordination with Montgomery County; and
- Reduction of up to 550 dedicated Metro parking spaces at the Park & Ride garage.

The new station entrance, to be located at the southeast corner of the Rockville Pike and Old Georgetown Road intersection, will provide enhanced access to the numerous residential and retail uses north of the station – most notably the 3.4 million square foot Pike & Rose mixed-use development. The new entrance will reduce the walking distance to the Metro Station from that major activity center by up to one-eighth mile and will be adjacent to 13.9 acres of undeveloped land identified for Joint Development. The at-grade entrance will have faregates, a stairway to the platform below, two elevators, service and support areas, an over-platform mezzanine, and an enclosure that provides weather protection and the ability to secure the station. The new entrance will be accompanied with an at-grade pedestrian plaza with enhancements to access including wider sidewalks, bicycle parking, landscape, and hardscape elements.

Reducing the number of dedicated spaces in the existing Park & Ride facility by up to 550 spaces to support parking needs associated the future joint development project would result in the amount of spaces available to Metro customers declining from the existing capacity of 1270 to 720 spaces. This change may require physical modifications to the existing garage driveway on Citadel Avenue, the addition of a new entrance on Chapman Avenue, and/or to internal garage circulation and parking configuration.

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 North Bethesda property. These documents are available online at **wmata.com/northbethesdahearing** 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 Montgomery 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.