



Notice of Public Hearing

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Docket R18-01: Proposed Changes to WMATA Facilities at Deanwood Metro Station

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on the docket mentioned above as follows:

Hearing No. 619
Wednesday, June 20, 2018
Deanwood Recreation Center
1350 49th Street, NE
Washington, DC

Open House at 7 pm – Public Hearing at 7:15 pm

Please note that this date is subject to the facility's cancellation policy.
In the event of a cancellation, Metro will post information about the new hearing on
www.wmata.com

The locations for all public hearings are wheelchair accessible. Any individual who requires special assistance such as a sign language interpreter or additional accommodation to participate in the public hearing, or who requires these materials in an alternate format, should contact Danise Peña 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) 962-2582 at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing date.

For more information please visit www.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”) to propose amending its Mass Transit Plan by removing the 194-space surface Park & Ride lot at the Deanwood Metro Station (“Station”) following: (1) WMATA soliciting proposals from developers and executing a contract with a selected developer, and (2) the developer’s obtaining the necessary District of Columbia approvals to build a project.

WMATA has estimated that approximately 160 residential units and 10,000 square feet of retail space could be built at the Station. However, a developer may propose a different mix and size of development, which would be subject to WMATA’s approval, as well as the District of Columbia’s entitlement and approval process.

This hearing is being held to solicit public comment on WMATA’s plan to amend the Mass Transit Plan to close the surface Park & Ride lot to accommodate a development project. WMATA’s Board of Directors (“Board”) will review the public’s comments and the WMATA staff report in making a decision about the proposal to close the Park & Ride lot at the Station.

WMATA COMPACT REQUIREMENTS – WMATA’s Compact requires its Board, in amending the Mass Transit Plan, to consider data with respect to current and prospective conditions in the Transit Zone (which includes the District of Columbia), including, 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; and 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.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC – The docket consists of this Notice, and also contains a narrative explaining the proposed changes and the reasons for them, along with: (1) the Board’s authorization for the public hearing and subsequent issuance of a joint development solicitation, (2) aerial views of the Park & Ride lot and the Station, (3) Deanwood Metro Station Environmental Evaluation of Proposed Changes, dated May 2018, and (4) WMATA’s Deanwood Metro Station Access Improvement Study, dated June 2013. The docket is available online at www.wmata.com/plansandprojects. In addition, the docket is available for inspection at the following locations:

Deanwood Neighborhood Library
1350 49th Street, NE
Washington, DC 20019
(202) 698-1175

WMATA's Headquarters
600 Fifth Street N.W.
Washington, DC 20001
(202) 962-2511
(During normal business hours, please call in advance to coordinate)

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 Secretary by calling 202-962-2511, and are available for inspection during normal business hours at Metro's Headquarters at 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001; please call 202-962-2511 in advance to coordinate.

The closure of the Park & Ride lot at Deanwood Metrorail station constitutes the proposed amendment to the Mass Transit Plan for purposes of the WMATA Compact.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK – All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to this docket 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.

There will be no advance registration to speak. Those wishing to provide oral testimony will sign up to speak at the hearing, will be called to testify in the order they sign up, and can sign up to speak at any time prior to the close of the hearing. Elected public officials will be allowed to provide their testimony as soon as feasible after their registration. If you will not be able to stay to provide your testimony orally when your name is called, staff will help you to submit your comments into the public record including the use of a digital recorder to record your oral comments.

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.

HOW TO SUBMIT TESTIMONY NOT AT THE PUBLIC HEARING – Testimony may be submitted by comment form on the proposed changes, found at wmata.com/plansandprojects. The comment form will open by 9 a.m. on Saturday, May 19, 2018 and will close on Monday, July 2, 2018 at 9 a.m. It will provide the opportunity to submit freeform comments and provide attachments. This option is in addition to your ability to speak at the public hearing. For those without access to computers or internet, testimony may also be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001. All comments must be received by the Office of the Secretary by 9 a.m. on Monday, July 2, 2018 to be included in the public record. The comments, along with mailed written statements and public hearing comments, will be presented to the Board and will be part of the official public hearing record. Please note that all statements are releasable to the public upon request, and may be posted on WMATA's website, without change, including any personal information provided.