Interim Georgetown Branch Trail (Future Capital Crescent Trail)

To construct the Purple Line Project, the Interim Georgetown Branch Trail will close for four to five years between Woodmont Avenue in Bethesda and Talbot Avenue in Silver Spring. The trail will be closed starting Tuesday, September 5, 2017.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q. Why does the interim Georgetown Branch Trail need to be closed?

A. The Purple Line alignment coincides with the existing Interim Georgetown Branch Trail. It will not be safe to use the trail during construction of the Purple Line and the new Capital Crescent trail.

Q. How long will the Georgetown Branch Trail be closed?

A. The trail will be closed until construction of the Purple Line is complete, approximately four to five years.

Q. Why is the alternate bike trail routed along Jones Bridge Road and not through neighborhood streets?

A. The Town of Chevy Chase and other local jurisdictions approval to use neighborhood streets has not been granted at this time. We continue to work with these jurisdictions to gain their approval for another southern alternate bike trail route that utilizes neighborhood streets.

Q. The Interim Georgetown Branch Trail does not run along streets with vehicular traffic. Why does the interim route run along streets with vehicular traffic?

A. No comparable off-street route exists between Bethesda and Silver Spring. It is recommended that recreational trail users seeking an off-street experience consider other trails such as the Rock Creek Trail or Capital Crescent Trail. For more information please check out Montgomery County's Bike Map Viewer available at http://bikemap.montgomerycountymd.gov/ or for download on your iPhone from Apple's App Store. Simply search for MoCo BikeMap.