



Proposed Changes to Transit Facilities at Franconia-Springfield Metrorail Station, Springfield, Virginia Docket R22-01

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and Virginia Department of Transportation on proposed changes to the transit facilities at the Franconia-Springfield Metrorail Station in Springfield, Virginia as follows:

Hearing No. 642

Tuesday July 12, 2022 at 7 p.m.

This hearing will be conducted virtually and can be viewed online at:

<https://www.virginiadot.org/frontierdrive>

To participate via telephone: (877) 568-4108, passcode: 998-539-348

Please note that this date is subject to cancellation. In the event of a cancellation, Metro will post information about the rescheduled hearing on wmata.com.

Sign language interpretation will be provided. Any individual who requires special assistance or additional accommodation to participate in this public hearing, or who requires these materials in an alternate format, should contact 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

wmata.com/plansandprojects

and

www.virginiadot.org/FrontierDrive

PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and the Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT) regarding the Frontier Drive Extension and Braided Ramps at the Franconia-Springfield Station in Fairfax County, Virginia, including proposed changes to transit facilities at the station. At the hearing, WMATA and VDOT will receive and consider public comments and suggestions about the proposal. The proposal may change as a result of this hearing.

REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

The Environmental Evaluation and General Plans for the proposed Frontier Drive Extension and Braided Ramps and proposed changes to transit facilities at the Franconia-Springfield station are available online at wmata.com/plansandprojects and <https://www.virginiadot.org/FrontierDrive> and may be inspected during normal business hours at the following locations beginning Monday, June 13, 2022.

WMATA
Office of the Board Corporate Secretary
300 7th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20024
202-962-2511 or TTY 202-962-2033
(Please call in advance to coordinate)

VDOT's Northern Virginia Office
4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030
703-259-1794 or TTY/TDD 711
(Please call in advance to coordinate)

WHAT IS PROPOSED

The Virginia Department of Transportation, in coordination with Fairfax County and WMATA, is proposing a series of transportation improvements adjacent to the Franconia-Springfield Metro station. The improvements include modifying the existing interchange of Frontier Drive (Route 2677) and Franconia-Springfield Parkway (Route 289) and extending Frontier Drive from its southern terminus at the Franconia-Springfield Metro Station ("Metro Station") south to Loisdale Road (Route 789). Specific interest to WMATA customers are the proposed changes to the access and circulation in the vicinity of the Metro Station, including the extension of Frontier Drive to Springfield Center Drive.

The proposed design includes the following modifications to Metro facilities:

- Add two new signalized intersections
- Reconfigure access to the parking garage
- Add three new bus bays at Franconia-Springfield Station for a total of fifteen
- Add new bus layover facility
- Eliminate the pick-up/drop-off area at Franconia-Springfield Station

- Allow through traffic to Springfield Center Drive and Loisdale Road, which provides new access to WMATA station from the General Services Administration (GSA) warehouse

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 Fairfax 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 costs 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 Evaluation and General Plans for the project are available for public review at the locations identified in the reference materials section above.

HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE PUBLIC HEARING

All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the proposal will be afforded the opportunity to present their views and make supporting statements and to offer alternative proposals. Individuals wishing to participate in the hearing should visit <https://www.virginiadot.org/FrontierDrive> to register to attend the virtual hearing. Attendees will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide testimony during the hearing.

For individuals without access to computers or the internet, please call:

(877) 568-4108 and enter passcode **998-539-348** to listen to the hearing. Testimony cannot be accepted via phone at the hearing, but can be provided via voicemail at (202) 962-1901.

Please note that all comments received are releasable to the public upon request, and may be posted on WMATA's website, without change, including any personal information provided. Public officials will be heard first and 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.

HOW TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY NOT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

Testimony about this proposal may also be submitted online via a survey at wmata.com/plansandprojects. The survey will open by 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 11,

2022 and will close at 5 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2022. The survey will also provide the opportunity to submit freeform comments and to upload documents. This is in addition to your ability to speak during the public hearing.

Written testimony may also be emailed to Franconia@wmata.com and meetingcomments@vdot.virginia.gov. Please reference “Franconia-Springfield” or “Frontier Drive Extension and Braided Ramps” in your submission.

Testimony may also be provided by leaving a voicemail message at (202) 962-1901.

For those without access to computers or internet, testimony may also be mailed to following addresses:

Office of the Board Corporate Secretary
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
300 7th Street, SW
Washington, D.C. 20024

Virginia Department of Transportation
Attention: Mr. Zamir Mirza
4975 Alliance Drive
Fairfax, VA 22030

Please reference “Franconia-Springfield” or “Frontier Drive Extension and Braided Ramps” in your submission.

Written testimony, voicemails and exhibits must be received by 5 p.m. on Friday, July 29, 2022 by the Office of the Board Corporate Secretary and VDOT to be included in the public record.

The survey results, comments and documents received by WMATA and VDOT and comments provided at the public hearing will be presented to the WMATA Board of Directors 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.