



Riverdale-Glenridge-New Carrollton CAT Meeting #8

Online presentation – June 3, 2021

Questions & Responses

Below is the list of questions and responses discussed during the June 3, 2021, online CAT presentation.

Question: Will future construction at the 450-410 intersection require multiple lanes of Annapolis Road (both east and west) to be closed for extended periods as was the case in May?

Response: The Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plan for the track construction maintains two through-lanes in each direction through each phase. Currently, we do not anticipate needing to close multiple through-lanes for any of the remaining work. However, the next design-builder may seek approval from the Maryland Department of Transportation State Highway Administration for an alternative MOT plan.

Question: If construction requires multiple lane closures on Annapolis Road, is it possible to open more than one lane when work is not being done and conduct work beyond the overnight hours?

Response: This depends on the work being performed. For the recent work in May, certain portions of the water line construction had to be protected as they extended into the travel lane and could not be removed during non-work hours, which required the 24/7 lane closure and barrier wall for protection.

Question: When leftmost lanes on Veterans Parkway are closed, will closed lanes near track construction be opened?

Response: Yes, when the leftmost lane is closed, the rightmost lane will be opened. One lane will remain open in each direction.

Question: Following Governor Hogan's veto of the Purple Line Marketing Bill, how will the project incorporate marketing?

Response: The project will do a marketing plan toward the end of the construction work, closer to when the project is ready for revenue service. As the project gets within a couple years of revenue service, we will put together internal committees focused on this effort and shift to more outwardly focused efforts.

Question: Are there any anticipated station design changes with the new design-build contractor being selected? Will the arts plan for each station remain for each Purple Line Station?

Response: Yes, the Art-in-Transit program will remain intact as proposed. The project is still in touch with the artists. As for the station designs, no design changes to the stations are anticipated.

Question: Is there a visual of the closure for the 66-inch waterline relocation effort?

Response: Below is a graphic that highlights Phase 1, which will go into effect mid-August and will last approximately four months. During this phase, the work zone is established in the median and the left

lane eastbound and left lane westbound will be closed to traffic on Veteran's Parkway between Riverdale Road and Annapolis Road. To complete this work, there will be four phases of traffic shifts, with each phase lasting multiple months. Public notification will be provided in advance of each shift.



Question: When there's construction at the 450-410 intersection, it greatly impacts the 450/76th Avenue intersection (West Lanham Estates). Sometimes the left 450 westbound lane at Veterans Parkway is closed with orange cones that go into the 76th Avenue intersection. This prevents West Lanham Estates residents from being able to get into the left lane on 450 westbound. Please make sure your alerts include impacts to West Lanham Estates.

Response: We will take a closer look at MOT plans as it relates to flow for the neighborhoods.

Question: With those lane closures we are already experiencing traffic coming into the community. Any consideration for the traffic being redirected into Beacon Heights? Depending on the time of day because of construction, we must sit through at least three light signals. On Riverdale Road to get into our community we have asked for a light signal to turn into our community, we can't even turn left at the new light that we requested. With construction, I don't know that it will be feasible to even turn left, it is a bottleneck.

Response: In general, we are trying whenever possible to minimize traffic impacts when we put Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) into place. We try to get the work done as much as possible within the work zones safely. We have relayed your concerns back to our construction team to make sure we are taking full consideration of your concerns.

Question: When does the team estimate the WSSC 66-inch water main relocation project will be complete?

Response: It is around 14 to 16 months, barring any surprise discoveries. We will make every effort to be as efficient as possible. The lane closures will be in place for 15 months.

Question: How much will a ride cost?

Response: We don't know currently. Setting of fares is established by state law for the rest of the MDOT MTA transit systems, and we are currently looking into whether this applies to the Purple Line. At this time, we do not have a set price.