

MTA SCMAGLEV OPEN HOUSES - ALTERNATIVES

HOW TO EFFECTIVELY COMMENT

It is important to provide MTA **written** comments on the alternatives they are presenting at the upcoming public meetings. They will not count anything said at the public meetings as an official comment.

Below are some tips for providing effective comments:

1. **DO NOT RANT!** Your key points will get lost in long winded comments, and MTA can't respond to emotional comments (e.g. "This will ruin my life")
2. Provide fact based comments on why the alternatives shown are inadequate and unacceptable.
3. The more factual support you can provide, the more seriously your comments will be taken.
4. Comment on alternatives that MTA is not considering and why they should study these alternatives (e.g. MTA must study the Amtrak NEXGen Acela train. It is a viable alternative for reliable, quick travel between Washington DC and Baltimore, and the first phase will be online by 2021.)
5. Point out problems with the alternatives screening process (info on screening is available at <http://bwmaglev.info/index.php/april-2017-open-house-boards>). Screening criteria was strictly set to accommodate only the SCMaglev train and not other technologies (i.e. Only the SCMaglev can pass the impossible tests they set).
6. Comment on the public involvement (or lack thereof) and point out that citizens were not given property opportunity to comment on the scope of the project and the alternatives.