



Impact Statement for Woodlawn Community Association

Woodlawn is an established community adjacent to the Baltimore Washington Parkway. The Maglev will impact our community in a negative way.

Firstly, we will be impacted by the construction of tunnels underneath our homes. We've heard estimates that this construction will take years to complete which will be disruptive to our quality of life. It will also be disruptive to the wildlife who live in the woods that surround our neighborhood.

When we've asked Maglev representatives about structural damage to our properties due to construction we've never received a straight answer. We are concerned that the homes that we have invested in for decades — many of our neighbors have lived in Woodlawn for 30-plus years — will be uninsurable and possibly uninhabitable.

We are also concerned about the environmental impact of Maglev. The amount of electrical power needed to create the magnetic field to levitate a train and push it 300-plus miles per hour will be more than what is currently structurally available in our neighborhood at this time. We are concerned that the amount of power sources that will need to be built will be nearby our homes and cause health problems for us over time.

We are also concerned about the ventilation structures Maglev plans to build in our community. We don't know what will be ventilated into our air and we don't know how what will be ventilated will impact our health.

Secondly, for the years of disruption there is no benefit to Woodlawn for this train's construction. We are currently in the midst of the Purple Line construction and it has its challenges. However, when the Purple Line is finished, everyone who lives in Woodlawn will have access to a Purple Line train station within our neighborhood or nearby where we live.

Maglev, on the other hand, has no such benefit. For example, if you live in Woodlawn and work in Baltimore, Maglev is not a commuting option for you. You would have to go to DC by Metro or drive, get to a Maglev station in the interior of DC during rush hour, and then board a Maglev train to travel to work. By the time all of this has occurred, you have already spent at **least 45 minutes commuting in the opposite direction of your destination**. The most you will have saved is maybe 15 minutes on your average commute of 45 minutes or an hour. And most importantly, you were not removed from the heavy congestion here in this area as you have to rely on the existing congested roads and Metro to get to the Maglev train.

Maglev is not an alternative to anyone's commute who lives in the DC or Baltimore areas and it needs to stop being referred to as such.

Maglev serves no purpose for the residents of Woodlawn and the "no build" option is the only right solution for our community.