



Notice of Public Hearing

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Docket R16-04: Proposed Changes to WMATA Facilities at New Carrollton 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. 612
Monday, November 14, 2016
Fortis College
4351 Garden City Drive
Hyattsville, MD
Closest Metrorail station: New Carrollton
(Metrobus Route F14, TheBus 21)

Information Session at 6:30 p.m. – Public Hearing at 7 p.m.

**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 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 (1) the proposed redevelopment of surface parking lot #3, the southwesternmost parking lot, and (2) the expansion of the bus loop and Kiss & Ride area at WMATA’s New Carrollton Metrorail station (the “Station”). This is in conjunction with the proposed development of that parking lot for an office building, a multifamily residential building and a parking garage, and the corresponding removal of surface parking lot #3 at the Station. The proposed change(s) will be implemented only if private development occurs at the Station.

WMATA’s existing transit facilities on the south side of the Station, including the Kiss & Ride lots, Park & Ride lots, bus loop and pedestrian and bicycle facilities would be reconfigured as follows:

- The bus loop will be expanded by lengthening each bus bay to accommodate larger buses and by converting one bus stop that is currently located at a straight curb (a “tangent” bus stop in transit terms) into a “sawtooth” bus bay like the other bus bays at the Station. (A sawtooth bay operates more efficiently.)
- The Kiss & Ride area will be expanded by, among other things, widening it in places to allow a smoother flow of traffic.
- The sidewalk between the bus area and the rail station entrance will be widened.
- The WMATA-owned entry and exit roadways serving the bus loop and the Kiss & Ride will be improved by widening them to accommodate more traffic and, in the case of the exit roadway, by relocating it a little bit to the west.
- The southwesternmost parking lot, parking lot #3, will be removed and replaced with a privately-owned office building, multifamily residential building, and parking garage. The garage will serve the office building and the multifamily residential building and also provide some replacement parking for Metro commuters.
- The surface parking lot directly in front of the Kiss & Ride area, parking lot #2, will be reconfigured. The effect of this reconfiguration will be the relocation of the entrance and exit gates to accommodate the new roadways and, probably, the loss of some of the existing parking spaces.

All of the aforementioned improvements will be made by the developer.

None of the proposed changes affects anything on the north side of the Station.

WMATA COMPACT REQUIREMENTS – WMATA’s Compact requires the Board, in amending the mass transit plan, to consider data with respect to current and prospective conditions in the Transit Zone (which includes Prince George’s County, Maryland), 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 metropolitan 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 the WMATA Compact.

INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC – The docket contains a narrative with the following exhibits: (1) a view of the property showing existing conditions; (2) a site concept plan showing the proposed location (which does not materially change from the current location) of the reconfigured bus loop and Kiss & Ride facilities and the location of the proposed office building, multifamily residential building and parking garage; (3) circulation diagrams showing the proposed new entrance and exit roadways; and (4) the New Carrollton Joint Development Environmental Evaluation dated October 2016. The docket is available online at www.wmata.com/plansandprojects. In addition, the docket is available for inspection at the following locations:

WMATA
Office of the Secretary
600 Fifth Street, NW, Room 2D-209
Washington, DC 20001
202-962-2511
(Please call in advance to coordinate)

Glenarden Library
8724 Glenarden Parkway
Glenarden, MD 20706
301-772-5477

New Carrollton Library
7414 Riverdale Road
New Carrollton, MD 20784
301-459-6900

City of New Carrollton Municipal Center
6016 Princess Garden Parkway
New Carrollton, MD 20784
301-459-6100

The work and changes to the New Carrollton Metro Station depicted in this information package constitute 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 the proposed amendment to the mass transit plan as it relates to the Station will be afforded the opportunity to present their views and make supporting statements and to offer alternative proposals. In order to establish a witness list, individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to be heard at this public hearing are requested to furnish in writing their name and organizational affiliation, if any, via email to speak@wmata.com. The request may also be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20001, or can be made by calling 202-962-2511. Please submit only one speaker's name per letter. Lists of individual speakers will not be accepted. 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 WRITTEN STATEMENTS – Written statements and exhibits must be received by 10 a.m. on Monday, November 28, 2016, by the Office of the Secretary and may be emailed to writtentestimony@wmata.com. They may also be mailed to the Office of the Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street NW, Washington, DC 20001. Please reference NEW CARROLLTON in the subject line of your submission. 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.

SURVEY – Additionally, if you wish to participate in a survey on this project, please go to www.wmata.com/plansandprojects. The survey will open by 9 a.m. on Saturday, October 15, 2016 and will close on Monday, November 28, 2016 at 10 a.m. You will be asked to provide feedback on the proposal, as well as some demographic questions. The information collected through the survey will be maintained anonymously. This option is in addition to your ability to speak at a public hearing and to submit a written statement. The survey results, along with written statements and public hearing comments, will be presented to the Board and will be part of the official public hearing record.