

Summary of Environmental Evaluation for Capitol Heights Metro Station

Metro proposes changes (“Modifications”) to the Capitol Heights Metro Station (“Metro Station”) transit facilities and facility access to enable joint development, increase ridership and improve safety. The recommended changes are made after significant evaluation of future demand for the transit and parking facilities at the Metro Station.

The Modifications include:

- Relocating the bus loop and Kiss & Ride facilities
- Reducing the Kiss & Ride capacity to eight spaces
- Eliminating the 372-space Park & Ride lot

In 2017, Metro held a public hearing and received Board approval to eliminate the Park & Ride only. However, the joint development project did not advance at that time and as a result Prince George’s County and Metro have revised the development plans to also include changes to the bus and Kiss & Ride facilities.

The changes to the transit facilities will be funded and constructed by Metro’s future joint developer, which will be selected through a future solicitation.

In accordance with the WMATA Compact, the Modifications require an Environmental Evaluation (“EE”) to assess the potential effects of this action on the human and natural environment in terms of transportation, social, economic, and environmental factors. Impacts identified in the EE are summarized in **Table 1**.

For more information, please refer to the provided Environmental Evaluation.

Table 1. Environmental Impacts of Modifications

Environmental Feature	Permanent Impacts	Construction-Related (Temporary) Impacts	Minimization & Mitigation Efforts
Transportation	<p>Reconfiguration of the bus facilities eliminates left-turn bus movements onto the site from the arterial roads, which will improve safety.</p> <p>Elimination of the Park & Ride and reduction of Kiss & Ride spaces will generate less traffic at the station and align with pick-up/drop-off demand.</p>	Disruption to pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular circulation during construction.	<p>Interim locations for bus services, pick-up/drop-off, and bicyclist and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times during construction.</p> <p>Updated traffic controls and signage to reflect changes.</p> <p>Customers seeking longer-term parking options will be directed to use Park & Ride facilities at Addison Road Metro Station. Other on-street parking options may also be created after development of the site.</p>
Stormwater	None-total impervious areas of transit facilities to be reduced.	Minor sediment or erosion risk.	Controls to be applied per Maryland and Prince George’s County requirements.

Air Quality and Noise	No impacts resulting from changes to transit facilities.	Dust or noise from construction-related equipment and operation.	Cleaning, minimizing night-time work, noise control measures.
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