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Notice of Public Hearing

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Proposed Changes to Twinbrook Metrorail Station
Rockville, MD
Docket R25-02

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on proposed changes to the Twinbrook Metro Station, in Rockville, MD as follows:

Open House 6:00 p.m.

Hearing No. 670
6:30 p.m., Thursday, October 16, 2025
Hilton Hotel
Washington Conference Room
1750 Rockville Pike
Rockville, MD 20852

Please note that these dates are subject to each facility's cancellation policy. In the event of a cancellation, Metro will post information about a new hearing on <u>wmata.com</u>.

The locations for all Metro public hearings are wheelchair accessible. Sign language interpretation will be provided. Any individual who requires special assistance or additional accommodation to participate in these public hearings, or who requires these materials in an alternate format, should contact the Office of the Board Corporate Secretary at 202-962-2511 or TTY: 202-962-2033 as soon as possible in order for Metro to make necessary arrangements. For language assistance, such as an interpreter or information in another language, please call 202-962-1082 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing date.

For more information, please visit <u>wmata.com/twinbrookhearing</u>.



In accordance with Section 15 of the WMATA Compact, Metro will conduct public hearings at the location listed in this notice. Information on this hearing will be provided in nearby Metrorail stations, at nearby libraries and online at wmata.com.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to this docket will be afforded the opportunity to present their views, make supporting statements and to offer alternative proposals. Public officials will be allowed five minutes each to make their presentations. All others will be allowed three minutes each. Relinquishing of time by one speaker to another will not be permitted.

Individuals can provide testimony at the hearing in one of three ways:

In person: Individuals wishing to provide testimony in person during a hearing are encouraged to pre-register by emailing speak@wmata.com or calling (202) 962-2511 by 12 p.m. the day of the hearing at which you wish to testify. Please submit only one speaker's name per request. Individuals can also sign up at the hearing to provide testimony; advance registration to provide in-person testimony is not required.

By videoconference: Individuals wishing to provide testimony via videoconference are required to furnish, in writing, their name and organizational affiliation, if any, via email to speak@wmata.com by 5 p.m. the day prior to the hearing at which you wish to testify. Please submit only one speaker's name per request.

By telephone: Individuals should call (206) 899-2028 during the hearing and enter Meeting Code 500 506 228#. There is no advance registration available to provide testimony via telephone.

HOW TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY NOT AT A PUBLIC HEARING

Testimony about this proposal may be submitted at wmata.com/twinbrookhearing. This website will open by 9 a.m. on Saturday, September 13, 2025, and will close at 5 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2025. The website will also provide the opportunity to upload documents and submit freeform comments. This is in addition to your ability to speak at a public hearing. For those without access to computers or internet, testimony may also be mailed to the Office of the Board Corporate Secretary, SECT 2E, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, P.O. Box 44390, Washington, DC 20026-4390. All comments



must be received by the Office of the Board Corporate Secretary by 5 p.m. on Monday, October 27, 2025, to be included in the public record. Please reference "Twinbrook Public Hearing" in your correspondence.

The comments received by the Office of the Board Corporate Secretary, along with the survey results and public hearing comments, will be presented to the Board and will be part of the official public hearing record. Please note all statements are releasable to the public upon request, and may be posted on WMATA's website, without change, including any personal information provided.

For those who do not have access to computers or internet, note that copies of the docket in its entirety can be requested from Metro's Office of the Board Corporate Secretary by calling 202-962-2511, and are available for inspection during normal business hours at Metro's Headquarters at 300 7th Street SW, Washington, DC 20024. Please call 202-962-2511 in advance to schedule an appointment.

WHAT IS PROPOSED

Metro proposes changes ("Modifications") to the Twinbrook Metro Station ("Metro Station") transit facilities and access on the west side to enable joint development, create a transit plaza, and increase ridership. The recommended changes are made after evaluation of future demand for the transit, Park & Ride, and Kiss & Ride facilities at the Metro Station.

The Modifications include:

- Relocation of the bus loop and three (3) bus bays;
- Relocation of Kiss & Ride facilities; and
- Closure of surface Park & Ride lot.

The changes to the transit facilities will be constructed in coordination with 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 below 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	Changes to the location of the bus loop will have minimal impact on bus travel times and operations. On-street curbside pick-up/drop-off spaces will eliminate the need to cross a bus loop. Some customers may need to cross Chapman Avenue. West side Park & Ride surface lot will be eliminated. The garage to remain is adjacent to the surface lot to close.	Disruption to pedestrian, bicycle, and vehicular circulation during construction.	Interim locations for bus services, pick-up/drop-off, and bicyclist and pedestrian access will be maintained at all times during construction. Customers seeking longer-term parking options will be directed to use the Twinbrook west side parking garage or the facilities on the east side of the station.
Stormwater	None-total impervious areas of transit facilities to be reduced.	Minor sediment or erosion risk.	Controls to be applied per Maryland, Montgomery County, and City of Rockville 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.



REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

The docket consists of this Notice of Public Hearing, an environmental report, and general plans for the proposes changes to the Twinbrook Metro Station. These documents are available online at wmata.com/twinbrookhearing and may be inspected during normal business hours at the following location:

WMATA, Office of the Secretary
300 7th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20024
202-962-2511
(Please call in advance to coordinate)

You can also request to have these materials mailed to you by calling the Office of the Secretary at 202-962-2511.

WMATA COMPACT REQUIREMENTS

WMATA's Compact requires that the Board, in amending the mass transit plan, consider current and prospective conditions in the transit zone should the project be built. The transit zone includes the City of Rockville in Montgomery County and considerations include, without limitation, land use, population, economic factors affecting development plans, existing and proposed transportation and transit facilities, any dislocation of families or businesses; preservation of the beauty and dignity of the DC Metro Area; factors affecting environmental amenities and aesthetics, and financial resources. The mass transit plan encompasses, among other things, transit facilities to be provided by WMATA, including stations and parking facilities, and the character, nature, design, location and capital and operating cost thereof. The mass transit plan, in addition to designating the design and location of transit facilities, also provides for capital and operating expenses, as well as "various other factors and considerations, which, in the opinion of the Board, justify and require the projects therein proposed" all as more particularly set forth in WMATA's Compact.

The environmental report and general plans for the project are available for public review at the locations identified in the reference materials section above.

The work and changes depicted in this information package constitute the proposed amendment to the mass transit plan for purposes of the WMATA Compact.