



Riverdale-Glenridge-New Carrollton CAT Meeting #7
Online presentation – December 15, 2020
Questions & Responses

Below is the list of questions and responses discussed during the December 15, 2020, online CAT presentation.

Question: Do you expect any portions of the project design to change now under the settlement agreement?

Response: The Purple Line does not expect any designs to change.

Question: It is possible to accelerate completion of certain infrastructure in and around the project that is disruptive to the community?

Response: The state is evaluating construction across the alignment, including areas of local community priority. MDOT MTA is actively working with design, construction, and manufacturing contractors to keep the project moving forward. Our focus is on completing design, permitting, and any unfinished work, first with paving, stormwater, drainage, and other utility projects now underway along the Purple Line corridor. We remain committed to continue working with the community and local businesses to collaborate and find opportunities to minimize any impacts to the best of our ability. If the state is reasonably able to advance work beyond utilities using the available pool of contractors, the state will do so.

Question: What is the prospect for seeking additional federal assistance, with the upcoming change in executive leadership at the federal level?

Response: The federal participation in the Purple Line project includes \$900 million in a Full-Funding Grant Agreement and access to Transportation Infrastructure Finance and Innovation Act (TIFIA) loans. The state is not anticipating additional federal assistance for the Purple Line.

Question: What new general timelines can we expect for completion of various aspects of the project?

Response: The state will manage Purple Line construction until the new design-build contractor is on board. We do not have a new timeline at this moment.

Question: When do you anticipate having a new construction partner on board to replace Fluor?

Response: The state expects the concessionaire will hire a new design-build contractor within the year. [Please refer to the [Jan. 8, 2021 PLTP Press Release](#) for current information]

Question: Will the vibrations from the train be felt along the train route?

Response: Because the Purple Line primarily runs at ground level and atop wood ties, there will be little to no vibrations.

Question: What is the Glenridge Mall bridge? When will it open?

Response: Prior to construction, there was a joint access to the Glenridge Shopping Center and the Prince George's County Parks maintenance facility, the latter of which was replaced by our Glenridge Operations & Maintenance Facility (OMF). That access point was closed and will be replaced by a bridge a few hundred feet to the east that will allow public access to the Glenridge Shopping Center from Veterans Parkway (MD 410), as well as to the OMF, over the Purple Line tracks. This new access point will be a signalized intersection. We do not yet have an opening date for the bridge.

Question: At the intersection of Annapolis Road (MD 450) and Veterans Parkway (MD 410), on the westbound side of Annapolis Road over the sidewalk by the Glenridge Shopping Center sign there is a hanging wire. Can you please have your team get that hanging utility wire taken care of?

Response: We promised during the meeting that our construction team would investigate the hanging wire. Ultimately, they found it was not related to the Purple Line. The issue was shared with the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration (MDOT SHA), and the wire was removed.

Question: The intersection of Annapolis Road (MD 450) and Veterans Parkway (MD 410) is still a mess with metal plates, rocks in the roadway, rough patches, etc. When will that intersections be smoothed out with permanent patches? Please have the subcontractors on a daily basis make sure the roads don't have debris. Very rough on cars/tires.

Response: We want to address rough spots with temporary patches. Because of the amount of utility relocations taking place, it will be quite a while before permanent resurfacing is done.

Question: Is the artwork finalized for the Glenridge Station? If not, can we provide feedback or is past that stage?

Response: All the designs are, in effect, finalized. Some of the art involves stand-in photographs of scenery and individuals, which will be replaced by the artist with photography that reflects the area and residents.

Question: Any update on reopening/allowing partial access from Ellin Road to Veterans Parkway (MD-410)?

Response: We do not yet have a concrete schedule for reopening of Ellin Road.

Question: Regarding the artists chosen for the Prince George's County station locations, how many of the artist are from Prince George's County. If none of the Artists are from Prince George's County, why not?

Response: The Purple Line set up Art-in-Transit committees in both counties with representatives from county government, local businesses, and residents. The artists were selected from around the world.

After the meeting, we found that the art selection committees also included representatives from the MDOT MTA, PLTP and professional artists. Also, of the nearly 90 artists who were considered semi-finalists, 20 were from Maryland. Selected artists from Maryland and vicinity include those from Baltimore (Riverdale Park North-UMD, Piney Branch Road and Riggs Road stations), Cambridge (Takoma-Langley station); Mount Rainier (Beacon Heights-East Pines station), Phoenix (Lyttonsville station); Smithsburg (Connecticut Avenue station); Towson (16th Street-Woodside station); Upper Marlboro (Lyttonsville station); and Washington, DC (Silver Spring Metro station). You can view their renderings on the project website: [Purple Line Art-In-Transit](#).

Question: Can you tell us more about the new Riverdale Park-Kenilworth Station Art-in-Transit piece?

Response: The rendering of the new Riverdale Park-Kenilworth Station artwork is available on our website, along with the 21 other designs: [Purple Line Art-In-Transit](#).

