

## **August 12, 2024, Community Meeting Q&A**

### **Meeting Summary:**

The 2024 summer community meeting for the Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction Project was hosted virtually and in person at the Woodridge Neighborhood Library on August 12, 2024. The project team shared project news and answered questions from the community. Topics covered included team introductions, project overviews, and updates; a presentation from the design team; construction highlights and updates; and a look ahead to what to expect next quarter.

### **Introductions, Project Overviews, and Updates**

#### **Q: Has an environmental impact study been done?**

A: Yes, the environmental impact study can be found [here](#).

### **Building Feature Review & Construction Updates**

#### **Q: What is a pantograph?**

A: A pantograph is the apparatus that charges electric buses. When the electric bus parks, the pantograph apparatus connects to the bus for charging through an overhead electric line. Once charged, the pantograph retracts, allowing the bus to exit.

#### **Q: Has the construction component of the maintenance bay started yet?**

A: Yes.

#### **Q: Are there platforms or scaffolding for bus maintenance?**

A: WMATA has fall-protection guiderails on top of buses, and there are trolleys allowing workers to safely access the top for maintenance.

#### **Q: Will all bus maintenance be completed inside the garage?**

A: Yes, all routine maintenance performed on site will be done inside the garage. Larger maintenance is done at a different location.

#### **Q: How close is the maintenance garage to being finished?**

A: The maintenance garage is about 60% completed. The lifts are now being installed.

#### **Q: When will the garages be operational?**

A: The garages were originally scheduled to be operational in January. However, due to a possible delay, we anticipate the garages to be operational in the second quarter of 2025.

**A Look Ahead: What to Expect in the Next Quarter**

**Q:** Will the building be commissioned, regardless of whether or not the electric buses are present?

**A:** Yes