

K6 Metrobus New Hampshire Ave-MD Line Study

Public Meeting in May: You're Invited!

The first public meeting for the K6 / New Hampshire Avenue Line Study will take place on Wednesday, May 12, at the Langley Park Community Center, at 1500 Merrimac Drive, just east of two K6 bus stops on New Hampshire Avenue.

All are invited and no RSVP is required. The format of the meeting is as follows: an "open house" will take place from 6:30-7:00 pm, during which participants can review project materials and speak individually with the study team. There will be a brief slide presentation about the study at 7:00 pm. And finally, an hour-long group discussion will take place in which participants will help identify problems and concerns with the K6 Line.

The meeting will be conducted in English, but Spanish translators and visual materials will be standing by for participants who are more comfortable with Spanish. The facility is handicapped-accessible, but if you have special needs, please call 703-682-5060 at least three days in advance of the meeting.

A second public meeting will take place this summer, in which participants will review and comment on the study's draft recommended improvements.

K6 Line Study Public Meeting:

Wednesday, May 12, 2010

6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

Langley Park Community Center,
1500 Merrimac Drive

Just east of New Hampshire Avenue,
convenient to two K6 stops.

Please attend and bring your ideas!

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How You Can Get Involved

The K6 Line study is soliciting the input of riders, communities, and businesses, is working with the public, stakeholders, and Maryland and DC planners to identify and evaluate transit service improvements for the K6 Line.

In addition to the survey of riders that took place on the K6 Line on April 21, two 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 21. Or, to speak with a member of the project team about the K6 study, call the project hotline at 703-682-5060.

The K6 Line study will only be as good as the input we receive from passengers who use the service, so if you're a K6 rider and have ideas about how to make the line run better, please be sure to get involved and give us your feedback!



The K6 / New Hampshire Ave (MD) Line Study is a partnership between Metro and the District Department of Transportation, Maryland Department of Transportation, Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation, Montgomery County Department of Transportation, and City of Takoma Park.

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Study Underway to Improve Transit Service on Metrobus Route K6 on New Hampshire Avenue

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and its partner agencies have begun a study to improve transit service along the K6 / New Hampshire Avenue Line, which provides local bus service between Fort Totten Metro and White Oak Shopping Center via New Hampshire Avenue.

With around 7,000 passengers on an average weekday, the K6 is one of the most heavily used Metrobus lines in Maryland. The K6 is also an important transportation lifeline for residents of communities along the New Hampshire Avenue corridor, who rely on the line for access to jobs, shopping, and recreation.

(Please see inside for details about the K6 Line Study.)



Busy at all times of day, a K6 bus stops to pick up passengers at Elton Road. The K6 Line serves many communities and destinations, including White Oak Shopping Center, The Federal Research Center, Hillandale, Northwest Park, Langley Park, Takoma Park, and the area around Fort Totten Metro in the District of Columbia.



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What Is the K6 Study About?

The purpose of this study is to examine ways in which transit service along the K6/New Hampshire Avenue Line can be improved. This includes:

- Conducting a rider survey and public meetings to solicit input. (The survey took place on the K6 Line on April 21, 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 route.
- 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.

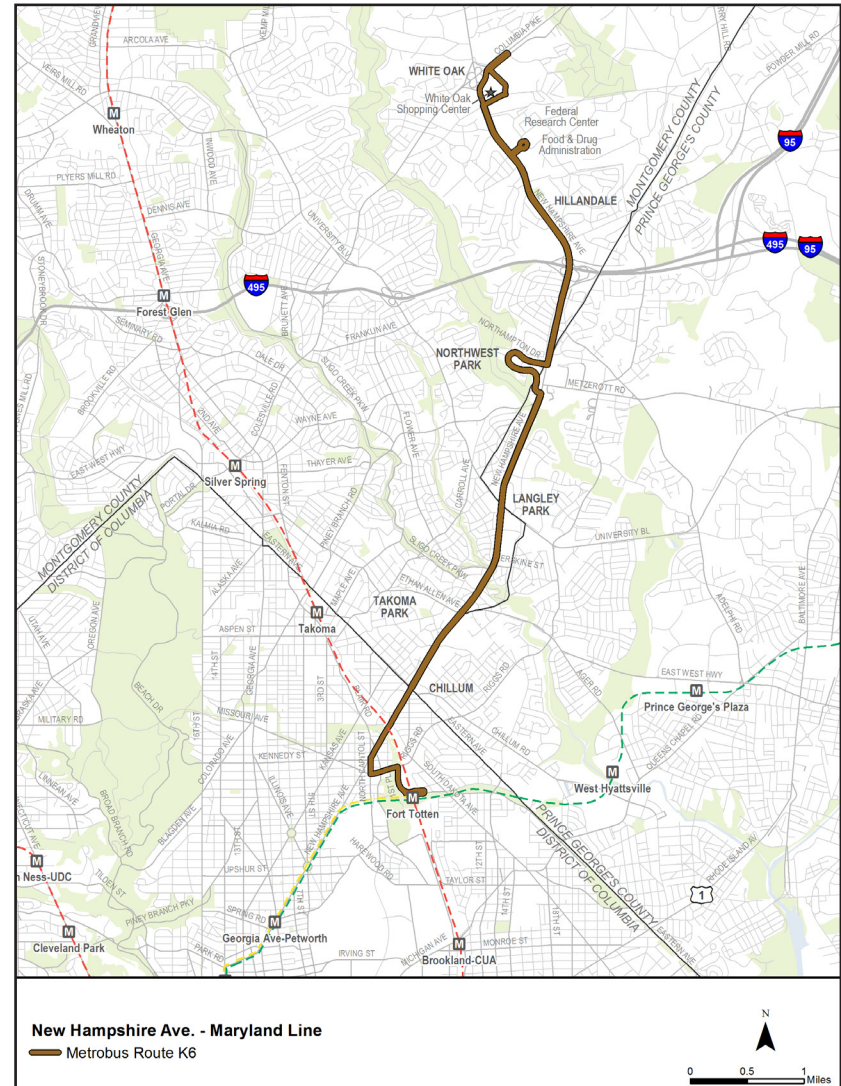
Study Specifics

The study will take place in two 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.



The Metrobus K6 / New Hampshire Avenue Line has grown in popularity over the years, leading to sometimes overcrowded buses. In addition, the area the line serves has grown as well, creating more traffic, which in turn can cause buses along the corridor to run behind schedule. The K6 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.