### Northern Bus Garage Reconstruction Project

Winter 2021 Community Update Meeting

December 14, 2021





#### Meeting Etiquette

Metro wants to hear from you. Here are a few guidelines to keep this meeting productive and to maintain respect for all participants:

- You will have an opportunity to ask questions following each section of the presentation.
- To ensure we hear from as many community members as possible, please adhere to the Q&A protocol:
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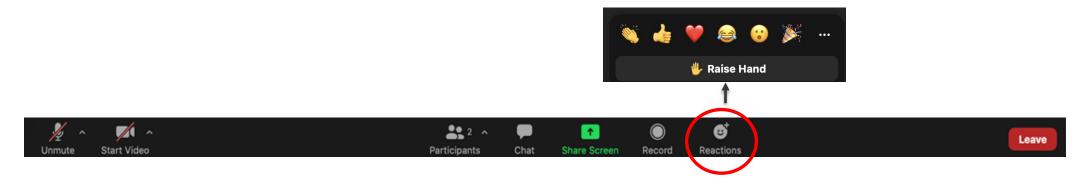
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#### Raise Hand Feature

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- You can find this feature in your Zoom toolbar in the "Reactions" section. We will call on those to speak in the order they appear.
- To raise your hand while dialing in, press \*9





#### Agenda

- □ Introductions
- ☐ Project Overview and Updates
- □ Environmental Management: Overview and Status
- ☐ Art in Transit: Perimeter Fencing and Permanent Artwork
- ☐ Electric Bus Strategy for Northern Bus Garage
- ☐ What to Expect in Late 2021 and Early 2022



#### Introductions



#### **Project Team**

- □ Diana Levy, Director, Capital Delivery WMATA
- ☐ Phil Sheridan, Clark Construction
- Jim Ashe, Environmental Coordinator WMATA
- Laurent Odde, Art in Transit Manager WMATA
- □ Amy Mesrobian, Director, Zero-Emission Vehicles WMATA



## Project Overview and Updates



#### Project Events Overview: Q3 & Q4 2021

#### **HPRB**

 Received final plan approval at the last hearing in October

#### **DDOT**

- Advisory Neighborhood Commission (ANC) meeting received Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) letter of support
- The District Department of Transportation (DDOT)
   MOT approval received

#### **Construction Contract**

- WMATA established a Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) goal at 20% for construction
- Released Invitation to Bid (ITB) to the public

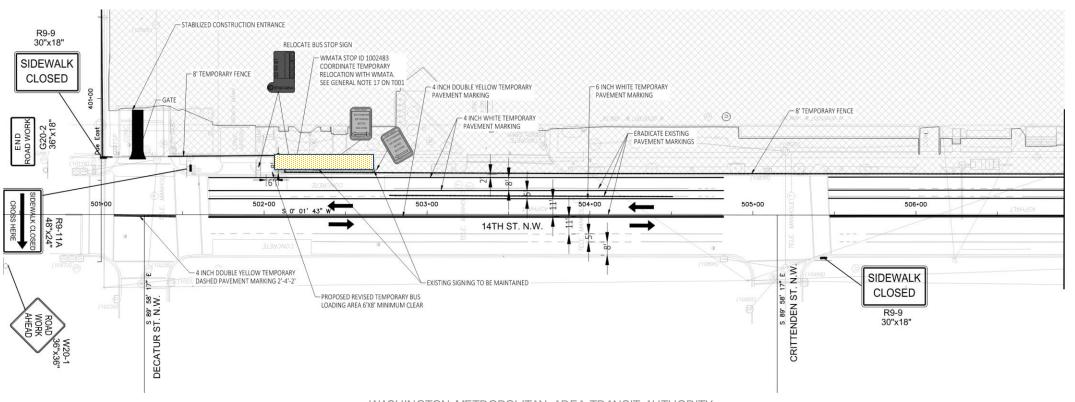




#### Approved 14th Street MOT

#### November 2021

- DDOT MOT approval received that preserves parking along the east side of 14<sup>th</sup> St. and maintains existing bus stop in front of the Administration Building
- Pedestrian traffic along 14<sup>th</sup> St. will be detoured to west side between Buchanan Ave. and Decatur St.





