



# MARC Northeast Maintenance Facility: Environmental Document FAQ

## Environmental Assessment (EA)

### What are the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guidelines for coordination and meeting with the community & local government?

The public can participate in the NEPA process by attending public meetings (one was held in October 2013 and another will be held in Fall 2014) and by submitting comments directly to the lead agencies, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA).

The public also has the opportunity to comment on the FTA approved EA (CEQ NEPA Regulation 40 CFR 1501.4). EA's do not need to be circulated but they must be made available to the public through notices of availability in local, state, or regional clearinghouses, newspapers, and other means. A 30 day review period is required.

After public comments are received and considered, a determination of the significance of the impacts is made. If it is determined that a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) is appropriate, a FONSI is issued. No formal public circulation of the FONSI is required, but the state clearinghouse must be notified of the availability of the FONSI. The FONSI is published in the Federal Register and the notice of availability will include information on how and where to provide your comments (40 CFR 1501.7).

### When will the technical reports supporting the EA be available to the public?

The EA and technical reports will all be made available on the website. The EA is expected to be available in the Fall of 2014.

### Does the EA provide a scope and schedule for remediation of issues?

The EA document will detail project impacts and remediation of the impacts as well as coordination with the appropriate agencies in determining mitigation and minimization.

### When will the EA be released to the public? How can the public obtain a copy of the document?

The EA document will be available to the public on the project website, <http://mta.maryland.gov/marc-maintenance-facility>, and several copies will be made available at the Cecil County Library. The EA is expected to be available to the public in the Fall of 2014.



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### How can the community comment on the project?

The community can provide comments to the MTA during community meetings, by sending an email or letter or by telephoning the MTA using the contact information below:

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