



Silver Spring CAT Meeting
Silver Spring International Middle School
10/25/2018

Silver Spring Transit Center

How will commuter rail be affected when construction begins at the Silver Spring Transit Center?

Response: Metro, bus and MARC operations will be maintained throughout Purple Line construction. The Purple Line team coordinates regularly with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) and local bus operators.

How will pedestrians move from the Purple Line to the Metro Red Line at the Silver Spring Transit Center?

Response: An elevator as well as stairs from the PL station will lead to the lower level of the Transit Center. Sidewalks and cross walks on the upper level will also lead passengers to the Metro platform.

Bonifant Street Area

When will work begin on East Bonifant St.?

Response: Work on Bonifant will begin as soon as design plans are approved. The projected start date on Bonifant is Spring 2019.

Do the utility relocations on Bonifant St. include Georgia Avenue?

Response: Properties adjacent to Bonifant on Georgia Avenue are included in the design; however, plans have not been approved.

What is the pedestrian access for businesses that front on Georgia Avenue and park on Bonifant Street?

Response: There will be no direct pedestrian access from Georgia Avenue to Ramsey via Bonifant West. There are three alternate routes while the area is an active Work Zone:

- Pedestrians can park at the Wayne Avenue garage
- Walk from Ripley around to Georgia Avenue
- Walk from Dixon to Wayne Ave to Georgia Avenue



- Local access maintained for parking garages and office buildings

Wayne Avenue & Silver Spring International Middle School (SSIMS)

Will there be additional pedestrian crossings on Wayne Avenue?

Response: New crosswalks will be built at Mansfield Road and Wayne Avenue, as well as to the paved trail at Sligo Creek.

Regarding stormwater management, are there two discharge points at SSIMS?

Response: Design plans show a dry pond in work zone one (school parking lot) that will drain into a sand filter. Additionally, planter boxes will be installed along Wayne Avenue to address run-off.

During construction, will sidewalks on both sides of Wayne Avenue be accessible?

Response: Sidewalks will be impacted at some point during construction. Pedestrian detours will be signed as necessary. There will always be one sidewalk open either on the north or the south depending what phase of work is occurring.

When will the Spring Street Bridge be impacted by construction?

Response: Spring Street Bridge will be one of the last bridges worked on, tentatively 2020.

Comment: Residents are deeply concerned about pedestrian safety to and from school. The area is congested for cars as well as pedestrians and bicyclists.

Response: Access is closely coordinated with the Montgomery County Schools and County Police; however, Carla Julian and PLTC will be happy to facilitate a meeting with the school PTA/PTSA groups as well.

How tall is the retaining wall in the middle parking lot at SSIMS?

Response: The wall is approximately 15 feet at the tallest point.

How will school grounds look at the completion of the project?

Response: Landscaping plans for the area are nearing final design. The Purple Line will continue to work with the school system officials to coordinate design with any future school expansion plans.

What are the plans for the Sligo Creek bridge? Will it close?

Response: At least one lane of traffic in each direction on the Wayne Avenue Bridge over Sligo Creek will be maintained. During construction, traffic on the bridge will shift to the south while the north side of the bridge is constructed, which will take approximately 10 months. There will be approximately four months of utility work and then traffic will switch north while the south side of the bridge is constructed which will take approximately 10 months. This work is currently planned to start sometime in the summer of 2019.

There is heavy traffic on the Sligo Creek trail. Will all pedestrians and bicyclists funnel to the same location to cross the road?

Response: As designed, all pedestrian and bicycle traffic will need to use the crosswalk at Sligo Creek and Wayne Avenue. Plans have not been finalized with Montgomery County Park and Planning and the project will work to address the community's concerns.

Can the community get a speed camera installed in the vicinity of SSIMS due to speeding cars?

Response: Camera (Automated Speed Enforcement) placements are determined by local law enforcement for School Zone ASE programs.