MARYLAND

PROPOSED BUS SERVICE CHANGES

FISCAL YEAR 2014

GREENBELT-BWI THURGOOD MARSHALL AIRPORT EXPRESS LINE, ROUTE B30

SERVICE AREA

Greenbelt station, Greenbelt Metro Drive & Cherrywood Lane, Baltimore-Washington/Thurgood Marshall International Airport, BWI Business District Light Rail station

RESTRUCTURE SERVICE

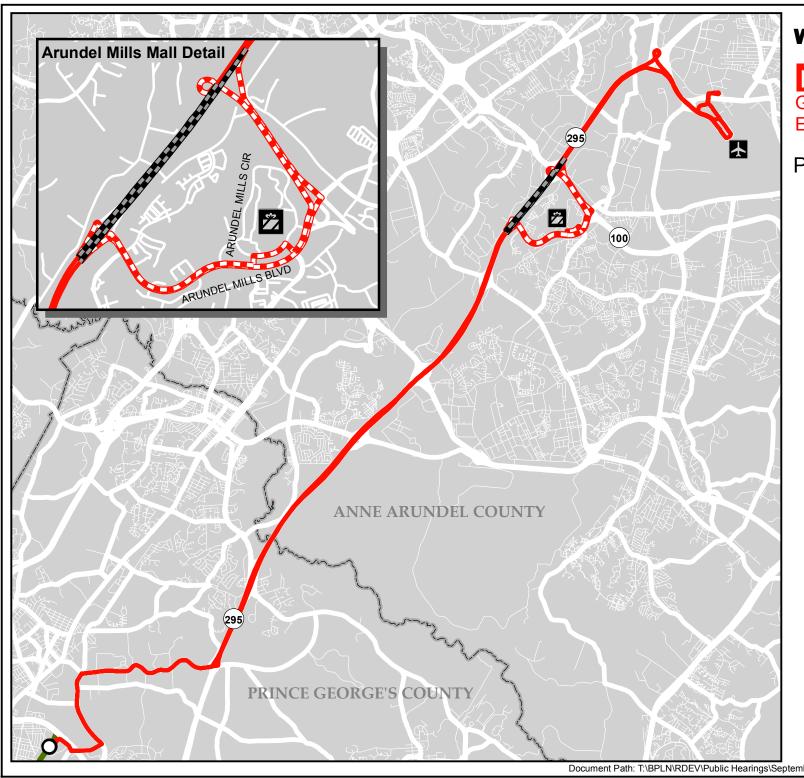
Add service to Arundel Mills Mall in northbound and southbound direction

REASONS FOR CHANGE

 This change would add WMATA service to Arundel Mills Mall as well as connections to MTA Routes 17 and 201, Howard Transit's Silver Route, and CMRT Routes J and K.

NEW CONNECTIONS

- MTA Route 17
 - o Parkway Center
- MTA Route 201
 - Gaithersburg Park & Ride
 - NIST
 - Shady Grove Metro station
 - Georgia Ave. Park & Ride
 - o Burtonsville Park & Ride
 - Dorsey MARC Station
- Howard Transit Silver Route
 - o Columbia Mall
 - Snowden Square
 - MD Food Center
 - Dorsey MARC Station
 - Dorsey & Candlewood Road
- CMRT Route J
 - Laurel Mall
 - Maryland City Plaza
 - o Cromwell Light Rail Station
 - o Glen Burnie
 - Marley/Sun Valley
 - Freetown Village
- CMRT Route K
 - Seven Oaks
 - Pioneer City
 - Meade Village
 - o Reece Road
 - Odenton MARC Station
 - Winmark Center (Johns Hopkins)



WMATA eGIS Map

B30

Greenbelt-BWI Airport **Express Line**

Proposed routing to Arundel Mills Mall



Arundel Mills Mall

Baltimore

Washington International Airport

Greenbelt Metro Station

unaffected alignment

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BOWIE STATE UNIVERSITY LINE, ROUTES B21, B22 CROFTON – NEW CARROLLTON LINE, ROUTES B29, B31 POINTER RIDGE LINE, ROUTE C28

SERVICE AREA

Bowie State University (B21, B22), Race Track Road (B22), The Market Place at Belair Center (B22), Crofton Park & Ride Lot (B29, B31), Gateway Center (B29, B31), Covington (B29, B31), Bowie Town Center (B29, B31, C28), Bowie Health Center & Bowie Senior Center (C28), Pointer Ridge (C28), Bowie Park & Ride Lot, New Carrollton station

OPTION 1

- Restructure Service Instead of operating through to New Carrollton station, all service on these routes (except for B31 trips) would terminate at the Bowie Park & Ride lot and connect there with shuttle service to New Carrollton station via John Hanson Highway operating every 10-15 minutes. B31 operates in the evening after service has ended on B21, B22, B29, and C28 so it would continue to operate through service between New Carrollton station and Gateway Center via the Bowie Park & Ride lot.
- Route/Segment Elimination Service on the common routing between the Bowie Park & Ride lot and New Carrollton station now used by B21, B22, and B29 would be discontinued.
- Alternative Service Available New shuttle service between the Bowie Park & Ride lot and New Carrollton station.
- Reasons for Change Proposals have been made in three independent studies that routes serving the Bowie Park & Ride lot be converted to a hub-and-spoke configuration.

