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Re: Potomac Yard Metro
March 2020 Noise Variance for After-Hours Construction

Residents:

Potomac Yard Constructors (PYC) has been issued a noise variance permit for after-hours construction. The scope of work, which includes installation of track monitoring equipment along WMATA rail lines and security fencing, requires access to the site outside of Metro hours of operation.

Dates of work and anticipated activities:

March 6 – 8, 2020: Installation of track monitoring equipment

March 13 – 15, 2020: Installation of track monitoring equipment and construction of security fencing

March 20 – 22, 2020: Construction of security fencing

Hours Permitted: 9 PM – 6 AM; Construction is anticipated to occur between midnight and 4AM. Activity prior to and after this period will be used for site preparation and restoration.

Activity: Installation of track monitoring equipment

Location: Equipment will be staged near the PYC construction trailers located between WMATA and CSX rail lines. Track activity monitoring equipment will be installed along the existing WMATA tracks adjacent to the Carpenter Road site.

What Residents Can Expect: Work will be completed using hand tools. Residents closest to the tracks may hear some work noise and conversation-level discussion if outside or if windows are open. Lighting will be positioned to minimize illumination towards the residences.

Activity: Construction of security fencing

Location: Equipment will be staged inside the Carpenter Road site access point. The fence will be installed to the east along the perimeter of the wetlands to north of the A/C Switchgear building.

What Residents Can Expect: Work will not occur immediately adjacent to homes; however, work will require material movement, so the back-up beeper from construction vehicles will be audible. Additionally, a diesel air compressor and pneumatic post drivers are required to drive fence posts. The air compressor will emit a low-level drone. The sound of post drivers is rhythmic and will occur in short durations. PYC indicated it will prioritize the fence installation process to minimize sound impacts to residents as much as possible. Lighting will be positioned to minimize illumination towards the residences.

Delivery of Materials:

Materials will be delivered to the site during the day and during the hours permitted by the noise variance via official construction vehicles. Flatbed trucks may be used to deliver fencing material. Dump trucks will not be used.

During these activities Matt Prpich with Potomac Yard Constructors will be on site and can be contacted at the following 201.713.6429.

If you have any questions about these activities, please contact the City Inspector Brian Whiteley at 703.656.6025 during regular City business hours.