



MONTGOMERY COUNTY COUNCIL
ROCKVILLE, MARYLAND

Office of the Secretary
Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority
600 Fifth Street NW
Washington, DC 20001

Subject: Docket R-14-01: Proposed Changes to WMATA Facilities at Takoma Metro Station

Dear Secretary:

I am writing this letter to express concerns about the planned development project at Metro's Takoma station. As you may know, this site will affect not only DC residents but also many residents who live in Maryland in close proximity. Yet many of my constituents have indicated that there has been very little effort on the part of the developer to engage them. While they are generally supportive of "smart growth" development near Metro stations, they would like to have their voices heard on those aspects of the plan that will directly affect them. This is a reasonable request that I wholeheartedly support.

I request that you carefully consider concerns about whether the plan exceeds zoning limits, is based on an inadequate traffic study, is inconsistent with the Takoma Master Plan, is too close to the street, is poorly designed, and is aesthetically incompatible with a residential historic district. I also request that the developer agree to the establishment of a neighborhood design working group, which includes appropriate Maryland representation, before you hold a final vote on the hearing record. I hope you will seriously consider the impacts of this development on our jurisdiction.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Marc Ehrlich".

At-Large Councilmember
Montgomery County Council