

**May 7, 2024, Community Meeting Q&A**

**Meeting Summary:**

The Northern Bus Garage Reconstruction Project team hosted its virtual spring community meeting on May 7, 2024. During the meeting, the team provided an overview of the project, updates on construction progress, retail design, and environmental management. This Q&A document addresses both the questions that were answered during the meeting and those that remain unanswered. A recording of this meeting is available at [wmata.com/northernbusgarage](https://wmata.com/northernbusgarage).

**Project Overview and Updates**

**Q: Is the project scheduled to open on time?**

A: From a construction perspective, yes, the project remains on schedule. We are still slated to complete construction in 2027. Please note that the integration of battery-electric bus (BEB) charging design is ongoing, and impacts to the schedule associated with BEB are still being evaluated and may impact when the facility re-opens.

**Q: How can I access the project website?**

A: Use this [link](#) to access the Northern Bus Garage Reconstruction Project webpage.

**Q: Can you share the email address of this project?**

A: The community can email us at [MCAP\\_NBG\\_Reconstruction\\_Project@wmata.com](mailto:MCAP_NBG_Reconstruction_Project@wmata.com).

**Q: How are Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) and Minority Business Enterprise (MBE) opportunities for this project being publicized? Where is this information located?**

A: In December 2021, Clark Construction held two outreach events that were promoted on WMATA's webpage and in several industry-related publications. In addition, Clark Construction held two informational outreach events in December 2021 for prospective bidders prior to the bid date in February 2022. After bids were received in February 2022, Clark Construction began awarding subcontracts in coordination with WMATA. The majority of subcontracts have been issued for all major scope of work on the project. For more information on WMATA's DBE and MBE criteria, please visit [WMATA's Small Business Programs Office's webpage](#).

**Q: Currently, are there opportunities for DBEs and MBEs to join the project?**

A: The subcontractor selections for the project have been finalized, and the bidding process is complete. With the primary purchasing done, any downstream purchasing at a lower-tier level is managed

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independently by the subcontractors. Clark Construction's role in this regard is limited to ensuring that any DBE commitments made by a subcontractor at the time of bidding are fulfilled.

**Q: Can you share the names of the subcontractors on this project?**

A: WMATA's Small Business Programs Office will determine how WMATA shares subcontractor information with the community.

**Retail Design Updates**

**Q: Will the planned retail space include a truck unloading area or zone for deliveries so that delivery trucks are not impacting parking?**

A: Yes. Currently, we have a designated loading zone marked by signage in the northbound parking lane of 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, with a mountable curb adjacent to this loading zone. This will allow deliveries to occur in the parking lane, and delivery truck drivers can use that mountable curb with lift tools to bring deliveries in and out of the retail area. There is no plan to maintain the current driveway that is currently in front of the administration building.

**Q: Why is the south-most egress path inaccessible? Is this a code violation?**

A: Due to the nature of the grade changes along 14<sup>th</sup> Street NW, we were not able to provide an accessible egress path there. However, in the event of an emergency, we do have an emergency exit that allows for a safe place and area of rescue. The design incorporates an area of rescue assistance as permitted by code.

**Q: Will the retail area still face 14th Street NW?**

A: Yes, the retail space will be directly behind the historic façade that we are preserving and there is also retail space within the historic administration building.

**Environmental Management Update:**

**Q: Where are the noise monitors placed? How are the readings being assessed and what are the findings?**

A: The locations of the monitors are shown in the noise reports that are available on the [webpage](#). We're seeing noise from the activities along 14th Street, a relatively major corridor with exceedances during the day and evening hours when our team is not working. We are challenged with being able to distinguish project-related noise exceedances that occur due to where the project site is located, which is adjacent to a major road.

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**Q: Is there information regarding environmental surveys or assessments available for the public to review?**

A: Yes, we have environmental resources available on the project's [webpage](#).