



**Notice of Public Hearing
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
Proposed East Falls Church Bus Bay Expansion
Arlington County, VA
Docket R22-02**

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on a proposed Bus Bay Expansion at the East Falls Church Metrorail Station in Arlington County, VA as follows:

Hearing No. 643

Thursday, July 21, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

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

wmata.com/plansandprojects or youtube.com/metroforward

To participate via video: Advance registration by 5 p.m. July 20, 2022 required – see below

To participate via telephone: 855-925-2801, Meeting Code 4773

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 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
wmata.com/plansandprojects



PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) regarding the environmental report and general plans for a new Bus Bay Expansion at the East Falls Church Metrorail Station in Arlington County, Virginia. At the hearing, WMATA will receive and consider public comments and suggestions about the proposal. The proposed design concepts may change as a result of this hearing.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT 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. 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 participate in the hearing in one of two ways:

By videoconference: Individuals wishing to participate in the hearing 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. on Wednesday, July 20, 2022. Please submit only one speaker's name per request.

By telephone: Individuals should call (855) 925-2801 and enter Meeting Code 4773. No advance registration is available to participate.

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. Online submission will begin at 9 a.m. on Saturday, June 18, 2022 and will close on Friday, August 1, 2022 at 5 p.m. The survey will also provide the opportunity to submit freeform comments and to upload documents. 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, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 300 7th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024. All comments must be received by the Office of the Secretary by 5 p.m. on Monday, August 1, 2022 to be included in the public record.

The comments received by the Office of the Board Corporate Secretary, along with the online submissions and public hearing comments, 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.

WHAT IS PROPOSED

WMATA and Arlington County are proposing to expand the East Falls Church Metro bus loop to improve operational performance as the current bus services exceed designed capacity.

The proposed design includes the following modifications to Metro facilities:

- Expands the bus bay footprint and adds three (3) new bus bays and shelters
- Narrows the intersection width at the bus loop entrance, which makes the intersection safer for pedestrians
- Relocates eleven (11) accessible parking spaces adjacent to bus loop

REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

The docket consists of this Notice of Public Hearing, an environmental report, and general plans for the new Bus Bay Expansion to the East Falls Church Metrorail Station. These documents are available online at wmata.com/plansandprojects and may be inspected during normal business hours at the following location:

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

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 Arlington 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.