OPTION 2

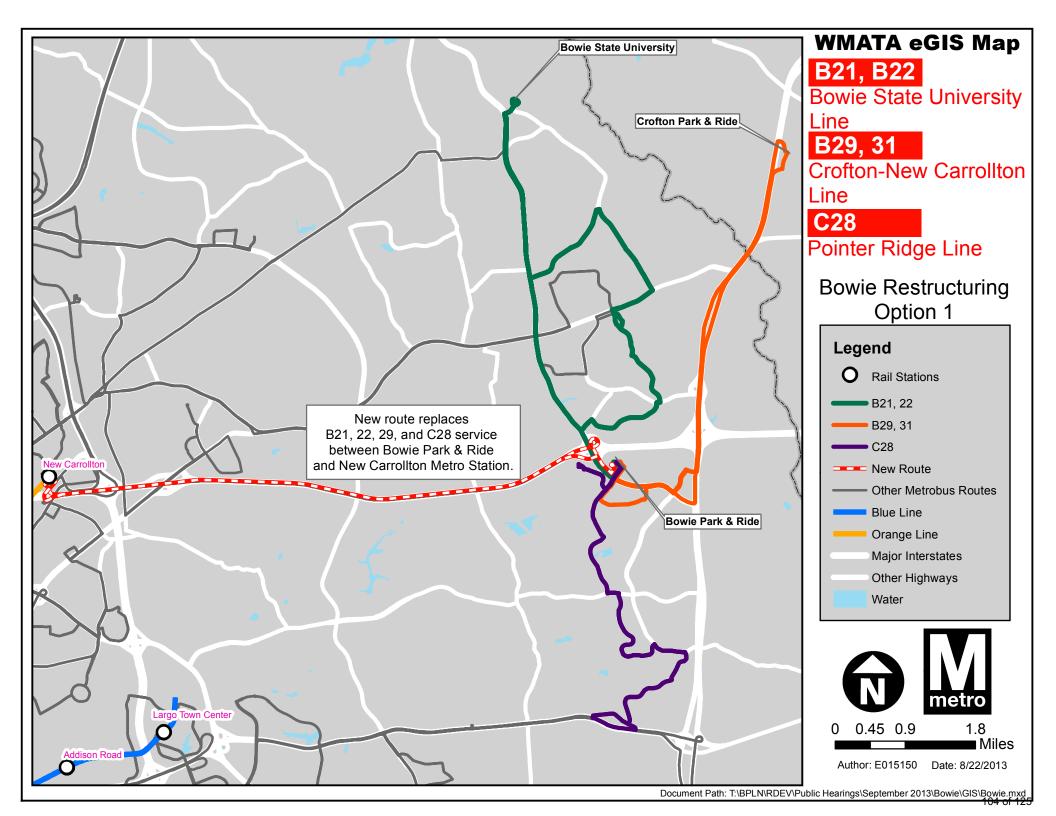
- Restructure Service Routes B21, B22, B29, and C28 would continue to operate through service via the Bowie Park & Ride lot to New Carrollton station. The frequency on each route would be increased during rush periods to every 30 minutes. (Some trips now operate at intervals as wide as every 40 minutes.) Schedules would be coordinated at the Bowie Park & Ride lot to provide an even 10 minute frequency between there and New Carrollton station.
- Route/Segment Elimination No route segments would be eliminated.
- Alternative Service Available None needed.
- Reasons for Change Avoids the need to transfer at the Bowie Park & Ride lot (as in Option 1). Provides close, even intervals of service (every 10 minutes) between there and New Carrollton station.

