

# More Riders, Better Connections, Faster Trips











## **OVERVIEW**

The Purple Line is a 16-mile light rail with 21 stations that will connect communities from Bethesda in Montgomery County to New Carrollton in Prince George's County. It will provide direct connections to the Metrorail Red, Green, Yellow, and Orange Lines; at Bethesda, Silver Spring, College Park, and New Carrollton. The Purple Line will also connect to MARC, Amtrak, and local and regional bus services.

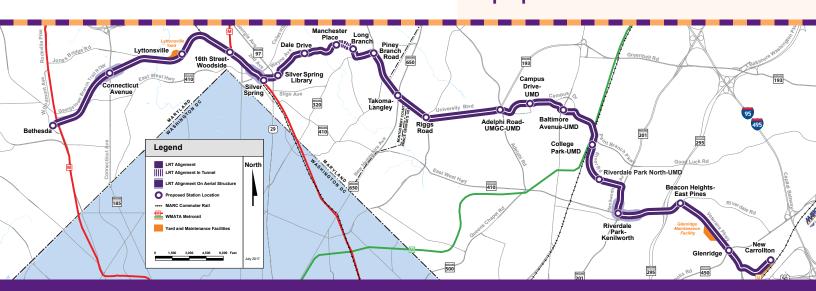
The Purple Line is a light rail line that will be powered by overhead wires known as a catenary system. As a transit system separate from Metro, it will operate mainly on roadways in dedicated transit lanes or in mixed traffic, allowing for fast, reliable transit operations. Most of the rail will be at the road way level, though short segments will be elevated or underground.

The Purple Line is owned by the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA). Purple Line Transit Partners was engaged in 2016 as MDOT MTA's private-sector partner to design, build, operate, and maintain the light rail system for 35 years.

#### **BENEFITS**

- Provides reliable and faster east-west travel
- Supports community revitalization and transit-oriented development
- Connects four Metrorail line segments, Amtrak, all three MARC lines, and many bus routes
- Completes the Capital Crescent Trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring, the Green Trail along Wayne Avenue to Sligo Creek Parkway, and a bike path through the University of Maryland Campus
- Provides an environmentally friendly transportation option to help reduce auto-dependent travel

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Low floor for easy boarding

21 convenient neighborhood stations

5 modular light rail vehicles spanning 140 feet

No fare gates at stations for faster access

On-board storage for bicycles and ADA compliant

# What To Expect During Construction

- Timely notification will be provided to the public for lane shifts and closures
- Maintaining safe access for pedestrians
- Continuous outreach and coordination with the communities regarding upcoming activities
- Ongoing coordination with both Prince George's and Montgomery counties and the bus operators
- Continuation of environmental, dust, vibration, and noise monitoring
- Regular and close coordination with businesses potentially impacted by construction



## **MILESTONES**

2002-2008	MDOT MTA studies a range of alignments and transit modes	Pu
2009	Light rail selected as mode; alignment identified	
2009-2014	Conceptual and preliminary engineering	Call t lik tea
2016	Purple Line Transit Partners selected to design, build, operate and maintain the line; design begins	repo
2017	Construction begins	44
2020 - 2022	MDOT MTA advanced construction activities	•
2022	Maryland Transit Solutions selected as new design-build contractor, mobilized and began construction activities	
2027	Revenue Service to Begin	



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