

**University Boulevard CAT Meeting
Langley Park Community Center
11/14/17**

Question: Can you name the stations on University Blvd?

Response: Takoma/Langley Transit Center and Riggs Road (Piney Branch at University Blvd and Adelphi Rd/UMUC stations are just outside of the perimeter for this group.)

Question: Are the utility poles going to be pushed back from the edge of the road or eliminated?

Response: Utility poles will generally be relocated farther from the road but the design is not finalized and some additional poles may be required or some poles eliminated.

Question: Why can't the power lines be relocated underground?

Response: Relocating power lines underground would be very expensive, and this cost is not in the project budget.

Question: Many people cross University Boulevard between Riggs Road and 15th Street. Is the project adding any more pedestrian crosswalks?

Response: No, the Purple Line project is not adding more cross walks, but we will be adding more fencing in the median of the road to keep people from crossing in the middle of the block.

Question: Is the fence at the transit center going to remain?

Response: It will be taken down and replaced.

Question: Will there be fencing at each station?

Response: Yes, for safety to prevent jaywalking and encourage pedestrians to cross safely at the signalized intersections.

Question: What is the interface between the Takoma/Langley Purple Line Station and the existing transit center?

Response: The Takoma/Langley Purple Line Station will be in the median of University Blvd, just west of the New Hampshire Avenue intersection. There are marked crosswalks, as well as traffic signals, at both the eastern and western ends of the station platform that people may cross to access the Transit Center.

Question: Do the tracks widen out at the station? How wide are the station platforms?

Response: The tracks widen out where center platforms are used; both stations in this CAT area are center platform. Center platforms are approximately 15' wide.

Question: Metro has two-hour free transfers. Will Purple Line have a two-hour transfer with SmartTrip card?

Response: Purple Line will have flat fares (not mileage based) but the transfer policy has not yet been set.

Question: From Riggs to Adelphi, what's going to happen to the service roads along University Blvd? (Lewisdale)

Response: Some service roads are staying, some will be removed.

Question: Can you provide details and a point-person for local businesses?

Response: The goal for both MTA & PLTP is to help businesses sustain through construction and to minimize construction impacts to business operations. We will work closely with businesses to accommodate deliveries, as well as provide signage to indicate that businesses are open. Access to the businesses will always be maintained. For general questions, businesses may contact Simone Johnson at 240-714-5422 or via email at SJohnson20@mta.maryland.gov. For construction-related questions, businesses may contact Rebecca Romine at Rebecca.Romine@pltcllc.com.

Question: What will happen with the traffic lights along University Boulevard?

Response: All traffic signals along University Boulevard will be reconstructed and brought up to current SHA standards.

Question: How far do the bike lanes extend?

Response: Bike lanes extend the full length of University Boulevard.

Question: At what point does MD State Highway Administration (SHA) get involved?

Response: SHA has been involved in planning, design, review, and right-of-way acquisition on behalf of the MTA.

Question: Can we estimate how long construction will take place along University Boulevard?

Response: Construction will take place from approximately 2018 – 2021.

Question: Green buffer, how do we determine where landscaping will go?

Response: The project landscape plan is currently being finalized. Landscaping is being incorporated where there is room and is needed for storm water management

Question: Who does City of Takoma Park talk to about relocation of benches?

Response: The best contact for this would be Rebecca Romine at Purple Line Transit Constructors at Rebecca.Romine@pltcllc.com .

Question: Takoma Park has been working on a streetscape project, are there any other amenities we the project can add? Are we taking into consideration what Takoma Park is already doing?

Response: The Purple Line budget covers a specific scope in terms of landscaping, plantings and streetscaping. Additional landscaping and streetscaping would have to be funded by other sources (such as County, City or Federal funds).

Question: What will happen with bus stops on University Blvd?

Response: Bus stops will be temporarily relocated during construction, but put back once the Purple Line construction is complete.