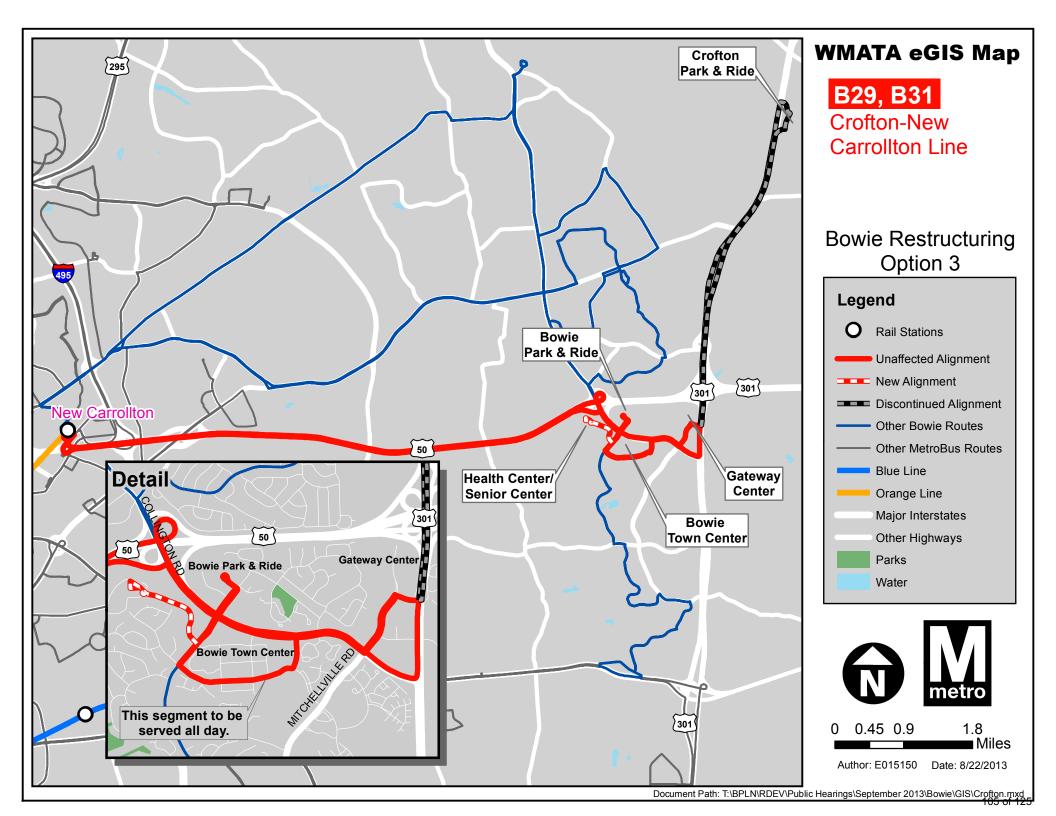
OPTION 3

• Restructure Service – Eliminate service to Crofton Park & Ride lot on routes B29 and B31. Instead serve Bowie Health Center, Bowie Senior Center, Bowie Town

Center, and Gateway Center. Routes B21, B22, B29, and C28 would continue to operate through service via the Bowie Park & Ride lot to New Carrollton station. The frequency on each route would be increased during rush periods to every 30 minutes. (Some trips now operate at intervals as wide as every 40 minutes.) Schedules would be coordinated at the Bowie Park & Ride lot to provide an even 10 minute frequency between there and New Carrollton station.

- Route/Segment Elimination Segment between Gateway Center and Crofton Park & Ride lot eliminated.
- Alternative Service Available Improved coordination at Bowie Park & Ride lot offers 10 minute peak period frequency to New Carrollton, instead of four morning and three evening trips from Crofton Park & Ride.
- Reasons for Change Shifts service away from low usage Crofton Park & Ride lot to better serve activity centers in Bowie. Avoids the need to transfer at the Bowie Park & Ride lot (as in Option 1). Provides close, even intervals of service (every 10 minutes) between there and New Carrollton station.





GREENBELT – TWINBROOK LINE, ROUTES C2, C4

SERVICE AREA

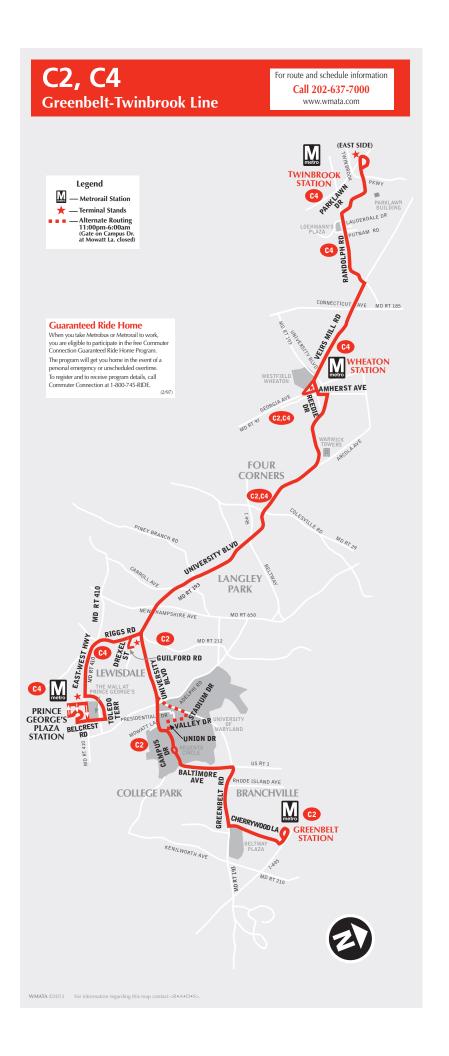
Greenbelt station (C2), University of Maryland (C2), Prince George's Plaza station (C4), University Boulevard, Langley Park, Four Corners, Wheaton station, Veirs Mill Road (C4), Randolph Road (C4), Parklawn Building (C4), Twinbrook station (C4)

PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE

- Adjust travel times travel times reflected in the weekday schedule.
- No change to existing routings.

REASONS FOR CHANGE

• To reflect current traffic conditions. (Saturday and Sunday schedules have recently been adjusted.)



NATIONAL HARBOR LINE, ROUTE NH1

SERVICE AREA

National Harbor, Oxon Hill Park & Ride Lot, Oxon Hill Road between Indian Head Highway and the Beltway including Rivertowne Commons, Branch Avenue station

RESTRUCTURE SERVICE

- Reroute to operate between National Harbor and King Street station via Oxon Hill Park & Ride Lot, Beltway, Wilson Bridge, Eisenhower Valley employment area, and Eisenhower Avenue station. Discontinue existing NH1 service between Oxon Hill Park & Ride Lot and Branch Avenue station.
- Provide Metrobus service between National Harbor and Southern Avenue station at times when *TheBus* Route 35 does not operate.

