



Bus Bay Expansion at East Falls Church Metrorail Station

Design Update



Department of Environmental Services

Transit Bureau

July 20, 2022



Comments Received on 30% Design

- Comments the County received showed overall support of the project but expressed concerns with:
 - 1. Parking Lot Entrance** – Respondents expressed concerns about pedestrian and vehicular traffic interaction at N. Sycamore St parking lot entrance and suggested implementing a raised crosswalk.
 - 2. Bus Loop Entrance** – Respondents expressed concerns about the crosswalk distance at N. Sycamore St.
 - 3. Bike Lockers** – Respondents questions the need for bike lockers at this location.
 - 4. Washington Blvd** – Respondents expressed concerns with vehicular speed at parking lot entrance on Washington Blvd.
 - 5. I-66 Ramp** – Respondents expressed concerns with pedestrian and cyclist safety at I-66 ramp right turn onto N. Sycamore St.

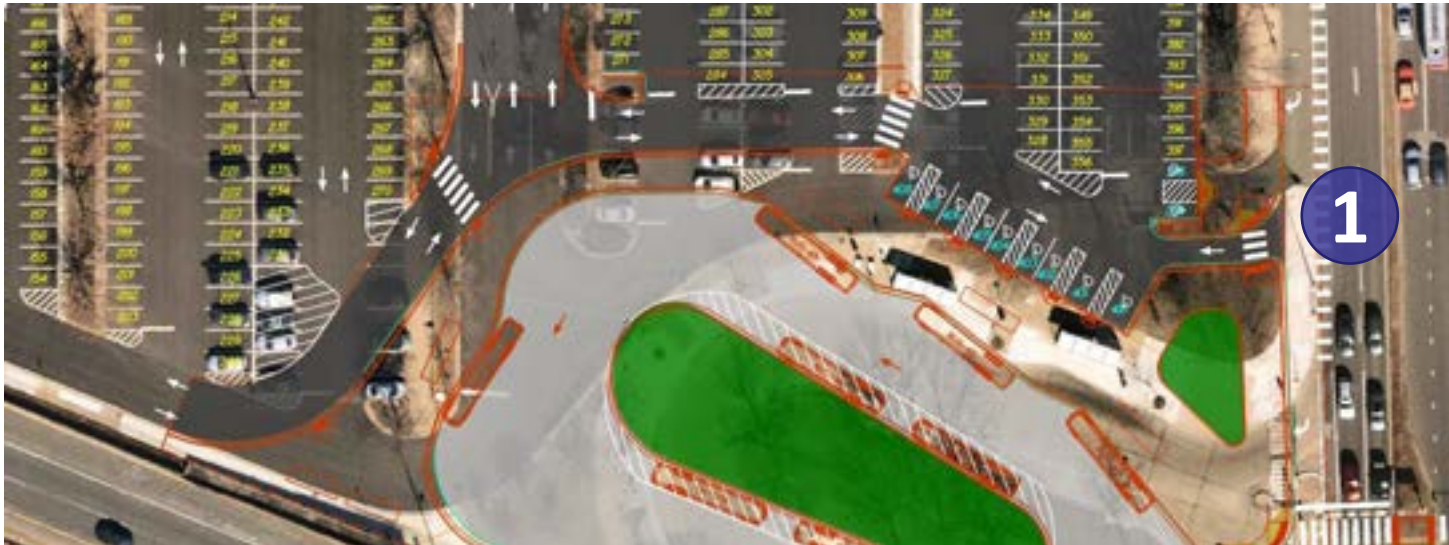
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- The project team has advanced the design to 60%, and incorporated changes to address comments received during public engagement



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- 1. Parking Lot Entrance** – The entrance along N. Sycamore Street remains to accommodate the significant number of parking lot customers traveling southbound. Adding a raised crossing at the entrance would create issues with storm water drainage. The sidewalk at this entrance has been aligned to create a straight path to the station and includes ADA-compliant pedestrian ramps.



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- 2. Bus Loop Entrance** – The design update maintains the reduced crossing distance for the entrance to the bus loop from the 30% design concept, which is about 100 feet shorter than the existing crossing. The crosswalk also includes ADA ramps.



