

Public Meetings in May: You're Invited!

The first series of public meetings for the U Street-Garfield (90s) Line Study will take place in May at the locations below. All are invited and no RSVP is required. The format of the meetings is as follows: a half-hour "open house" will take place first, during which participants can review project materials and speak individually with the study team. Next will be a 20-minute presentation about the study. And finally, there will be an hour-long group discussion in which participants will help identify problems and concerns with the 90s Line.

The meetings will be conducted in English, but Spanish translators and visual materials will be standing by for participants who are more comfortable with Spanish. The facilities are handicapped-accessible, but if you have special needs, please call 703-682-5060 before May 10.

**90s Line Study
Public Meetings:**

Tuesday, May 18, 2010

Douglass Community Center
Frederick Douglass Court & Stanton
Terrace SE, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Wednesday, May 19, 2010

J.O. Wilson Elementary School
6th & K Streets NE, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Thursday, May 20, 2010

The Reeves Center
14th & U Streets NW, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Please attend and bring your ideas!

How You Can Get Involved

The U Street-Garfield (90s) Line study is soliciting the input of riders, communities, and businesses, and is working with the public, stakeholders, and DC planners to identify and evaluate transit service improvements for the line.

In addition to the survey of riders that took place on the 90s Line on April 14, a series of public meetings will take place in spring/summer 2010 in which participants can help identify problems and take a hands-on role in developing potential solutions to problems with the existing service.

If you would like to be added to the project mailing list to receive updates about the project and meeting announcements, please visit the project website at www.metrobus-studies.com.

You can also visit the website to take an electronic version of the rider survey, in case you missed the one conducted on April 14. Or, to speak with a member of the project team about the 90s Line study, call the project hotline at 703-682-5060.

The 90s Line study will only be as good as the input we receive from passengers who use the service, so if you're a Metrobus 90, 92, or 93 rider and have ideas about how to make the line run better, please be sure to get involved and give us your feedback!



The U Street / Garfield (90s) Line Study is a partnership between Metro and the District Department of Transportation.

**Metrobus U Street-Garfield Line Study
(Routes 90, 92 & 93)**

May 2010

Study Underway to Improve Transit Service on Metrobus Routes 90/92/93

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), in partnership with the District Department of Transportation (DDOT), has begun a study to improve transit service along the U Street-Garfield Line (Metrobus routes 90, 92, and 93), which connects neighborhoods in Southeast DC east of the Anacostia River to 8th Street, Florida Avenue, U Street, and other points in Northwest DC.

With around 15,000 passengers on an average weekday, the 90s Line is one of the most heavily used lines in the District of the Columbia and the Metrobus system as a whole. The 90, 92, and 93 routes are also an important transportation lifeline for residents of communities east of the Anacostia, in Capitol Hill, and along Florida Avenue who rely on the line for access to jobs, shopping, and recreation.

(Please see inside for details about the 90s Line Study.)



A 92 route bus pauses at a stop in Adams Morgan. The 90, 92, and 93 routes serve many communities and destinations in the District, including the busy U Street corridor, Florida Avenue, the New York Avenue-Florida Avenue-Gallaudet University Metro Station, Capitol Hill, Eastern Market, Anacostia, and Congress Heights Metro.



Website: www.metrobus-studies.com
Hotline: 703-682-5060

90-92-93 Metrobus U Street-Garfield Line Study

What Is the U Street-Garfield (90s) Line Study About?

The purpose of this study is to examine ways in which transit service along the U Street-Garfield (90s) Line can be improved. This includes:

- Conducting a rider survey and public meetings to solicit input. (The survey took place on the 90s Line on April 14, 2010; if you missed it, you can still take the on-line version at www.metrobus-studies.com.)
- Investigating different types of services to address the needs and deficiencies of the existing routes.
- Identifying new vehicle types, bus stop designs and locations, and methods of service monitoring and traffic management.
- Developing a strategy and schedule to phase-in the improvements.
- Determining sources of funding.