ROUTE / SEGMENT ELIMINATION

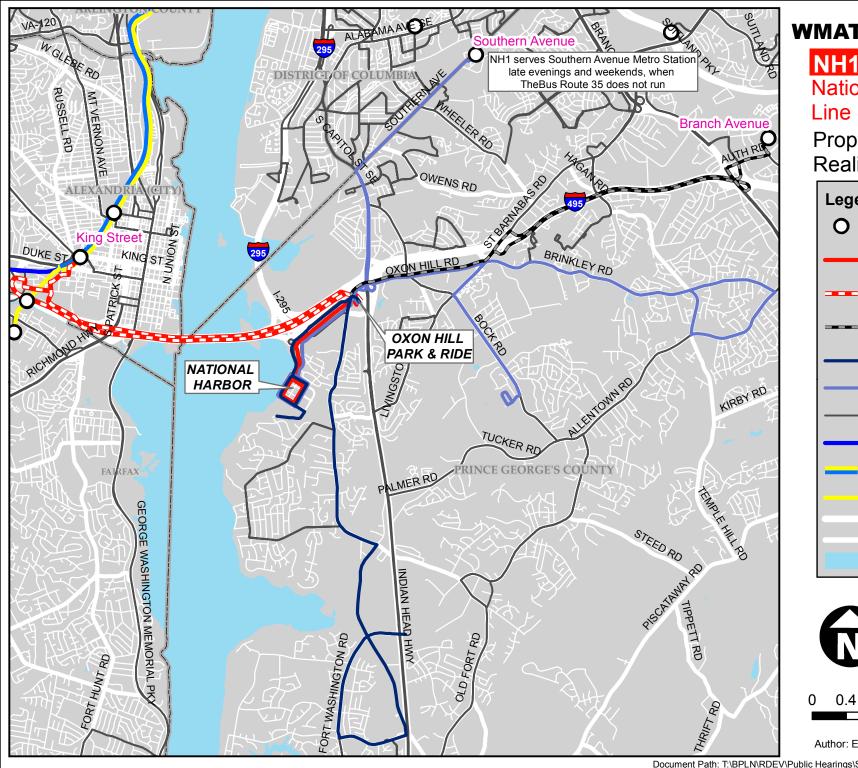
- Oxon Hill Road between Indian Head Highway and the Beltway, including Rivertowne Commons
- Branch Avenue station

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE AVAILABLE

- At the Oxon Hill Park & Ride Lot: *TheBus* Routes 35 and 35s.
- On Oxon Hill Road between Indian Head Highway and the Beltway: D12, TheBus Route 35.
- At Branch Avenue station: The other routes serving this station (C11, C13; C12, C14; K12) would not be affected by this change proposed for NH1.
- Service available to National Harbor on the Maryland side of the river (in addition to NH1) would be:
 - 1) *TheBus* Route 35 between National Harbor and Southern Avenue station (every 30 minutes AM rush, midday, and PM rush weekdays only).
 - 2) *TheBus* Route 35s between National Harbor and Fort Washington (3 AM and 3 PM trips, weekdays only).
 - 3) P17, P18, P19 at the Oxon Hill Park & Ride Lot (Transfer required to or from NH1, *TheBus* Route 35, or *TheBus* Route 35s, which serve National Harbor directly.)
 - a. P17, P18, P19 operate weekdays only.
 - b. P17 and P19 operate inbound only in the AM rush from Fort Washington to Farragut Square (typically every 10 minutes or less, express fare).
 - c. P18 operates inbound and outbound midday between Fort Washington and Anacostia station (every 60 minutes, regular fare).
 - d. P17 and P19 operate outbound only in the PM rush from Farragut Square to Fort Washington (typically every 10 minutes or less, express fare).

REASONS FOR CHANGE

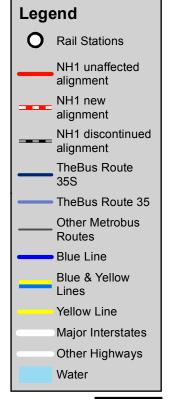
 To provide a new link between National Harbor and Alexandria while maintaining a connection to Metrorail.



WMATA eGIS Map

NH1 **National Harbor**

Proposed NH1 Realignment







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HILCREST HEIGHTS LINE, ROUTES C12,14

SERVICE AREA

Branch Avenue station, Applegate, Marlow Heights Shopping Center, Iverson Mall, Hillcrest Heights (C12), Carriage Hill, Naylor Road station.

PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE

- Adjust frequency and travel times to reflect current conditions. Wait times would increase by five minutes between trips.
- No change to existing routings.

REASONS FOR CHANGE

• To reflect current traffic conditions.



CAMP SPRINGS – INDIAN HEAD HIGHWAY LINE, ROUTE W15

SERVICE AREA

Camp Springs, Allentown Road, Tucker Road, Palmer Road, Indian Head Highway, Wilson Bridge Drive, Southern Avenue, Southern Avenue station

RESTRUCTURE SERVICE

- Discontinue the existing one-way W15 service that operates from Camp Springs to Southern Avenue station in the AM rush and from Southern Avenue station to Camp Springs in the PM rush.
- Provide new one-way AM rush service from Palmer Road & Indian Head Highway to Branch Avenue station via Palmer Road, Tucker Road, Allentown Road, Branch Avenue, and Auth Road. Provide one-way PM rush service from Branch Avenue station to Palmer Road & Indian Head Highway over the reverse routing.
- Provide a new link from Camp Springs to the nearest Metrorail station in the AM rush and from the nearest Metrorail station in the PM rush.
- Change the Metrorail connection on this line from Southern Avenue station to Branch Avenue station.
- Change the existing 25 minute frequency to 30 minutes.