#### Agency Collaboration & Permitting Status

Agency	Status
Department of Consumer and Regulatory Affairs (DCRA)	<ul> <li>Demolition &amp; Tower Alteration permits under review</li> <li>Foundation to Grade permit to be submitted before end of year</li> </ul>
HPRB/Historic Preservation Office	<ul> <li>Final design approved</li> <li>Negotiating conditions of Section 106 MOA with State</li> <li>Historic Preservation Offices (SHPO) and FTA</li> </ul>
The District Department of Transportation (DDOT)	<ul> <li>Revised MOT permit preserving parking on east side of 14th street approved</li> <li>Public Space &amp; tree removal permits approved</li> <li>Sheeting and shoring permit under review</li> </ul>
DC Water	<ul><li>Water/sewer Raze Permits approved</li><li>New water/sewer plans in final review</li></ul>
PEPCO	- Coordination of BEB electric service requirements ongoing
Department of Energy & Environment (DOEE)	<ul><li>Erosion and sediment control (ESC) plans in final review</li><li>Stormwater management plans in final review</li></ul>
U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)	- NPDES - Notice of Intent (NOI) filed
Washington Gas	- Coordination of new low-pressure service ongoing



#### Design Progress Update

#### Design Package 1 (DP1)

- DP1 consists of civil, underground utilities and services, landscape, grading, foundation and structure
- Resolving final comments on 100% design
- Plan to submit Foundation to Grade permit to DCRA in mid to late December

#### Design Package 2 (DP2)

- DP2 consists of mechanical, plumbing, electrical, building envelope, interior finishes and design
- 90% design submitted on October 19
- Plan review and comment resolution ongoing with WMATA

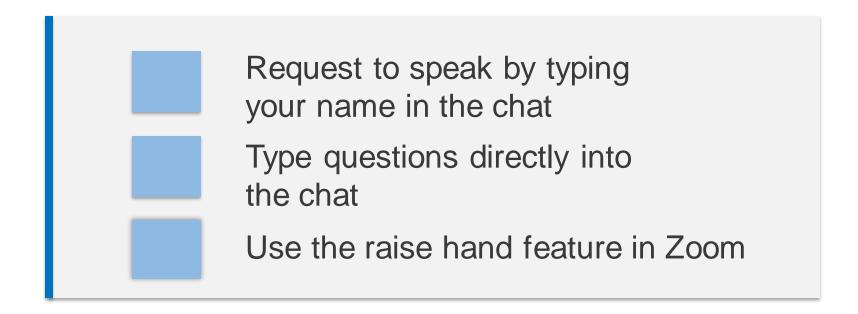
#### Demolition Design Package

- Consists of utility abandonments, façade support, environmental remediation and demolition
- Design complete permit under review at DCRA

Target Completion of Issue For Construction (IFC) Plans: December 2021 and February 2022, respectively for DP1 and DP2



## Any Questions? There are three ways to submit your questions





## Environmental Management: Overview and Status



#### Environmental and Historic Review

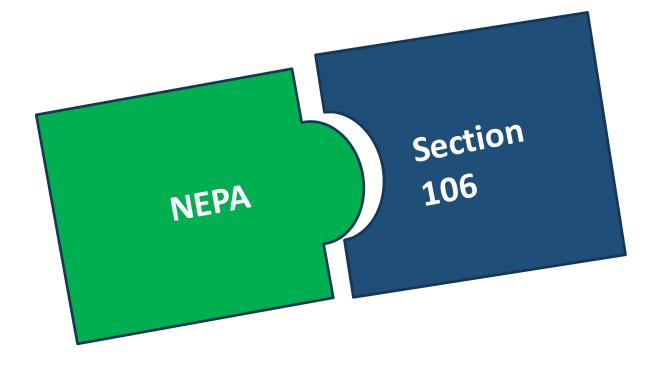






#### NEPA & Section 106 Status Update

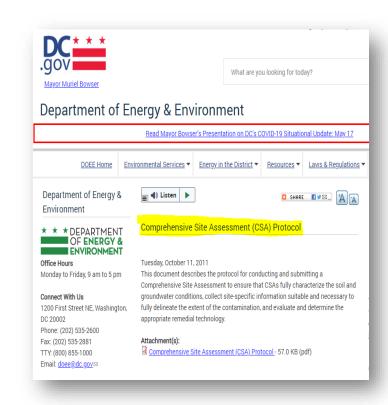
- Section 106 Memorandum Of Agreement is being finalized
- Submitted draft NEPA documents to FTA



