

College Park/M Square CAT Meeting College Park Community Center 10/26/17

Question: What does "train communication" mean?

Response: Train communication refers to the system of cabling, signaling, and other systems that allow trains to communicate location, speed, and other information with the Operations Control Center.

Question: What about bus stops and parking in the neighborhoods during construction?

Response: Any bus stops impacted by construction will be coordinated with the University of Maryland or Prince George's County. The contractor is not permitted to park equipment or worker's vehicles on residential streets.

Question: West of M Square, there is new development at the intersection; is that Purple Line?

Response: These are separate developments not related to the Purple Line.

Question: Will there be permit-only parking available?

Response: Information and the application for parking permits may be found at: https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2448/Residential-Parking-Permit.

Question: Is the project closing River Road and Campus Drive at some point?

Response: Traffic will be maintained on these roads during construction, but various changing lane closure patterns may restrict the number of open lanes or directions of travel. Campus Drive between Route 1 and the Metro Station will be closed over a summer, possibly two, the first of which being 2019. The road will be closed the day after UMD Spring Commencement and will be opened back up before the start of UMD fall move-in. Please note this schedule is subject to change.

Question: Will the five stations near UMD be free for students and faculty?

Response: Yes, it will be free with UMD ID.

Question: Will Purple Line use the same SmartTrip card as WMATA Metro?

Response: At this point, we don't know if it will be the same SmartTrip card, but if it is different, it will be compatible with the WMATA system.

Question: Is the bike path designed finalized?

Response: There will be a bike path that extends through campus from Presidential Drive to Route 1. The project is currently coordinating the design of that bike path with University of Maryland to make it as safe as possible.

Question: Will there be flyers for major closures? Will there be notifications for populations w/o access to internet, smartphone, etc?

Response: There will be notification at least 30 days in advance for major road closures. We will not be distributing printed flyers, but the public is strongly encouraged to sign up for electronic notifications at http://www.purplelinemd.com/construction/sign-up-for-updates/. They will be made available in PDF format for easy printing. Also, PLTP is currently investigating adding robocalls (to a landline phone) as yet another method to notify populations without access to the internet or cell phone.