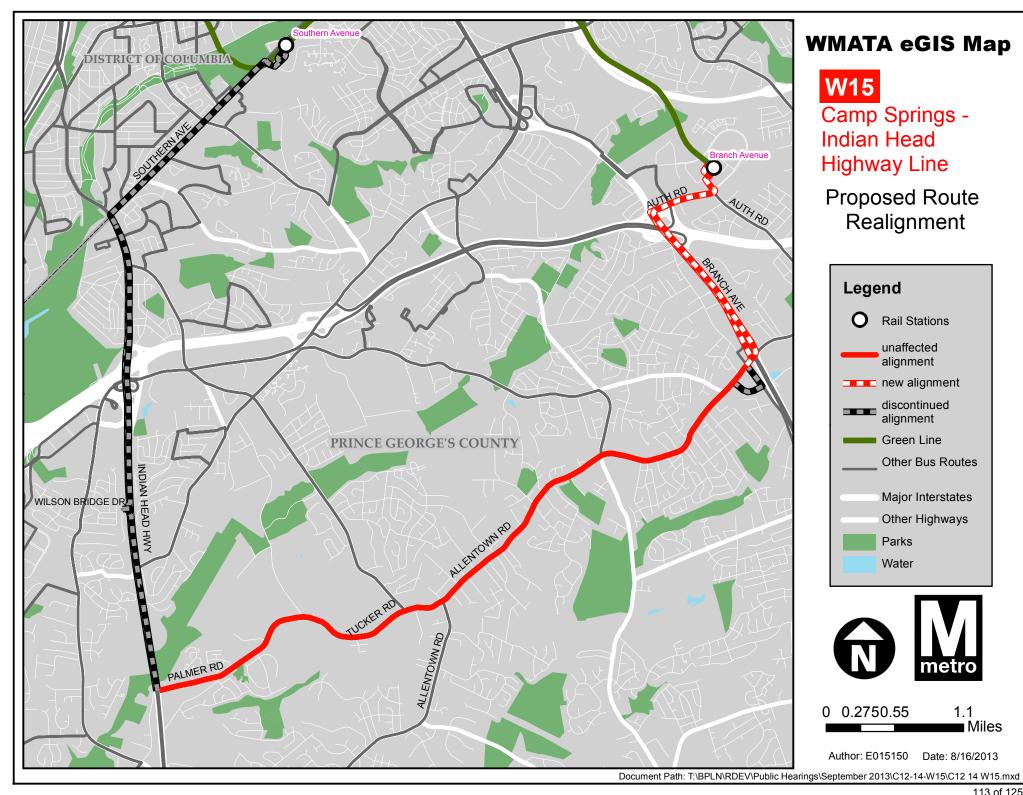
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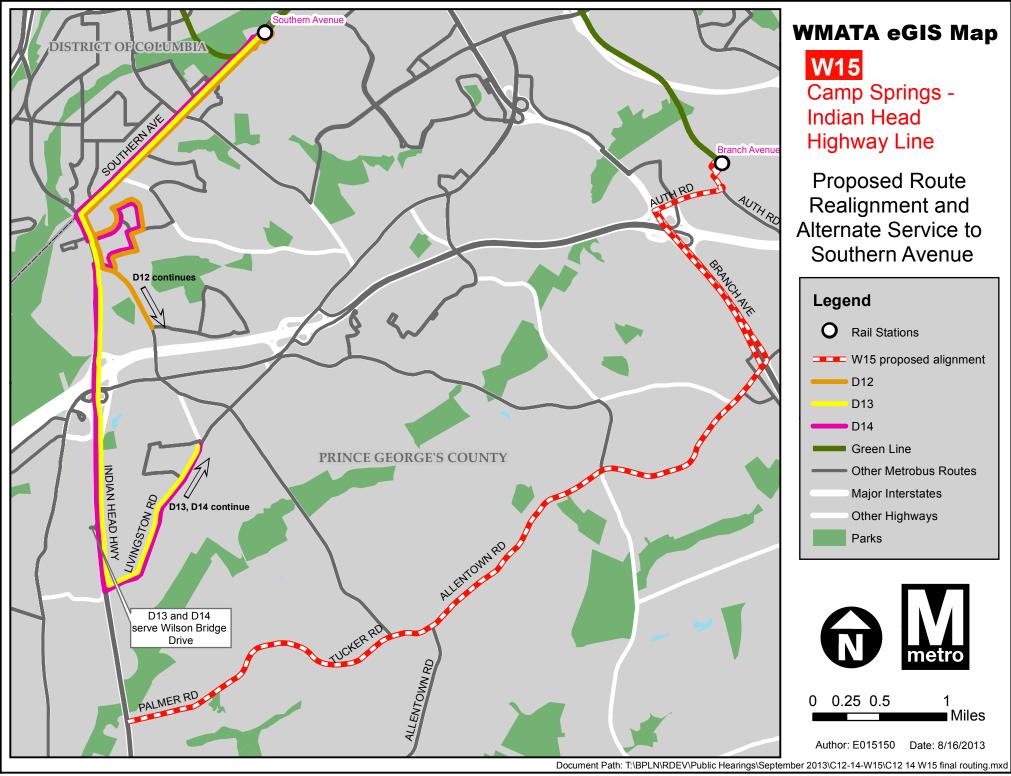
- Indian Head Highway between Palmer Road and Southern Avenue.
- Wilson Bridge Drive
- Southern Avenue between Indian Head Highway / South Capitol Street and Southern Avenue station.

