



## OFFICE OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

**Marc Elrich**  
*County Executive*

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Mr. Paul Smedburg, Chair  
WMATA Board of Directors  
600 Fifth Street, NW  
Washington, DC 20001

Dear Chairman Smedburg,

On behalf of Montgomery County, Maryland I am submitting this letter to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to request the renaming of the *White Flint* Metro Station in North Bethesda, Maryland. The desired name by community consensus is *North Bethesda*.

In 2010, Montgomery County completed a comprehensive update to the White Flint Sector Plan. Since that time, much has changed in North Bethesda including the former White Flint Mall which was dismantled between 2017 and 2020. A key goal for the community – both residential and business - is identity; and White Flint is no longer a relevant name or term used.

Beginning in 2020, the County collaborated in station retitling efforts with the Greater Bethesda Chevy Chase Chamber of Commerce, the Friends of White Flint, the White Flint Downtown Advisory Committee, and other community leaders. A public meeting, sponsored by the above groups as well as the County Executive and the District One Councilmember Andrew Friedson, was held on March 31, 2021 where the new designation of *North Bethesda* was selected.

Thanks to our State Delegates in Districts 16 and 18, we have secured \$250,000 towards the renaming costs. In addition, the County will contribute \$50,000, and there is a commitment that remaining costs will be paid by the key property owners in the immediate White Flint Station vicinity.

Thank you for your consideration of this appeal. The point of contact in my office is Pete Fosselman, 240-997-6989, [peter.fosselman@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:peter.fosselman@montgomerycountymd.gov). I look forward to working with you and the WMATA Board of Directors.

Sincerely,

Marc Elrich  
County Executive

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Andrew Friedson, County Council  
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Pete Fosselman, Montgomery County  
Charles Scott, WMATA