

HOTELS:

Courtyard by Marriott Downtown: 301-589-4899

Hampton Inn: (301) 588-5887

Hilton Silver Spring: 301-589-5200

Crowne Plaza: 301-589-0800

If you look for other lodging, NOAA's proximity to Metro means that staying in downtown DC is an option. However, please know that Silver Spring covers a very large area and some hotels listed in Silver Spring on websites may be 5+ miles away. Also, be aware there are also other close hotels that may be cheaper but they are not recommended because of safety concerns. If you need further assistance please contact me.

AIR TRANSPORTATION:

The greater DC metro area is served by three airports, all of which are easily accessible from Silver Spring.

Reagan National Airport: 14 miles from Silver Spring; taxi is ~\$40 but also served by Metro rail for \$3

Baltimore-Washington International Airport: 30 miles from Silver Spring; taxi is ~\$80 but you could also use the blue SuperShuttle vans (www.supershuttle.com or 800-BLUEVAN)

Washington Dulles International Airport: 30 miles from Silver Spring; taxi is ~\$8 but you could also use the blue SuperShuttle vans for approximately (www.supershuttle.com or 800-BLUEVAN)

DIRECTIONS TO THE SILVER SPRING METRO COMPLEX (SSMC):

NOAA's SSMC is a series of 4 tall buildings adjacent to the Metro station in downtown Silver Spring. **The Wireless Weather Services Forum and Partners/Family of Services Meeting will be held in SSMC3 (see map below) which has a statue of a hand in front of it.**

SSMC3 has two different banks of elevators that you'll be using to get to the meeting. When you enter the SSMC3 building, take the elevator to level 1 and check in at the security desk. Then, take the elevator behind the security area to level 4.

BY METRO (subway): NOAA SSMC is on the Metro Red Line at the Silver Spring stop (Glenmont direction from DC). If you are coming from downtown Washington, DC, take the escalator nearest the back of the train. If you're coming south from Wheaton, take the escalator nearest the front of the train. Exit on the left side of the station. Walk between the two buildings (SSMC1 and SSMC2) and proceed turn left up the hill to SSMC3.

FROM DOWNTOWN SILVER SPRING HOTELS: To walk, ask directions to the Silver Spring Metro station; NOAA is on the opposite side of the station from downtown. Some hotels also have shuttle vans to the metro station and there is a free big purple

shuttle van called VANGO that runs continuously from 7 to 7 that stops in front of the NOAA buildings.

BY CAR:

Please note that there is very limited metered parking available under SSMC3. Most of the spaces require monthly parking passes.

From I-495 (the DC Beltway)

Exit at 30-B (Colesville Rd/Rt 29 South).

Follow Colesville Road in the center lane until you reach downtown Silver Spring. Cross Georgia Avenue, then merge into the left lane.

Make a left at the light onto East-West Highway (Rt 410).

At the third building, with the statue of a hand in front, make a left into the Garage.

From Reagan National Airport

Take I-395 North to Washington

Take 12th Street Exit and turn right on 16th Street.

Turn Right on Colesville Road (Rt 29 North)

At the third building, with the statue of a hand in front, make a left into the Garage.

From Baltimore Washington Intl Airport

Take I-195 West to I-95 South.

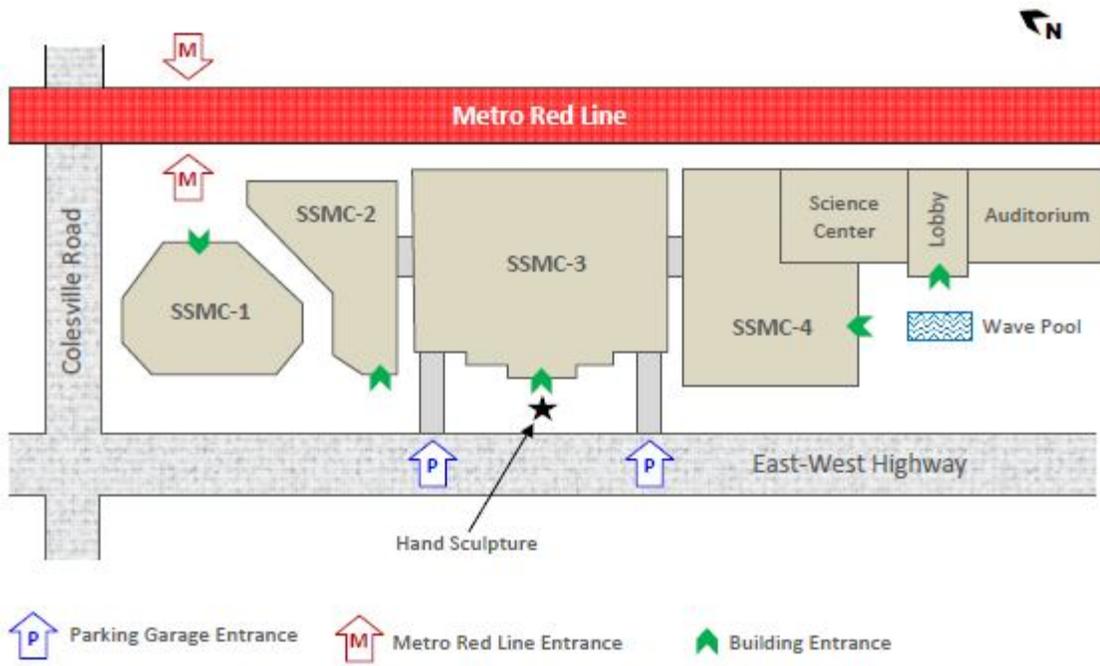
Take I-495 West To Silver Spring

Exit at 30-B (Colesville Rd/Rt 29 South).

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SSMC-1
1335 East-West Hwy

SSMC-2
1325 East-West Hwy

SSMC-4
1305 East-West Hwy
The Auditorium and Science Center are to the right of this building, set back from the street, behind the wave pool.

SSMC-3
1315 East-West Hwy

The Hand Sculpture is directly in front of the entrance to SSMC-3.

