

Potomac Yard Metrorail Station Update

Park and Recreation Commission
October 15, 2015



Background

- Last presentation to Park and Recreation Commission was May 7, 2015
- City Council adopted the preferred alternative, Alternative B, on May 20, 2015
 - Support high-density mix of uses
 - Support adjacent communities
 - Economic development, and regional benefit
- Option 2 for construction access – No driveways from the Parkway
- Mitigation framework for impacts to the George Washington Memorial Parkway
- EIS process is now in the Final EIS phase

Alternative B



Park Impacts

Potomac Yard Park

- Station entrance
- Pedestrian/bike bridge landing
- Temporary construction staging
- Development Special Use Permit Amendment

Potomac Greens Park

- Metrorail station
- Station entrance
- Pedestrian/bike bridge landing
- Temporary construction staging
- Development Special Use Permit Amendment
- George Washington Memorial Parkway Mitigation/Net Benefits Framework



Park Impacts

George Washington Memorial Parkway Mitigation/Net Benefits Framework

- Exchange of 13 acres of City land for 0.16 acres of NPS land
- Planting to screen station
- NPS participation in station design
- Potomac Potomac Yard height, lighting, signage protection
- Stormwater management plan and improvements
- Daingerfield Island master plan and improvements
- Improvements to Mount Vernon Trail
- Total \$12 Million





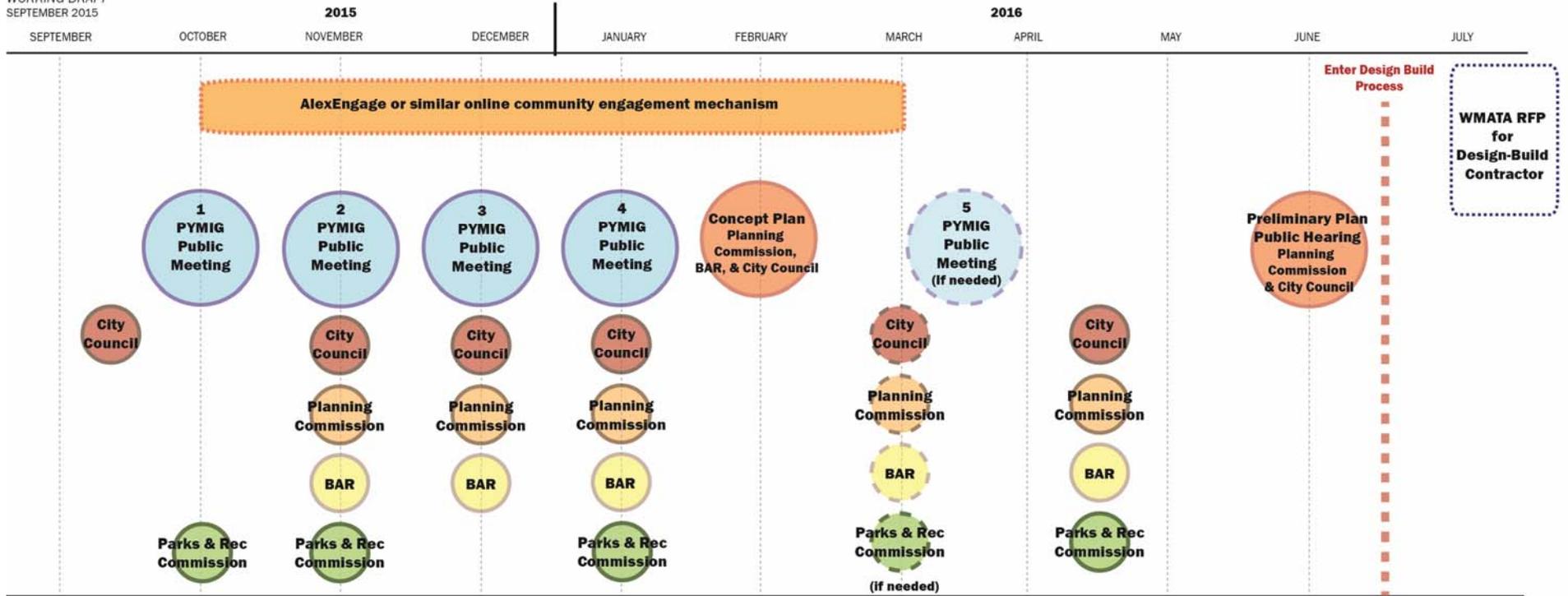
Proposed Design Process

- WMATA will be using a design-build process to design and construct the station.
- A design team of City staff, representatives from WMATA and NPS will provide direction to design consultants
- Staff is recommending a design approval process that will provide for thorough community engagement and ensure compliance with all City approval requirements.
- Regular updates will be given to City Council.
- Meetings with City boards and commissions will be included.
- The Potomac Yard Metrorail Implementation Work Group (PYMIG) will be the primary forum for community input.

Proposed Design Process Framework



POTOMAC YARD METRO RAIL STATION PROCESS FRAMEWORK
 WORKING DRAFT
 SEPTEMBER 2015



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Note: This framework is a working draft and is subject to change



Park and Recreation Commission Engagement

- Regular Commission Updates and Presentations
 - November
 - January
 - February
 - March
 - April
- Development Special Use Permit Amendment
- PYMIG Representative



PYMIG

- PYMIG has been restructured to enable flexibility in its responsibilities.
 - Review and provide input on Environmental Impact Statement documents
 - Provide input on project design
 - Receive updates on funding issues related to the new Metrorail station
 - Facilitate discussion of construction mitigation for community impacts during construction
- Will see the project through design and construction to station opening.
- Membership will include two members of City Council, one representative each from Planning Commission, Transportation Commission, Park and Recreation Commission, a community representative from each both the east and west neighborhoods of Potomac Yard, one business representative and two at-large community members
- Next PYMIG meeting is October 28.



Questions?

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