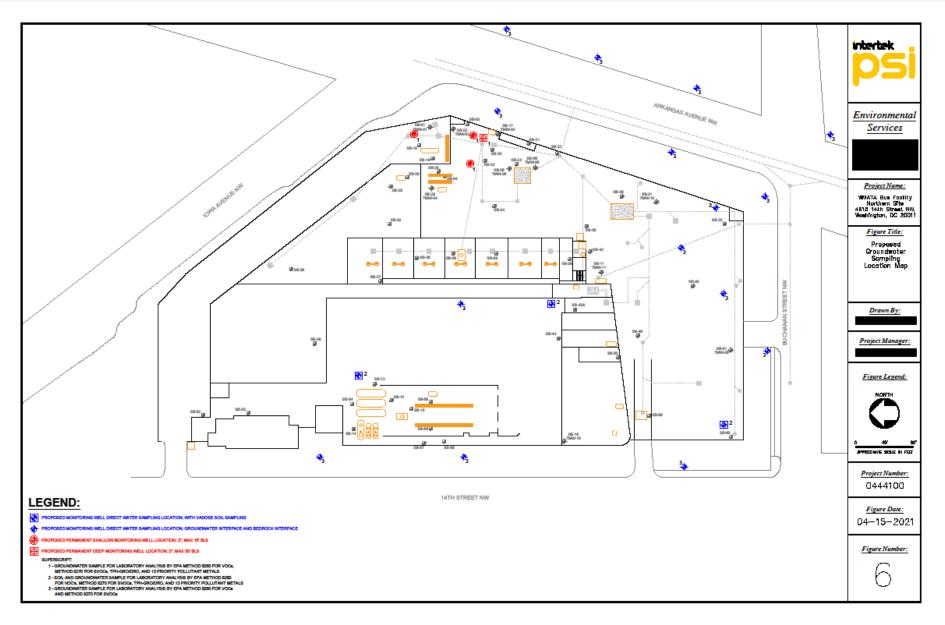


#### **DOEE Collaboration**

- CSA Work Plan
  - Approved May 2021
- Next steps:
  - Secure permits
    - Interior secured
    - Exterior permits received; work started
  - Complete investigations and provide findings to DOEE
    - Interior soils testing completed
    - Exterior soils testing testing began
    - Water testing follows completion of exterior borings
    - Prepare final report with finding for submission to DOEE

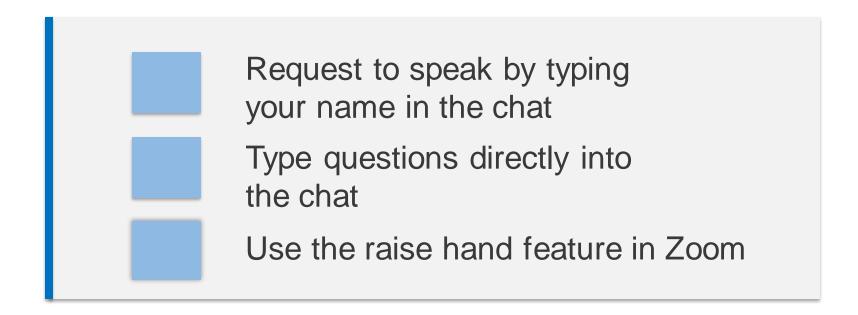








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# Art in Transit: Perimeter Fencing and Permanent Artwork



#### Art in Transit (AIT)

Two different Art in Transit projects for Northern Bus Garage:

- Graphics for temporary perimeter fencing
  - Mitigate visual impact of construction
- Permanent artwork
  - Enhance and activate the streetscape and pedestrian experience
  - Relevance to the building and community





#### AIT: Perimeter Fencing

- Metro staff from AIT & Government Relations teams worked with a panel of community representatives to review proposed graphics
- Graphics updated based on feedback received during both panel and September community meetings
- AIT will present updated graphics to community Art Panel in early 2022
- Once graphics have been finalized,
   Metro will launch the procurement process to produce and install graphics on the perimeter fence