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE AVAILABLE

- On Indian Head Highway: Routes D13, D14 north of Livingston Road plus D12 north of Audrey Lane.
- On Wilson Bridge Drive: Routes D13, D14.
- On Southern Avenue to and from Southern Avenue station: Routes A2, D12, D13, D14, P12.

- To eliminate segments of W15 where other routes provide adequate capacity.
- To improve connections between Camp Springs and the nearest Metrorail station, Branch Avenue, which is now provided by Route C13 only outbound in the AM rush and inbound in the PM rush, opposite to the direction of commuter travel.
- To improve scheduling efficiency.





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<u>GREENBELT – PRINCE GEORGE'S PLAZA LINE, ROUTE R3</u>

SERVICE AREA

Greenbelt station, Beltway Plaza, Branchville, Metzerott Road, Archives II, Adelphi Road, The Mall at Prince George's, Prince George's Plaza station. **OPERATES RUSH HOURS ONLY.**

ROUTE / SEGMENT ELIMINATION

All service on Metrobus Route R3 would be discontinued.

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE AVAILABLE

• Service over the same routing and on essentially the same schedule would be provided by *TheBus*.

Additional rush hour alternative service:

- Greenbelt station, Cherrywood Lane, Beltway Plaza: C2, G13, G14, R11, R12.
- Adelphi Road between Metzerott Road and Campus Drive: C8.
- Adelphi Road between Campus Drive and Belcrest Road: F6, F8.
- Adelphi Road between Belcrest Road and Toledo Road: F8.
- Adelphi Road between Toledo Road and East-West Highway: TheBus 13, TheBus 14
- East-West Highway between Adelphi Road and Prince George's Plaza station: 86.

- Ridership is light.
- The same service can be provided by *TheBus* at less cost than by Metrobus.



LAUREL EXPRESS LINE, ROUTES 87, 88 LAUREL LINE, ROUTES 89, 89M

SERVICE AREA

Laurel, MD Rt. 197 (87, 88), U.S. Rt. 1 (89, 89M), South Laurel Park & Ride (87, 88, 89M), Konterra (89, 89M), Greenbelt station (87, 89, 89M), New Carrollton station (88)

RESTRUCTURE SERVICE

- Consolidate both existing lines (four routes) into a single new line (one route) shaped like an upside-down U, to be designated L12.
- Operate the easterly (Rt. 197) leg of L12 to Greenbelt station via the South Laurel Park & Ride Lot, Muirkirk Road, Old Baltimore Pike, Howard University (Beltsville Campus), Vansville, and Edmonston Road (MD. Rt. 201), providing new service to several neighborhoods that now have none and eliminating service on the Baltimore-Washington Parkway, where there can be no bus stops.
- Extend the westerly (Rt. 1) leg of L12 south to College Park station, providing a connection to the University of Maryland requested by the City of Laurel.
- Streamline the routing in Laurel, with the local carrier Central Maryland Regional Transit (CMRT) providing the neighborhood service and Metrobus providing the connections linking Laurel with Metrorail and with Washington-area regional service. The primary transfer point between the two providers would be on 4th Street behind Laurel Mall.
- Operate coordinated schedules between CMRT and Metrobus routes to maximize passenger convenience.
- **Option 1**: Extend L12 service north of MD Rt. 198 (Gorman Avenue/Talbott Avenue) to the Laurel MARC station.
- **Option 2**: On the easterly leg, divert to the Muirkirk MARC station those L12 trips that would make convenient connections to or from MARC service.
- Option 3: On the westerly leg, operate L12 service via Oxford Drive and Ashford Boulevard instead of via Rt. 1 between Cherry Lane and Cypress Street in order to more directly serve the residential area west of Laurel Lakes Centre.

