

TELL THE COUNTY COUNCIL:

PREVENT ESCALATOR DISASTER AT BETHESDA METRO

Metro has announced plans to rebuild the escalators at the Bethesda Metro station in 2014.

The escalators will be rebuilt one at a time. But with one escalator shut down, every breakdown of the other two escalators - which we know will be frequent - will create an intolerable situation in the Metro station. The one remaining escalator must be turned into a stairway, with riders walking up and down single file. One stairway simply doesn't have enough space - and many riders can't handle the 275-foot climb at all.

A solution is at hand. The County Council has already appropriated money to build another entrance at the south end of the station. A bank of high-speed elevators will go up to the sidewalk at the corner of Wisconsin Avenue and Elm Street - much like the south entrance at Friendship Heights. After the future Purple Line opens, the elevators will make a third stop at the Purple Line tunnel under Wisconsin Avenue.

Engineers working for the Maryland Transit Administration are nearly finished with the design of the new entrance. But construction is not scheduled until 2015. **Write to the County Council and tell them that the new entrance must be built immediately, so that it opens before the escalators are rebuilt.**

Send your email to **county.council@montgomerycountymd.gov** or mail in the coupon on the left. If you want to help more, use the coupon on the right to join the Action Committee for Transit, Montgomery County's citizen advocates for better transit.

For more information:

http://www.actfortransit.org/purple_Bethesda.html

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Don't allow an escalator disaster at the Bethesda Metro. Build the new south entrance to the Metro station now, before the existing escalators are rebuilt.

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I support transit in Montgomery County. Count me in as a member. Enclosed are my \$10 dues.

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