#### **Interim AIT Planned Timeline (subject to change)**

Panel SEPT

2021

Propose Draft
Graphics MAY
2021

Production and Installation SPRING 2022

Presentation of Graphics to

Production and Installation SPRING 2022

Complete AIT Procurement

Q1 CY2022



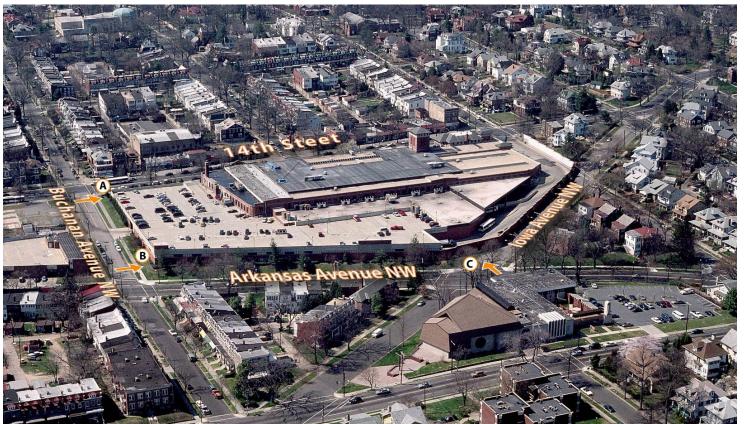
#### AIT: Permanent Artwork Survey

- Survey launched on Nov. 11 closed on Dec. 10
- Survey asked about preferences regarding:
  - The type of art to be displayed e.g., free-standing sculpture, wall sculpture or wall mural.
  - Location of the art installation e.g., a street corner or wall that is part of the Northern Bus Garage complex
  - And specific combinations of type of artworks and locations
- Survey Reponses solicited through:
  - Email to community members
  - Social media: posted to Facebook and NextDoor
  - Support from community leaders
- 107 completed surveys
- Option A (corner of Buchanan and 14th Street) is the preferred location
- Mural/Mosaic is the preferred artwork type



#### AIT: Permanent Artwork

- 3 proposed locations and types of artwork
  - A- Freestanding 3-D sculpture
  - B- Mosaic or painted mural on a wall of the building
  - C- Wall sculpture attached to the side of the building











#### AIT: Permanent Artwork Survey (cont'd)

Location A (Corner of 14th Street and Buchanan)	58%
Location B (Corner of Buchanan and Arkansas)	12%
Location C (Corner of Arkansas and Iowa)	30%









#### AIT: Permanent Artwork Survey (cont'd)

A freestanding 3-D sculpture	19%
A wall sculpture attached to the side of the building	15%
A mosaic or painted mural on a wall of the building	59%
No preference	3%
Not sure what the difference would be	4%



#### AIT: Permanent Artwork Survey

- Only certain combinations are practically feasible
- Comments emphasize preference for location with higher visibility and greater pedestrian traffic
- Location impacts type of artwork possible

"14<sup>th</sup> St is good because major bus lines go down that road" "Artwork at this location (a) would be more impactful providing eye level engagement..."

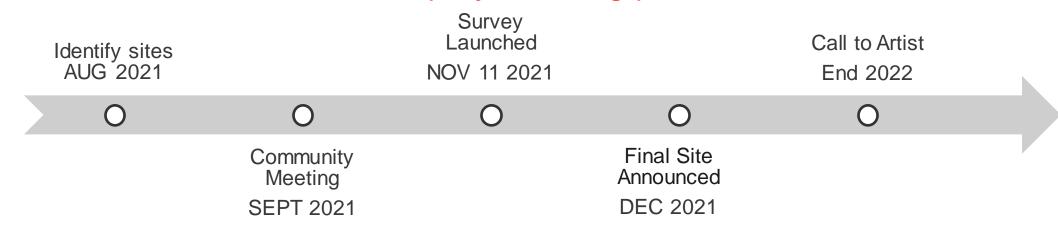
"I love the idea of artwork along 14th.
My son and I walk along this corridor often and would love to see public art."



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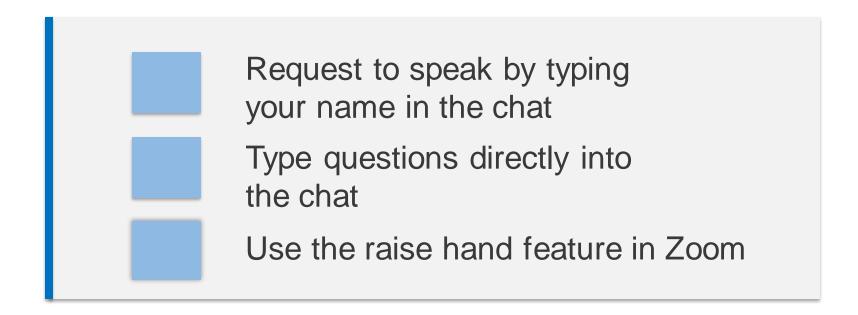
- Next Steps:
  - Art selection committee (AIT, Project Team, Community Representatives)
  - Call to artists
  - Review and selection process
  - Recommendation to GM
  - Award
  - Fabrication and installation

#### **Interim AIT Planned Timeline CY21 (subject to change)**





## Any Questions? There are three ways to submit your questions





## Electric Bus Strategy for Northern Bus Garage



#### Electric Bus Plans for Northern Bus Garage

- Northern will be the first Metro garage designed and built to accommodate a fully electric fleet
- The garage will be able to store and operate up to 150 electric buses in the future
- Working to determine the number of electric buses operating out of Northern on opening in 2026



