



Notice of Public Hearing

Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority

Proposed new Heavy Repair & Overhaul Facility

Prince George's County, MD

Docket R19-01

Purpose

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority on a proposed Heavy Repair & Overhaul Facility in Prince George's County, MD as follows:

Hearing No. 625
Monday, March 18, 2019
Fortis College
4351 Garden City Drive
Landover, MD
Closest Metrorail station: New Carrollton
(Metrobus Routes F12, F14, TheBus 21)

Public Hearing scheduled to begin at 7 p.m.
Open house at 6:30 p.m.

Please note that this date is subject to the facility's cancellation policy.

The locations of 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 hearings, 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 202-962-1082 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 Heavy Repair and Overhaul (HRO) facility in Prince George's County, MD. 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.

In order to establish a witness list, individuals and representatives of organizations who wish to be heard at the public hearing are requested to furnish in writing their name and organization affiliation, if any, via email to speak@wmata.com. Please submit only one speaker's name per request. Lists of individual speakers will not be accepted. The request may also be made by calling the Office of the Secretary at 202-962-2511.

HOW TO SUBMIT WRITTEN STATEMENTS

Testimony may be submitted online about this proposal at wmata.com/plansandprojects. Online submission will be available by 9 a.m. on Saturday, February 16, 2019 and will close on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at 5 p.m. 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 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 5 p.m. on Thursday, March 28, 2019 to be included in the public record.

The comments received by the Office of the 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 proposes construction of a new rail maintenance facility, which would provide additional rail car maintenance capacity to support Metrorail vehicle fleet and reorganize track maintenance functions at WMATA's rail yards to accommodate the increase in demand for additional track maintenance and associated equipment.

Heavy Repair and Overhaul Facility

WMATA would construct a new rail yard and support facilities for WMATA's Car Track and Equipment Maintenance (CTEM) division and the Office of Track and Structures (TRST). The project site is bounded by Pennsy Drive, Ardwick-Ardmore Road, Veterans Parkway (MD 410), and the Metrorail Orange Line, in Landover, Maryland. The project site includes a connection to the Metrorail Orange Line between the Landover and New Carrollton Metrorail Stations. Facility components include:

- Enclosed HRO service bays to accommodate up to 40 rail cars;
- Rail car truck shop;
- Vehicle storage tracks to accommodate up to 24 rail cars;
- Bays for railcar repair;
- Traction power substation;
- Yard operations control tower;
- Roadway access and loading docks for heavy trucks;
- Stormwater management facilities;
- Employee parking; and
- Operations and administrative offices.

Property acquisition would be necessary for construction of the Heavy Repair and Overhaul facility, as shown in the attached plans and described in the environmental report. The new facility would be approximately 37 acres in size.

REFERENCE MATERIAL AVAILABLE FOR INSPECTION

The docket consists of this Notice of Public Hearing, an environmental report and general plans for the new Heavy Repair and Overhaul facility. These documents are available online at wmata.com/plansandprojects and may be inspected during normal business hours at the following locations:

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

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

Landover Hills Town Hall
6904 Taylor Street
Landover Hills, MD 20784
301-773-6401

Town of Cheverly Executive Offices
6401 Forest Road
Cheverly, MD 20785
301-773-8360

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 Prince George's 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.

WMATA submitted the environmental report to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) to support a Categorical Exclusion determination in accordance with the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA). The environmental report and general plans for the project are available for public review at the locations identified in the reference materials section above.

The work and changes depicted in this information package constitute the proposed amendment to the mass transit plan for purposes of the WMATA Compact.