

## January 24, 2023, Community Meeting Q&A

### Meeting Summary:

The 2023 winter community meeting for the Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction Project was hosted virtually and in person at the Woodridge Neighborhood Library on January 24, 2023. The project team shared project news and answered questions from the community. Topics covered at the meeting included updates on environmental management, Art in Transit and a look ahead at what to expect for the remainder of this year.

### Project and Construction Updates

#### **Q: Are there set hours for heavy construction, which could have louder than usual noise impacts?**

A: Metro and its contractors adhere to the [District of Columbia's regulations](#). While the workday for the Project typically ends at 4:30 pm, the current noise ordinance allows construction Monday through Saturday from 7 am to 7 pm without any special permits, with the exception of pile driving activities which are excluded from the ordinance. We have completed our pile driving work and at this time we do not have plans for additional pile driving.

#### **Q: What is Metro doing to prevent employees and contractors from parking in the community?**

A: We have provided two satellite parking locations for employees and our contractors, which were highlighted in the [winter 2023 presentation](#). Additionally, we've held multiple kick-off meetings with new contractor staff to ensure they are aware of the designated employee and contractor parking areas.

#### **Q: Is there adequate parking to accommodate all project-related staff?**

A: Yes, the two satellite parking areas are able to accommodate our project-related staff. We continue to look at additional parking opportunities near the site, to further decrease impacts to the community as the project progresses.

#### **Q: How is this project being coordinated with the Bladensburg Road Multimodal Project?**

A: Metro and its contractor, Hensel Phelps, are working closely with the District Department of Transportation on timing of the two projects.

#### **Q: Where can the community find details on delivery routes for this project?**

A: Truck routes are published by the District Department of Transportation based on the class of vehicles, specifics are available on their [website](#). All of the deliveries to the Bladensburg Bus Garage Reconstruction site will follow the authorized truck routes.

#### **Q: Why was the October 2022 Board of Zoning Adjustment hearing canceled?**

A: The project design was revised and is now compliant with planning standards. As such, an exception hearing was no longer necessary.

#### **Q: Will this project create hiring opportunities for the community?**

A: Metro's contractor Hensel Phelps, posts project-related job requisitions to all of the major online publications. As requested, and when appropriate, these requisitions will be shared with the ANC commissioners.

**Q: Does the design for the new garage include the infrastructure to support zero-emission buses?**

A: The original design for Bladensburg did not include the infrastructure to support a zero-emission bus fleet. However, we are currently in the process of redesigning the garage so that it will be able to operate and maintain a zero-emission fleet at opening. We are in the early stages of that design work and will provide a more detailed update at future community meetings.

### **Environmental Management**

**Q: Have any contaminants been found at the site? If so, what kind?**

A: At this time, hydrocarbons have been identified at the site. The hydrocarbon fuel uncovered at the site is believed to be a product of the industrial buildings which were at the site pre-1962 when Bladensburg Bus Garage was first built.

**Q: How is the contamination being remediated? What official documents are available to the community for review?**

A: Metro and its contractors are working alongside the Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE) and will adhere to all DOEE guidance regarding remediation, including removal and disposal of contaminated soil. We will provide additional updates on our environmental management progress at future community meetings. Metro will continue to post relevant project-related materials to the project website.

### **Art in Transit**

**Q: How will the community be invited to participate in the selection for the permanent Art in Transit piece?**

A: Planning and development of the permanent artwork will coincide with the start of Phase 2, currently expected to begin in 2024. As we get closer to this date, we will reach out to the community with a survey. We will also continue to work closely with community leaders to ensure the permanent artwork is representative of the community.