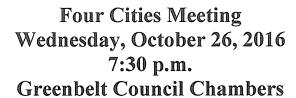
# Four Cities Coalition





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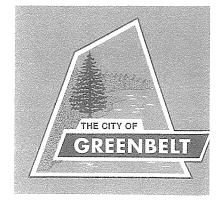




## CITY OF GREENBELT, MARYLAND

OFFICE OF THE CITY MANAGER

25 CRESCENT ROAD, GREENBELT, MD. 20770



September 19, 2016

Michael P. McLaughlin City Manager

Dr. Haitham A. Hijazi, Director Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement 9400 Peppercorn Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Largo, MD 20774

Dear Dr. Hijazi:

The Four Cities Coalition, which consists of the cities of College Park, Greenbelt and New Carrollton and the Town of Berwyn Heights, requests that you or your designee attend the next Four Cities meeting. The group would like to discuss concerns it has about the lack of coordination and communication with municipalities when the County issues permits for projects located within a municipality. It is very upsetting when municipal officials discover work occurring in their communities of which they were unaware and for which there should have been a city/town permit issued.

We would like to discuss how communication and notification can be improved to correct this problem. Attached is a copy of a May 5, 2016 letter from you on the matter. In the letter, you indicate permittees will be advised that a city/town permit may be needed. Is this happening? Is there more that can be done now?

The next Four Cities meeting is Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Council Chambers in the Municipal Building at 25 Crescent Road. Please let me know if you or someone else from your department will attend.

Sincerely,

Michael P. McLaughlin

City Manager



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cc: City Council

Rushern Baker, III, County Executive Todd Turner, County Council Member Dannielle Glaros, County Council Member Mary A. Lehman, County Council Member Bea Tignor, Municipal Liaison Scott Somers, City of College Park Joe Nagro, City of New Carrollton Jessica Cowles, Town of Berwyn Heights



### THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

# Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement Office of the Director



May 5, 2016

The Honorable Jodie Kulpa-Eddy Mayor, Town of Berwyn Heights 5700 Berwyn Road Berwyn Heights, Maryland 20740

The Honorable Patrick Wojahn Mayor, City of College Park 4500 Knox Road College Park, Maryland 20740

The Honorable Emmett Jordan Mayor, City of Greenbelt 25 Crescent Road Greenbelt, Maryland 20770

The Honorable Andrew Hanko Mayor, City of New Carrollton 6016 Princess Garden Parkway New Carrollton, Maryland 20784

Dear Mayors:

Thank you for acknowledging the participation of Clarence Moseley in the July 2015 meeting of the Four Cities Coalition. Mr. Moseley is an excellent representative of the Department of Permitting, Inspections and Enforcement (DPIE) in matters related to permitting.

We certainly want to work closely with all of our municipalities with regard to the four items listed in the joint letter, and we agree that the result would be improved levels of coordination between DPIE and the municipalities. Unfortunately, DPIE currently does not have the capability to post online weekly reports or send auto-generated messages associated with permit applications and approvals in specific municipalities. However, we are in the process of acquiring a new permitting system over the next three years that will allow us to be more responsive. The new system will allow us to create more refined data entry fields, including a link to municipal websites, as well as a listing of applicable permit information associated with a particular municipality.

9400 Peppercorn Place, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Largo, Maryland 20774 Phone: 301.636.2020 \* http://dpie.mvpqc.us \* FAX: 301.636.2021 With regard to alerting applicants that municipal approval, in addition to County approval, might be required regarding a project, we will make a more prominent notation on our applications; have DPIE staff verbally relay that message to the applicants; and include something in our *Frequently Asked Questions* section. Please note that we can encourage applications to make contact with a municipality, but we cannot require them to do so.

We look forward to working all of municipalities in the future, as we seek ways in which to strengthen our joint efforts with regard to economic development within Prince George's County.

Sincerely

Haitham A. Hijazi Director

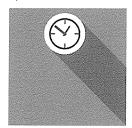
cc: The Honorable Mary Lehman, Prince George's County Council, District 1
The Honorable Dannielle Glaros, Prince George's County Council, District 3.
The Honorable Todd Turner, Prince George's County Council, District 4
Beatrice Tignor, Municipal Liaison, Office of the County Executive
Robbi Das, Associate Director, Permitting and Licensing Division, DPIE
Susan Hubbard, Public Information Officer, DPIE
Clarence Moseley, Permits Supervisor, Permitting and Licensing Division, DPIE

#### Proposed changes to Metrorail operating hours

Notice of Public Hearing | Docket B16-03 | Información en español

#### Customer brochures

Help us find the time. Metro wants your feedback about adjusting Metrorail's hours of operation.



