

June 23, 2022 Community Meeting Q&A

Meeting Summary:

Metro has prepared a brief Q&A to address comments raised at the June 23, 2022 Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction Project community engagement meeting. This meeting discussed project updates and changes since the previous community meeting in March. Updates were provided on the project's progress, construction and garage design, excavation activities, and Art in Transit installation. The expectations for the next quarter were also reviewed.

A Look Ahead: What to Expect in the Next Quarter

Q: Local businesses received notifications regarding the closure of the cul-de-sac near Douglas Street. What are the proposed remedies for impacted businesses if the cul-de-sac is closed?

A: Metro has proposed a hammerhead turn on Douglas Street and has distributed this plan to the local business community. This solution will be discussed with impacted businesses, and Metro will make the outcome of those discussions part of our traffic flow update in the next quarterly community meeting.

Q: There are multiple construction projects happening simultaneously in the community. How is Metro coordinating with these other projects to ensure minimal traffic impacts to the community?

A: Metro participates in a "Large Project Tract Review," where we work with various city agencies to document our efforts to develop "maintenance of traffic" plans for our projects. This information is then shared with the District of Columbia government so that D.C. officials can integrate and manage all projects concurrently. Metro is committed to complying with District of Columbia and federal regulations to implement this project, and we have gone through our own environmental review process, as well as the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) review process.

Board of Zoning Adjustment (BZA) Hearing Announcement

Q: Why was the community not informed of the BZA 20791 hearing scheduled for October 22, 2022 and will you be going before the board?

A: The public notice scheduling the BZA 20791 hearing was issued shortly before this community meeting. Metro will be attending the hearing. The project team strives to present as much up-to-date information as possible to the community and has been working towards developing communications regarding this public notice accordingly.

Q: How will you communicate notices like this to the community in the future?

A: Metro will continue to communicate with the community through the appropriate established project related channels such as email blasts, social media and regularly scheduled community meetings. An update on the BZA hearing will occur before the October hearing through the summer quarterly community email update and during the next quarterly community meeting scheduled for September 2022. Additionally, the BZA application can also be monitored through the D.C. Office of Zoning website at the following link: [BZA Application No. 20791](#).