

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF KISS & RIDE AND RELATED STATION FACILITIES RED (B) LINE MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND

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Hearing No. 165 Docket No. R04-5

Thursday
June 3, 2004
7:30 PM

Crossway Community Center 3015 Upton Drive Kensington, MD 20895

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PURPOSE OF THE PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) in cooperation with the Montgomery County Government on the proposed replacement of 63 Kiss & Ride spaces and related station facilities in two levels of a six-story parking garage to be constructed at the Wheaton Metrorail station. The two levels of the parking garage constitute the "Replacement Project." The remaining four levels of the parking garage will be utilized by the proposed joint development residential project (JD Project) to be constructed on the site. The public hearing will be held as follows:

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WMATA PROPOSAL

The replacement of the Kiss & Ride and related facilities in the two lower levels of the residential parking garage are the subject of this hearing. The JD Project is not the subject of this public hearing. The proposed JD Project will displace all of the existing automobile and van parking spaces in the current Kiss & Ride, including parking spaces for persons with disabilities. It will also displace taxi stands, motorcycle parking spaces, bicycle racks and bicycle lockers. All of these facilities except the bicycle lockers will be replaced on the two lower levels of the parking garage. The parking garage will be built by the Housing Opportunities Commission of Montgomery County (HOC), the developer of the site.

Although the design for the parking garage will not be finalized until the results of the public hearing are available, the current plan calls for a six-story structure with WMATA replacement facilities on Levels 1 and 2. WMATA facilities on Level 1 include 19 metered and "A" spaces, 22 regular and van spaces for people with disabilities, a taxi staging area, bicycle racks, motorcycle parking and a drop-off at the entrance to the mezzanine level of the station. Level 2 contains a van/small bus drop-off area and 23 metered spaces. Traffic for the residential units and the WMATA Kiss & Ride facilities will share the same entrance to the garage from Reedie Drive on Level 2. The residential traffic will go up to Levels 3-6. The WMATA Kiss & Ride traffic will remain on Level 2 or go down to Level 1. Two elevators will provide pedestrian access from Level 2 to Level 1 from Reedie Drive. There

will also be an exit stairway in the southeast corner of the garage that will provide pedestrian access to the Kiss & Ride facilities on Levels 1 and 2 from the developments located to the south of the site.

The JD Project will be constructed in one phase over a 28-month period. All of the Kiss & Ride and related facilities currently on site will be displaced and the developer must provide alternative facilities during the construction period. If the replacement spaces are more than 1,500 feet from the Wheaton Metrorail station, HOC must arrange shuttle service to provide WMATA's customers access to the station at no cost.

The Kiss & Ride and related facilities will be owned and operated by WMATA and HOC will own the remainder of the garage. WMATA and HOC will maintain and repair their respective segments. WMATA will collect and retain all parking revenue from the metered spaces.

HOW TO REGISTER TO SPEAK AT THE PUBLIC HEARING

All organizations or individuals desiring to be heard with respect to the proposed parking structures 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, address, telephone number and organization affiliation, if any, to Mr. Harold M. Bartlett, Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Alternatively, you may fax this information to Mr. Bartlett at (202) 962-1133. Please submit only one speaker's name per letter. Lists of individual speakers will not be accepted. Others present at the hearing may be heard after those persons on the witness list have been called and heard. Public officials will be heard first and will be allowed ten minutes each to make their presentations. Others who register in advance will be allowed five minutes each and will be heard in order of registration. Those who do not register in advance 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 may be submitted until close of business on Monday, June 14, 2004 to Mr. Harold M. Bartlett, Secretary, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, 600 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20001. Alternatively, you may submit an e-mail to public-hearing-testimony@wmata.com. Please reference the Hearing and/or Docket Number shown on the front of this document in your submission.

