



Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center

August 2013

Community Meeting Scheduled to Discuss the Construction of the Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) cordially invites you to a Community Meeting to discuss and learn more about the Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center Project, which begins construction this summer.

Thursday, August 15, 2013

6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Takoma Park Community Center
7500 Maple Ave
Takoma Park, MD 20912**

The meeting will provide community residents with the opportunity to meet MTA staff assigned to the project and review information about:

- The schedule for the various phases of the Transit Center construction.
- How bus service will be maintained during construction
- How bus service will be improved after construction is complete.
- The environmentally-friendly elements of the Transit Center design
- The unique architectural and overall design elements of the project
- The benefits of the project on pedestrian safety and accessibility to transit

The new Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center will be located at the northwest corner of the University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue intersection in Langley Park. The Crossroads is the converging point for 11 bus routes, making it the

busiest non-Metrorail transit hub in the region. Approximately 60 buses pass through the Crossroads in the peak hour, both morning and evening. The dispersed arrangement of numerous bus stops serving multiple routes along the two highly congested roadways contributes significantly to pedestrian conflicts.

The construction of the Transit Center represents the culmination of several years of planning and design collaboration between the Maryland Transit Administration, the State Highway Administration, WMATA, Montgomery County, Prince George's County, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), the City of Takoma Park and numerous community organizations, businesses and residents. The Transit Center has been designed to achieve the following primary objectives:

- Provide a safe, attractive and efficient facility for bus transfer activities
- Improve pedestrian safety and connections
- Create a sense of place in the community
- Meet bus operational needs
- Establish clearly understood pedestrian and bus movement patterns
- Provide a secure, comfortable waiting area for passengers
- Enhance the image of transit
- Accommodate the future Purple Line
- Minimize capital and operating costs
- Minimize impacts to shopping center operations

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The Transit Center will feature the following to achieve these objectives:

- Eleven active bus bays, including two along MD 650 (basically at their current location), three along MD 193 (just west of MD 650) and six inside the Transit Center. The Transit Center layout accommodates the maneuvering requirements of the largest coach and articulated buses in the fleets of all potential transit providers. The Transit Center also includes additional bus layover space for inactive buses between runs.
- Pedestrian crosswalk, traffic signal and/or sidewalk ramp improvements at six of the intersections near the Transit Center. Entrance/exit driveways for the Langley Park Shopping center will be widened to reduce delays for shopping center patrons.
- An enclosed Facility Building that will include a lobby area, public rest rooms, a ticket transaction area and staff/operator rest rooms.
- Extensive landscaping with irrigation provided by harvested rainwater from the canopy roof.
- Accommodation for state-of-the-art transit passenger signing and information systems.

- An attractive two-shell, curved glass canopy over the site, providing shelter for transit patrons, photovoltaic energy generation, rainwater harvesting and a structural centerpiece for the community.

The project will be built in several carefully planned stages to minimize disruption to the adjacent shopping centers, as well as vehicular, transit and pedestrian traffic. Prior to any construction on the Transit Center itself, several utility poles and segments of overhead utility lines along University Boulevard and New Hampshire Avenue need to be relocated to make room for relocated entrances and/or the overhead canopy.

The utility relocation work began in June 2013. The contractor for construction of the Transit Center was given Notice to Proceed in July 2013. The first stages of construction will consist of shopping center entrance improvements, including traffic signal and pedestrian crossing improvements. Once the entrance improvements are complete in late 2013, the Taco Bell restaurant will close and be relocated, and Transit Center construction can begin.

