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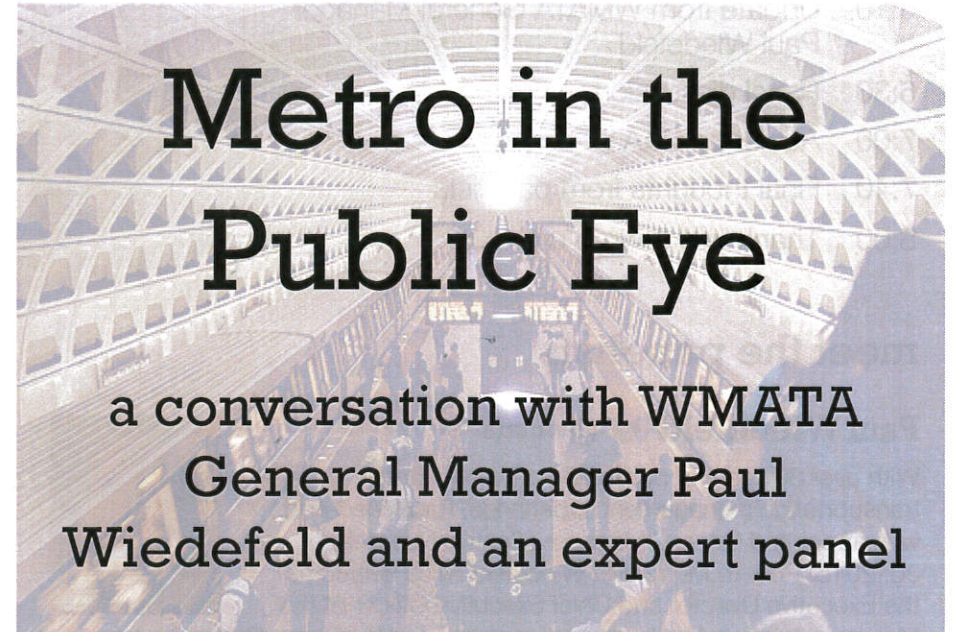


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Tuesday, September 20, 2016
6:00 - 8:00 PM

Georgetown University
SCS Auditorium
640 Massachusetts Ave NW



#WMATAchat

tonight's program

- 6:00 Welcome
- 6:10 Update from WMATA General Manager Paul Wiedefeld
- 6:30 Panel discussion
- 7:00 Audience Q&A
- 7:40 Final thoughts from panelists
- 8:00 Thank you & wrap up

meet the panelists

Paul Wiedefeld @wmata

With over 30 years of public and private sector transportation management experience, Paul Wiedefeld was appointed General Manager effective November 30, 2015. Prior to Metro, Mr. Wiedefeld twice served as the Executive Director and Chief Executive Officer of the Maryland Aviation Administration, managing BWI Airport. During his tenure, Mr. Wiedefeld managed the largest expansion in BWI's history, including a 26-gate terminal for Southwest Airlines. From 2007-2009, he served as Administrator of the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), managing day-to-day operations of the nation's 13th largest transit system, including commuter rail, subway, light rail, buses and paratransit. Wiedefeld holds a degree in Political Science from Towson University and a Master's degree in City and Regional Planning from Rutgers.



Martin Di Caro @martindicaro

Martin Di Caro has been WAMU's transportation reporter since February 2012. He covers local, regional, and national issues facing the residents of the heavily-congested, transit-rich Washington metropolitan area. His work often focuses on the intersection of transportation, land use, and public policy, and he has become the foremost journalist covering Metro. Martin has regularly appeared on Fox5 as an expert analyst. He also works for the AP Radio Network in DC and New York.



Neil Albert @neilalbertDC

Neil O. Albert joined the DowntownDC Business Improvement District (BID) as President and Executive Director in 2015. He is a former senior policy advisor for Holland & Knight's Public Policy & Regulation Practice Group. Previously, Neil served as city administrator and as deputy mayor for planning and economic development for Mayor Adrian Fenty. Neil currently serves as vice president of the board of library trustees and chair of the facilities committee for the Martin Luther King, Jr. Memorial Library, located in the BID.



Jackie Jeter @ATULocal689

Jackie L. Jeter is President and Business Agent of ATU Local 689, which represents more than 12,000 operators, mechanics and clerical workers of WMATA, as well over 500 paratransit and streetcar workers in the DC region. She took office in January 2007, making history as the first African American woman to head the local since its founding 100 years ago. Her leadership is backed by over 35 years of invaluable rank-in-file experience operating Metro buses, trains and the rail interlocking system.



Stewart Schwartz @csgstewart

Stewart Schwartz is the founding Executive Director of the Coalition for Smarter Growth, the leading nonprofit advocacy group working for a more walkable, transit-oriented and inclusive DC region. He serves on the board of the Virginia Conservation Network where he leads efforts to reform state transportation policies and funding. Mr. Schwartz has worked for the President's Council on Sustainable Development, the Land Trust Alliance, and the Southern Environmental Law Center, and as a volunteer for the Chesapeake Bay Foundation.



Uwe Brandes @UweBrandes moderator

Uwe S. Brandes has over 20 years of experience in the planning, design and construction of new buildings, public infrastructure and the urban landscape. He is the founding Executive Director of the Masters Program in Urban and Regional Planning at Georgetown University.

