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Your guide to Purple Line news,
information and events

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Message from Matt

Work on the Purple Line is progressing from New Carrollton to Bethesda. A common theme that runs through this work is building bridges.

In Prince George's County, the Purple Line Team is starting work to replace the eastbound bridge over the Anacostia River's Northwest Branch as we continue storm drain installation throughout the University Boulevard corridor.

Work also is advancing on replacement of a water main on Veterans Highway between Annapolis and Riverdale roads, and crews will wrap up work to the point that traffic on that stretch will be improved by the end of the year. You may have noticed us working on the aerial station at the corner of Kenilworth Avenue and Riverdale Road. Crews will later pour concrete and ultimately add a flyover crossing the intersection.

In Montgomery County, we are excited to report that work on the Sleaford Road underpass is complete and the pathway is open to the public. This is a popular bicycle and pedestrian route for people in the neighborhood to access Bethesda-Chevy Chase High School. Nearby, work continues to prepare the light rail bridge over Connecticut Avenue to Chevy Chase Lakes for concrete installation. Crews will later add an adjacent pedestrian bridge for the Capital Crescent Trail.

In Rock Creek, the team just completed a phase of concrete installation near Jones Mill Road on the light rail bridge over the trail. Check out our [progress video](#). Utility work is underway at the intersection of Jones Mill and Jones Bridge roads, where we'll later be adding a new sidewalk. And finally, as sewer line relocation continues near the future Dale Drive station, we have begun to open the temporary wall to the Manchester Place portal, where we'll later install rail inside the Plymouth Tunnel leading to Long Branch.

We will continue to provide regular updates in this space and on social media. As we prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving later this month, I want to say "thank you" to our dedicated employees and contractors who have kept this project advancing. In the not-too-distant future, residents will be able to take the Purple Line to their holiday visits with family and friends. I wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving.

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Construction Photo/Update:



From left to right: Crews complete the first of three concrete pours in the Montgomery County section of Rock Creek Park for the light rail bridge deck. Once completed, the elevated bridge carrying the Purple Line light rail vehicles and the pedestrian bridge will have an unobstructed view of the creek. Work continues on the Riverdale Park-Kenilworth elevated station, installing safety measures and wooden forms to make way for reinforced steel and pouring concrete. The station will connect to a flyover that crosses Kenilworth Avenue headed north.

Business Spotlight: Junction Jamaican

[Junction Jamaican Restaurant](#) opened in 2003 on Chillum Road in Hyattsville. What began as a market and eatery evolved into a restaurant because the owners felt it was a better fit for the community. The restaurant has been located at 1527 A University Blvd E in Langley Park since 2013.

Offering authentic cuisine, the restaurant is decorated in signature orange, yellow and green. Owners and brothers Ronald Freckleton and Patrick Campbell came to America from Jamaica in 1990.

The extensive menu offers everything from jerk chicken with homemade spices and oxtail stew to ackee fish and

curry chicken and goat. Scratch-made desserts include Jamaican black rum cake and potato pudding. Drinks such as ginger beer are also available.

The restaurant is open 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Monday – Thursday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. Sunday. Customers can dine in or carry-out. Catering is also available for pickup or delivery.

To learn about other businesses along the corridor, please visit: purplelinemd.com/business-engagement/business-spotlights



Purple Line Fast Fact:



People Behind the Purple Line: Carla Julian

Carla Julian is the Stakeholder/Communications Manager for Maryland Transit Solutions (MTS), the design-build contractor for the Purple Line.

Carla has more than 20 years of experience in strategic communications, public affairs and community outreach on the nation's largest and most high-profile transportation projects and has been on the Purple Line project since 2016. She served in a similar role with Tappan Zee Constructors, LLC, a consortium assembled for the \$3.9 billion replacement of the three-mile Tappan Zee Bridge in Westchester and Rockland counties in New York.

She successfully led the design-build outreach team to foster positive relationships with residents, villages, elected officials, media and other stakeholders. More than 800 stakeholder meetings were conducted in conjunction with the project owner, the New York State Thruway Authority, to support the governor's goal of making the largest and most transparent infrastructure project in New York history.

Carla lives in Silver Spring with her mom and her beloved dogs Ashe and Roo. She is just a phone call away for constituents who need help or have questions about Purple Line construction. You can reach her by calling our hotline at 443-451-3706 or 443-451-3705 (Espanol) or sending us an email at outreach@purplelinemd.com



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