



**Silver Spring CAT Meeting #11  
Virtual Meeting – October 10, 2023  
Questions & Responses**

Below is a summary of questions and responses discussed during the October 10, 2023, virtual Community Advisory Team (CAT) presentation.

**Question: When will the Wayne Avenue traffic shift take place?**

Response: We are in a maintenance of traffic shift now (as Wayne Avenue is reduced to one lane in each direction) for the foreseeable future. Once the storm drain and overhead catenary system foundations are installed, we'll progress to the next phase, but it will not be in the near future.

**Question: Will the presentation be shared after the meeting?**

Response: Yes, the presentation and a recording of this meeting have been posted to our website under Community Advisory Team Meetings [here](#).

**Question: Is there something else that can be added to slow drivers down to acknowledge the crosswalk at Springvale Road and Wayne Avenue?**

Response: We are looking into this concern to determine if any more can be done with our partners at the State Highway Administration. Currently, there is a crosswalk and pedestrian sign with orange flags on it.

**Question: When will the north end of the Colesville flyover be connected to grade at the Falkland apartments?**

Response: We're coordinating with the appropriate third-party stakeholders to perform his work. Our hopes are by the end of this year we'll have all the approvals needed to begin construction of the wall to support the flyover.

**Question: How was the decision made about the amount that would be offered for the Beyond the Rails grant? Was research done about business rent along the alignment to determine this amount?**

Response: This grant program is more geared toward community groups and non-profits for projects. There are other grant programs through the State and Montgomery County that focus on supporting businesses.

**Question: What is the timing of track placement from Silver Spring Station to Dale Drive?**

Response: That construction activity will not be performed until we are in phase 3. We are currently in phase 1. This will not occur until after the storm drain is installed and roadway widening has been completed. Friendly reminder, we are focused on construction over the next 6 months, and there will be more to come on this topic at future CAT meetings.

**Question: Is there a way to get the crosswalk at Georgia Avenue and Bonifant Avenue reinstated? People are crossing despite the lack of crosswalk.**

Response: We do not believe that is a viable option at this time.

**Question: Who can I contact about construction related issues in my house? Who can I contact to learn exactly when there will be construction outside of my house and the details?**

Response: Please contact our outreach hotline at 443-451-3706 (443-451-3705 Español) or [outreach@purplelinemd.com](mailto:outreach@purplelinemd.com) for construction related issues affecting your house. Please also sign up for construction notifications to know what work is happening in your area [here](#).

**Question: Is there any additional noisy work anticipated for the Colesville Road flyover?**

Response: Work will continue on the Colesville Road flyover on a nightly basis as we are performing the work under nightly lane closures. We will continue installation of the metal deck pans, rebar, and placement of concrete through completion of the bridge deck. Those are not particularly noisy activities.

**Question: What is the graffiti plan for keeping the catenary poles clean? Can you keep them in bubble wrap to protect them?**

Response: We have to provide not only a clean and final product, but some of these items will be outfitted with anti-graffiti treatment to help with some of those concerns. We will look at minimizing vandalism. Once installed, if concerns are observed, you can report them to authorities or to the Outreach Team at [outreach@purplelinemd.com](mailto:outreach@purplelinemd.com).

**Question: Can signage be added on Georgia Avenue to let people know Bonifant Street businesses are open?**

Response: The Purple Line will support additional signage on Bonifant Street and Georgia Avenue, but additional coordination is required to address challenges due to space limitations in the area. The project is only able to put signage within our project's limit-of-disturbance, but we will work with our State and County partners to determine permissions for placing additional signage.

**Question: What is the current projected date for opening the Purple Line to the public?**

Response: The current projected timeframe for the project completion is Spring 2027.

**Question: The sidewalks along Wayne Avenue still have not been raised and are unsafe for pedestrians. What can be done to fix this and make sidewalks safer?**

Response: In advance of school starting this fall, Maryland Transit Solutions (MTS) made significant repairs and cleaned the work zone surrounding the schools adjacent to Wayne Avenue. As communicated shortly after the start of school, repairs to the sidewalk between Dale Drive and Mansfield Road were completed to elevate the sidewalk, creating a clearer delineation between the roadway and the sidewalk.

It is important to note that while the sidewalk between Mansfield Road and Sligo Creek Parkway is relatively narrow, it is in its original condition. Purple Line has replaced limited sections of sidewalk to previous conditions temporarily until the permanent reconstruction is completed. Due to work adjacent to the sidewalk between Mansfield Road and Sligo Creek Parkway and work within driveway aprons, the curb is not as prevalent as it once was to create a clear delineation between the roadway and sidewalk. MTS is reassessing the area to determine feasible repairs that can be implemented. We will work closely with MTS to evaluate their recommendations and follow through to implementation. Additionally, we will continue to update you with those recommendations and implementations.

The sidewalks along Wayne Avenue are in a temporary condition until the project progresses to the next stage of roadway widening and flat work, which consists of rebuilding the curb, gutter, and sidewalks. Safety is the Purple Line project's number one priority, and we will continue to make necessary adjustments to keep the community and our workers safe when traversing areas close to

active work zones.