ROUTE / SEGMENT ELIMINATION

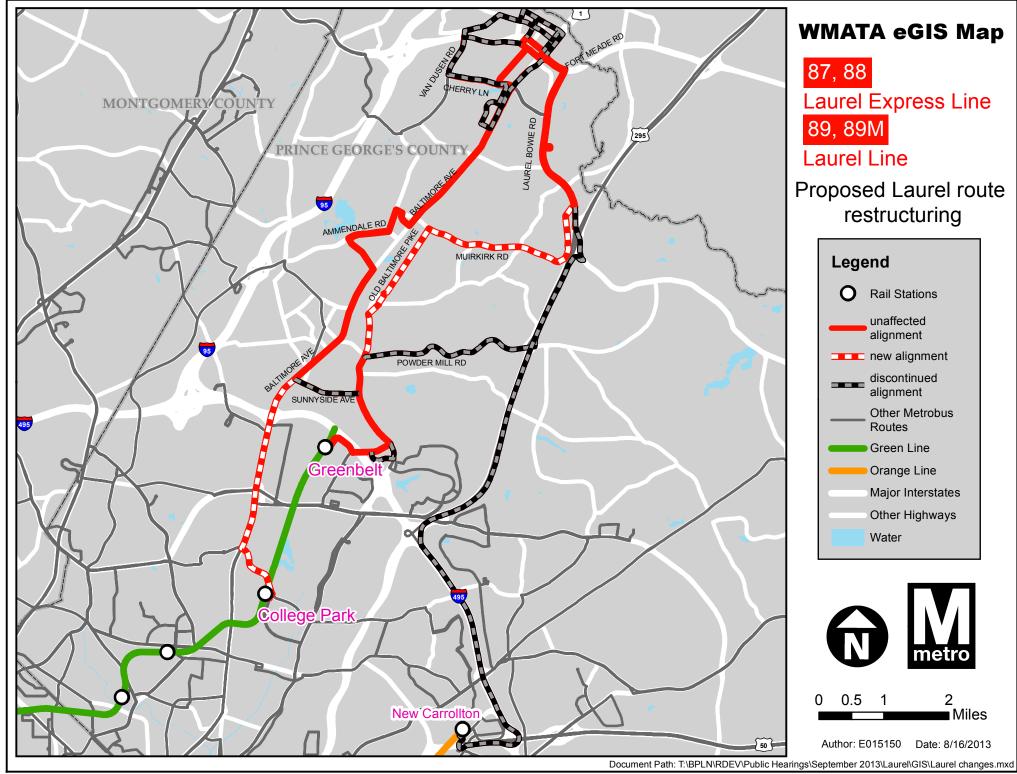
- All of the existing 87, 88 and 89, 89M local routings west of 4th Street and north of Rt. 198 in Laurel
- Baltimore-Washington Parkway (87, 88; no bus stops)
- Powder Mill Road between the Baltimore-Washington Parkway and Edmonston Road through the Beltsville Agricultural Research Center (87)
- Route 88 service to New Carrollton station. (presently 3 AM trips from Laurel, 3 PM trips to Laurel)
- Sunnyside Avenue between Rt. 1 and Edmonston Road (89, 89M)

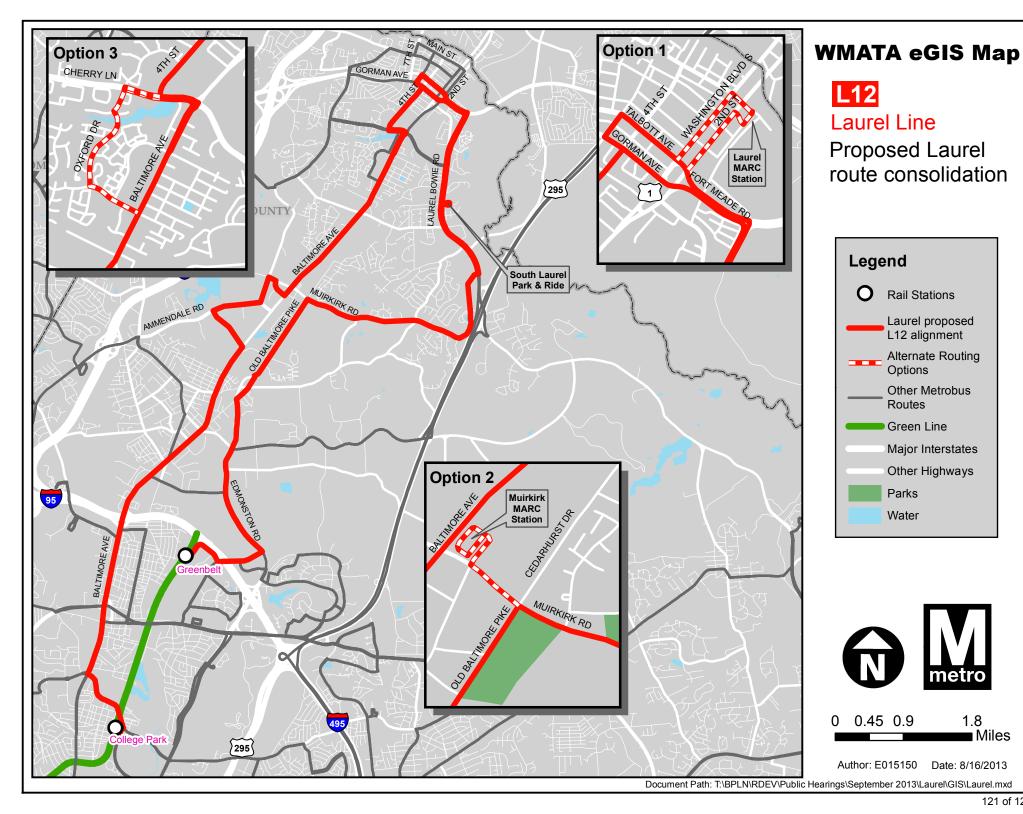
ALTERNATIVE SERVICE AVAILABLE

- CMRT service would replace Metrobus service over the same or similar routings west of 4th Street and north of Rt. 198 in Laurel.
- No replacement service on Powder Mill Road. NOTE: Route B30 operates via Powder Mill Road and could be permitted to serve the existing route 87 stops, but

- B30 charges the airport express fare and 87 charges the local fare.
- No replacement service between Laurel and New Carrollton station.
- No replacement service on Sunnyside Avenue between Rt. 1 and Edmonston Road. (Most passengers' destinations are within walking distance of Rt. 1.)

- To streamline and improve the efficiency of Laurel service.
- To improve the rush period frequency of service on the westerly (Rt. 1) leg, which now operates every 40 minutes.
- To assign service to the agency best suited to provide it local service to CMRT, regional service to Metrobus.