Metro is working to improve safety, reliability, and to get its financial house in order. The SafeTrack program underway now is designed to restore the Metrorail system to a state of good repair, but maintaining the system will require more track access moving forward. For riders, this means the number of hours that Metrorail is open would be reduced so that more preventive maintenance work, quality control, and inspections can be conducted when trains aren't running.

Before SafeTrack started in June 2016, Metro was closed for just 33 hours each week, providing little time for maintenance and inspections. Compared to 1998 when the Metrorail system had 12 fewer stations and trains operated with just two to four rail cars, there were 44 hours per week for maintenance. That's 25% less track time for a system that's considerably larger today.

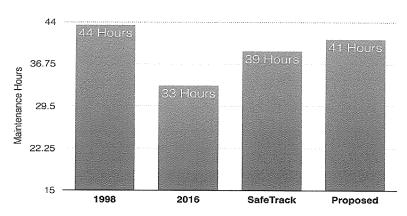
We know that adjusting the hours of operation will impact many riders, and we want to hear from you. Four proposals have been developed for your review. Each proposal provides Metro with an additional eight hours of track access each week, with the proposals designed to impact the fewest customers possible.

What's being worked on when Metrorail is closed?

Metro uses time when the tracks are out of service to conduct maintenance, inspection and quality control work, as well as capital improvement efforts to replace or rehabilitate parts of the system. Prior to SafeTrack, all of these efforts were conducted in the overnight hours and during weekend single tracking and shutdowns, but the limited time available led to a backlog of both routine maintenance efforts and safety critical improvements.

Metro is now developing improved maintenance and inspection programs that will be put in place when SafeTrack ends next year. Increasing track access by 20 percent will be critical to this new effort. The new programs will strengthen preventive maintenance for tracks, switches, interlockings and traction power cables. The new preventive maintenance programs will be carried out across the system during overnight hours when trains are not operating, so that capital programs can be conducted during weekend shutdowns and single tracking events that are scheduled on a weekly basis in specific locations.





#### Proposed New Metrorail Hours of Operation

Proposal #1

Mon-Thu: 5:00 a.m. - midnight Fri: 5:00 a.m. - midnight Sat: 7:00 a.m. - midnight Sun: 7:00 a.m. - 10:00 p.m.

Proposal # 2

Mon-Thu: 5:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Fri: 5:00 a.m. - midnight Sat: 7:00 a.m. - midnight Sun: 7:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m.

Proposal #3

Mon-Thu: 5:00 a.m. - 11:30 p.m. Fri: 5:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m. Sat: 7:00 a.m. - 1:00 a.m.

Sun: 8:00 a.m. - 11:00 p.m.

Proposal # 4

Mon-Thu: 5:00 a.m. - midnight Fri: 5:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m. Sat: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 a.m. Sun: Noon - 11:00 p.m.

#### Would you take the bus?



Metro has also proposed supplemental bus service that may provide customers with travel alternatives when the rail system is closed for these additional eight hours of preventive maintenance. Click for a preview of this bus service network.

We will explore partnerships that encourage private carriers to provide late night service options to Metro customers.

Give us your input about these proposals.

Any input you wish to provide must be received by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.

Take an online survey

Email written comments to writtentestimony@wmata.com

Provide feedback to staff in person at various Metrorail stations. Click for a list of dates, stations and times

Attend an open house on Thursday, October 20, 2016 (anytime between noon and 9:00 p.m.) and public hearing (anytime between 12:30 and 10:00 p.m.) at Metro Headquarters, 600 5th St NW, Washington DC

Public feedback will be provided to Metro's Board of Directors in December 2016 as part of the final decision process.

Public participation is solicited without regard to race, color, national origin, age, gender, religion, disability or family status. If you require special accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act or translation services (free of charge), contact the project team at 202-962-2511 (TTY: 202-962-2033) at least 48 hours prior to the public hearing date.