



Long Branch CAT Meeting #7
Online presentation – December 17, 2020
Questions & Responses

Below is the list of questions and responses discussed during the December 17, 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: What is the current overall timeline for completion?

Response: We will need to work out the overall timeline with the design-build contractor, once selected. We expect a selection within the year.

Question: Who was the previous design-build contractor? Who is the replacement?

Response: The previous design-build contractor was Purple Line Transit Constructors. The project concessionaire, Purple Line Transit Partners, will select the replacement.

Question: Is the Purple Line going to open in stages? If so, is there a timeline for when the Long Branch/Silver Spring section will open?

Response: At this time, the state has not taken a position with respect to phased opening. Through the solicitation with the new design-build contractor, we will work out the best schedule for delivery of the project.

Question: I didn't see the Manchester Place Art in Transit on the list of sites that have been executed. What's going on with that art project?

Response: If it is not listed as executed, contracts are still being signed. Artists are continuing to work towards installing their pieces at all 21 stations along the alignment.

Question: Late this afternoon, I sent a photo of the pedestrian walkway from Flower Avenue into the Giant parking lot. It is covered in ice. Who is responsible for the upkeep of this walkway? Who should we contact when there is an issue like this?

Response: Thank you for letting us know. We were able to address this issue during our CAT meeting. For future reports or concerns, you can let us know by calling the outreach hotline: (443) 451-3706 (English) or (443) 451-3705 (Spanish). Both lines are monitored by a live person.

Question: Can we see the finalized designs for stormwater management?

Response: We can make the designs available upon request. Please send us an email at outreach@purplelinemd.com.

Question: Will bus stops be relocated once the Purple Line is in service?

Response: The various bus operators in the region are responsible for the location of their bus stops. Decisions to reroute or remove bus stops following Purple Line revenue service would be made by the bus operators. During construction, the operators will notify the public of any relocation of bus stops.

Question: Can Piney Branch Road be restriped between Flower Avenue and University Boulevard? At Arliss Street, it's very dangerous and the lane moves.

Response: We do not currently plan to change the striping here, but we are going to install diagonal striping on the wide shoulder to better delineate that it is not a through lane.