### Process for Determining Electric Bus Allocation to Northern Bus Garage

#### Gather information

- Test & Evaluation Program results
- Zero-emission bus transition plan
- Route modeling

#### Additional considerations

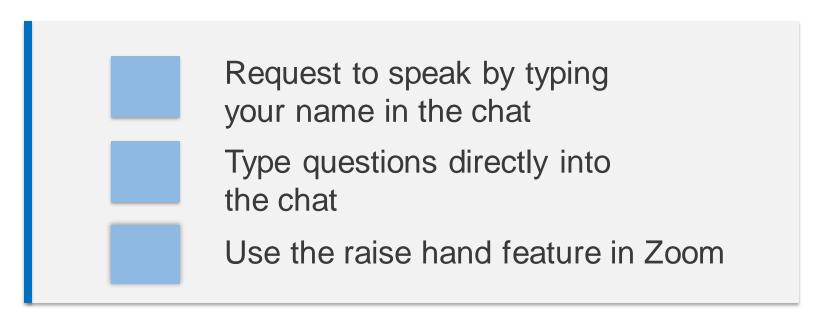
- Regional equity
- Procurement and delivery timing

#### Finalize Plan

- Procure buses
- Transition into fleet



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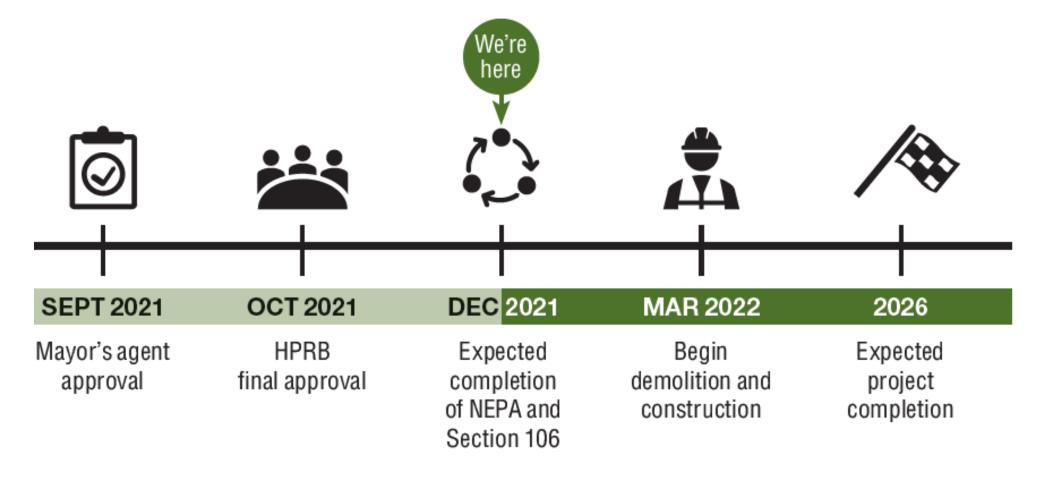
Additional Information About Metro's Zero-Emission Bus Efforts: <a href="https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/sustainability/Zero-Emission-Bus-Update.cfm">https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/sustainability/Zero-Emission-Bus-Update.cfm</a>



# What to Expect in Remainder of 2021 and in Early 2022



#### Schedule





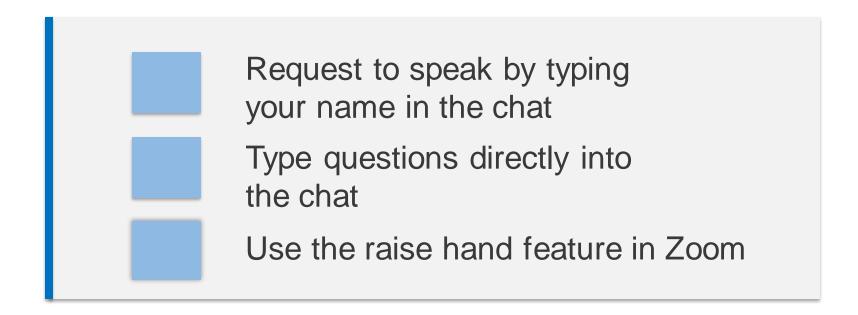
#### 2022 Community Engagement Meetings



- Updates posted to <u>wmata.com/NorthernBusGarage</u> and shared via email
- Email MCAP NBG Reconstruction Project@wmata.com to join the project's community contact list or request additional information



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#### Thank You!