<u>NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE - MARYLAND LINE, ROUTE K6</u> NEW HAMPSHIRE AVENUE - MARYLAND LIMITED LINE, ROUTE K9

SERVICE AREA

White Oak, Food & Drug Administration in the Federal Research Center (FDA/FRC) complex, Hillandale, Northwest Park, Langley Park, Chillum, Fort Totten station

RESTRUCTURE SERVICE

- Extend K9 to White Oak with new limited stops at Oakview Drive, Powder Mill Road (Hillandale), Schindler Drive/Mahan Road (entrance to FDA/FRC), on New Hampshire Avenue at Lockwood Drive, on Old Columbia Pike west of Stewart Lane, and on Lockwood Drive east of New Hampshire Avenue (terminus).
- Divert K9 trips to serve the Food & Drug Administration in the Federal Research Center on northbound trips in the AM rush and on southbound trips in the PM rush. Trips that did not divert would serve stops on New Hampshire Avenue at Schindler Drive southbound and at Mahan Road northbound, at the entrance to FDA/FRC.
- ALTERNATIVE ROUTING IN DC UNDER CONSIDERATION K9 would operate
 between New Hampshire Avenue & Eastern Avenue and Fort Totten station via
 Eastern Avenue and Riggs Road instead of via New Hampshire Avenue and
 North Capitol Street. The existing southbound stops on New Hampshire Avenue
 at Eastern Avenue and on New Hampshire Avenue at Rittenhouse Street would
 be replaced by a single stop on Eastern Avenue at Rittenhouse Street. No
 change to the northbound stop on New Hampshire Avenue north of Eastern
 Avenue. No other existing bus stops would be affected. K9 would serve stops on
 Riggs Road at Chillum Place, convenient to the new Walmart.

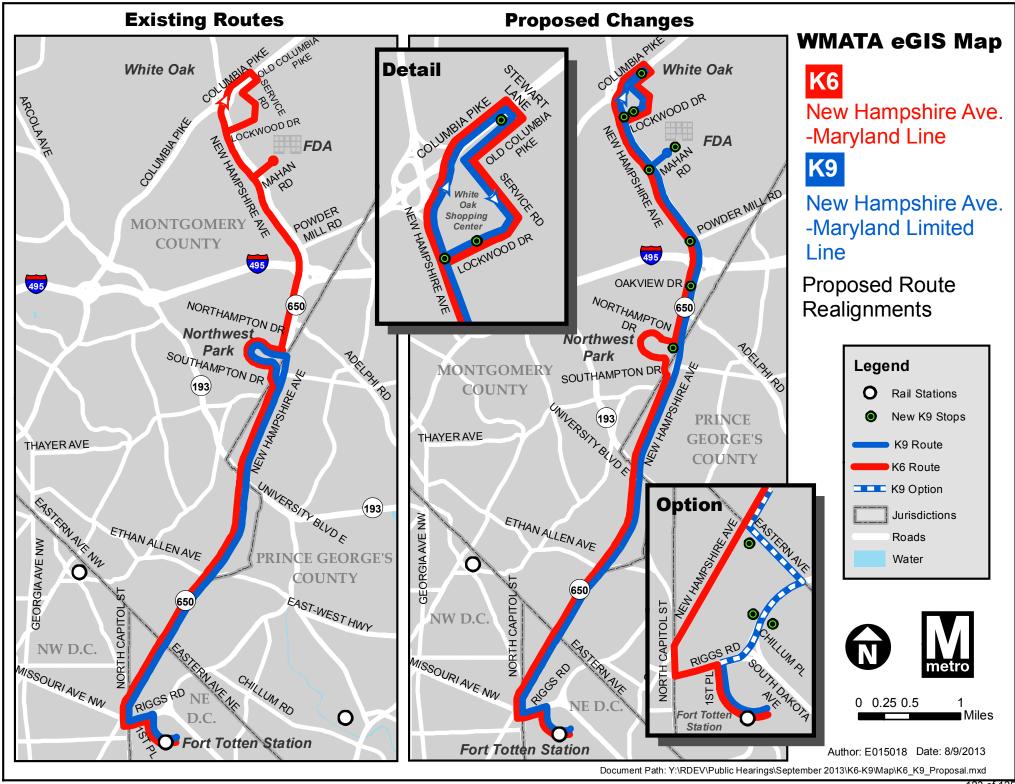
ROUTE / SEGMENT ELIMINATION

- Discontinue K9 operation through Northwest Park (Northampton Drive, Southampton Drive). Operate K9 via New Hampshire Avenue direct.
- Discontinue the K6 diversion via FDA/FRC now made northbound in the AM rush and southbound in the PM rush.

ALTERNATIVE SERVICE AVAILABLE

- Northwest Park would continue to be served by K6.
- K9 would replace K6 on the FDA/FRC diversion.

- To extend K9 limited-stop service to areas north of Northwest Park.
- To provide faster service for K9 passengers from points north of Northwest Park.
 K6 provides adequate capacity through that apartment complex.



GEORGIA AVENUE - MARYLAND LINE, ROUTES Y5, Y7, Y8, Y9

SERVICE AREA

Medstar Montgomery Medical Center, Olney, Georgia Avenue – ICC Park & Ride Lot, Norbeck, Leisure World, Aspen Hill, Glenmont station, Wheaton station, Forest Glen station, Silver Spring station

PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE

- Adjust travel times reflected in the weekday, Saturday, and Sunday schedules.
- No change to existing routings.

REASONS FOR CHANGE

• To reflect current traffic conditions.

