

Hi my name is Lemia Taylor. I live in Plainfield Ave and I am a student of Baltimore Design School where I'm in 9th grade.

I'm here today to share how public transportation has impacted my education. I chose to testify today because public transportation impacts my life. When the buses come late it causes me to get home around 6pm. This takes away from time I could be doing homework and I don't get to have as much time to be by myself when my classwork is done.

The bus will sometimes take a lot of time to come and when I finally get off it is pretty dark. The bus being too full means it passes or comes late. Sometimes the buses pass my stop and I have to walk past empty buildings in the dark. I try to avoid places and people that make me feel unsafe and I do not like to walk home from the bus when it is not light outside.

Sometimes I get home so late due and I have not completed my school assignments. Also because I don't trust that I would be safe on the bus after dark, I do not participate in after-school activities. If the MTA built routes and services around student riders like me then I would not miss anything or be late on homework. It would allow me to get home and to school safely. This is also why I believe that the MTA should have seats on its MTA Citizens Advisory Committee that is saved for City Schools students.