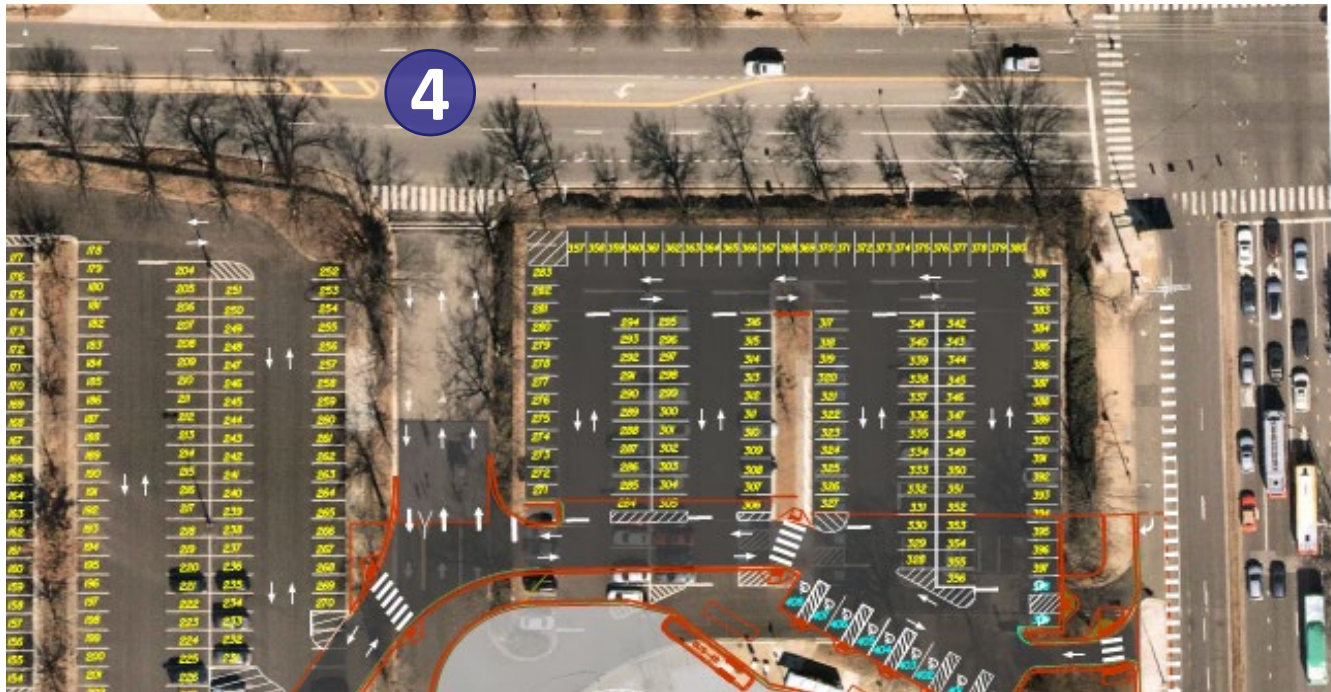
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- 3. Bike Lockers** – In the 30% design, the number of bike lockers was reduced from what is currently at the station. The updated design changed the location of these lockers, which provides a more open sidewalk for pedestrians near the entrance.



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4. **Washington Blvd** – County transportation staff are evaluating the parking lot entrance at Washington Blvd to determine if a signal is warranted at this location. This will be done separately from this capital project



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- 1. I-66 Ramp** – An adjacent county project is evaluating the alignment and layout of the I-66 ramp to improve pedestrian and bicycle safety at this location. The project team referred all relevant comments to the [N Sycamore Street Complete Streets Project](#).



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Public Engagement

Providing Written Comments

- County and WMATA staff hosted a pop-up event at the East Falls Church Metrorail Station bus loop on July 13, 2022, to solicit input on the project
- WMATA will hold a Compact Public Hearing on July 21, 2022, at 6:30 PM. To participate call 855-925-2801 and enter meeting code 4773.
- WMATA will be accepting comments – Must be received by 5 p.m. on **Monday, August 1st**

Option 1

Submit online at:

www.wmata.com/plansandprojects

- You can comment anonymously or give your name
- You can also answer survey questions or upload a document

Option 2

Submit by email to

speak@wmata.com

- Reference “East Falls Church Public Hearing” in the “subject” line.

Option 3

Submit by mail to:

- Office of the Secretary
WMATA
300 7th Street SW,
Washington, DC 20024
- Reference “East Falls Church Public Hearing” in the “subject” line.

Project Timeline and Milestones



Upcoming Activities:

- WMATA Compact hearing July 21, 2022
- Design to be completed in fall 2022
- Construction contract solicitation anticipated at end of year
- Construction period 15-18 months

Thank you