Study Specifics

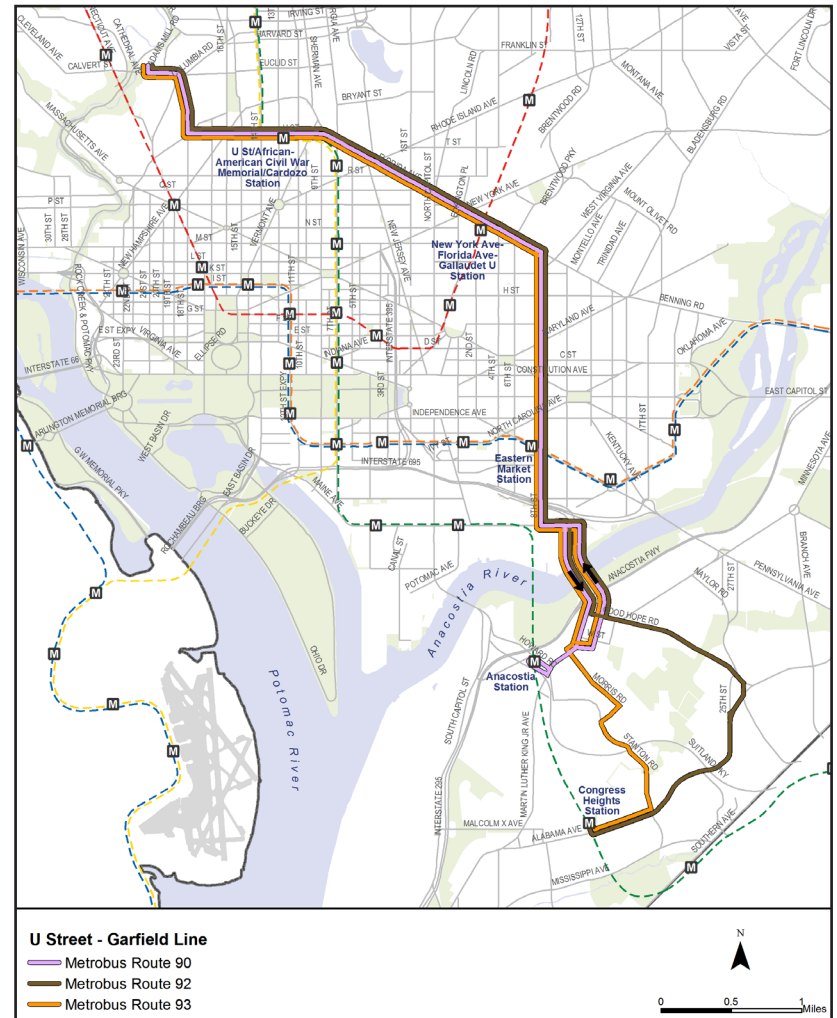
The study will take place in three phases. The first phase includes:

- Interviewing bus operators, supervisors, and trainers.
- Assessing existing transit in the corridor.
- Examining how often buses along the corridor fail to adhere to schedules and routes.
- Studying the frequency of late and missed trips, detours, and bunching of buses.
- Evaluating current traffic operations.
- Documenting roadway conditions, curbside uses, detours and points of delay.
- Reviewing bus stop conditions to improve stop amenities, accessibility, signage, and locations.

A thorough examination of these and other factors will give the project team a clear picture of the recommendations they need to make to the WMATA Board. The second part of the study will recommend improvements and develop service operations plans. The service and operations plans will:

- Build on work that has already been done.
- Coordinate with existing planning processes.
- Suggest routing, vehicle requirements, and the location of stops.
- Include long-term ridership forecasts.
- Detail benefits to passengers.
- Enhance bus driver training and supervision standards.
- Measure performance and enhance communication with passengers.
- Examine ways of speeding up fare payment, passenger loading, and boarding and alighting by stop.

In the third and final part of the study, the study team will develop final recommendations and implementation strategies.



Routes 90, 92, and 93 comprise one of the most heavily used lines in the Metrobus system. The popularity of the lines sometimes leads to overcrowded buses. In addition, the corridors that the 90s Line serves have a considerable amount of auto traffic, which can cause buses to run behind schedule. The 90s Line study is examining existing traffic and transit conditions and addressing issues that contribute to the underperformance of the service. After a comprehensive analysis, the study team will recommend improvements to the WMATA Board.

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