



Baltimore-Washington Maglev Project

Public Hearings Announcement

MTA to hold public hearings on Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS)

The Maryland Transit Administration will hold seven public hearings on the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for the Baltimore-Washington Maglev Project. This project proposes to construct a public transportation connection between downtown Baltimore and Washington, D.C., with a stop at Baltimore Washington International Airport (BWI), using vehicles propelled by magnetic levitation. Three underground passenger stations and one 20-acre maintenance facility would be constructed. Vehicles would run approximately every 10 minutes during peak periods and one trip between Baltimore and Washington, D.C. would cost from \$13.80 to \$27.60.

The DEIS was prepared in accordance with the federal requirements under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) and Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act. This document presents the project's purpose and need, an alternatives assessment, the affected natural and human environments, the possible impacts and potential mitigation for the Build Alternative, if selected. Alternative C (Amtrak Parallel) was retained for detailed study as the Build Alternative because it is the most feasible and constructible and satisfies the project purpose and need. The No-Build Alternative was also retained for detailed study. Volume I contains the Draft EIS and Volume II contains the Engineering – Plans and Profile.

The public hearings are being held in multiple locations to receive comments on the DEIS and are open to all citizens. The hearing locations are accessible to persons with disabilities. The MTA will provide a qualified interpreter to assist people who are hearing impaired. Written and verbal comments will be accepted.

The DEIS is available for review at the locations listed on the project website at www.bwmaglev.com or by calling the telephone number below. Compact disks of the DEIS are available on request by sending an email to bwmaglev@mtamaryland.com. For more information on the project, visit the project website, email the MTA or contact the MTA at the number below.

MEETING INFORMATION

Open House - 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m.
Public Hearing begins at 5 p.m.

December 8, 2003

Odenton Fire Hall
1425 Annapolis Road
Odenton, MD 21113

December 9, 2003

Cherry Hill Middle School
801 Bridgeview Road
Baltimore, MD 21205

December 10, 2003

Capital Plaza Mall
Conference Room, 4th Floor
6200 Annapolis Road
Landover Hills, MD 20784

December 11, 2003

Gaywood Elementary School
6701 97th Avenue
Seabrook, MD 20706

December 11, 2003

Lansdowne High School
3800 Hollins Ferry Road
Baltimore, MD 21227

December 15, 2003

Martin Luther King, Jr. Library
901 G Street, NW Room 432
Washington, D.C. 20001

December 16, 2003

Lindale Middle School
415 Andover Road
Linthicum, MD 21090

Written comments must be submitted by January 30, 2004 to

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