



Glenridge/New Carrollton CAT Meeting #1
Glenridge Elementary School
10/24/17

Question: Is the Glenridge facility where the trains will be built and stored?

Response: Pre-built trains will be delivered and readied for service at Glenridge. The Glenridge facility is where the trains will be maintained. There is also a storage facility for the trains in Lyttonsville.

Question: Can we see construction docs and phasing plans?

Response: Documents and plans will be shared at future CATs meetings.

Question: Is the layout of Ellin Road with the tracks in the outside lanes final?

Response: Yes

Question: Are there plans to provide a tree buffer or sound barrier on Decatur Road?

Response: Modern light rail is typically very quiet, and the noise analysis for the project did not identify a need for any noise mitigation along this portion of the project. Therefore, there are no plans to provide landscaping along Decatur Road.

Question: Is work being done in the existing roadway?

Response: Along Veterans Parkway both tracks of the Purple Line will be built south and west of the existing roadway, however, there may be periodic lane closures of the right hand southbound lanes. On Ellin Road, the Purple Line will operate in the two outside lanes. These lanes will be rebuilt with tracks embedded in the concrete. These lanes will be shared, meaning regular traffic and the Purple Line will use them. To speed construction, Ellin Road will be temporarily closed in phases during this construction. However access will be maintained for residents of Hanson Oaks.

Question: What are the markers currently located on Ellin Road?

Response: The stakes currently on Ellin Road indicate the limit of construction disturbance (often called LOD).

Question: Do you only get construction notifications if you sign up?

Response: For the most up-to-date information, everyone should sign up for notifications at <http://www.purplelinemd.com/construction/sign-up-for-updates/> . Only property owners whose properties will incur specific, direct impacts will be notified individually, regardless of sign up. Anyone in or around the Purple Line corridor who may experience indirect impacts, such as traffic changes, is strongly encouraged to sign up for notifications.

Question: How will systems testing on the test track affect the neighborhood?

Response: Systems testing will occur first on the test track along Veterans Parkway. The test track is in its own right-of-way, to the side of vehicular traffic. No effects on the neighborhood are anticipated. This testing is for the vehicles, to make sure they are operating correctly. Once the entire Purple Line is constructed there will be testing of the actual alignment. This will look very much like the light rail in operation, but without any passengers.

Question: Will there be precautions for residents entering/exiting the neighborhoods (barrier, arms, etc)?

Response: As the Purple Line will be operating in a regular travel lanes on Ellin Road, it will function just like the other traffic and will not need gates.

Question: How far along are we in design?

Response: We are about 85-90% complete, depending on the area.

Question: Accountability vs. Liability – what’s the agreement between the MTA & concessionaire?

Response: The Public Private Partnership contract can be found here:
<http://www.purplelinemd.com/en/p3>

Question: Is there construction happening all along the line concurrently?

Response: Yes. While initial construction start dates will vary per area, construction will be happening along the alignment concurrently.

Question: What will be the impacts of the relocation of the 60-inch water line on Ellin Road? How will residents be notified?

Response: Construction of the 60-inch water line relocation will be coordinated to occur during the Maintenance of Traffic phasing which closes Ellin Road. The Purple Line Team is currently working on coordinating this water line relocation with WSSC. Typically there is redundancy in the water system, and much of the new construction is done offsite in advance, so that service is not interrupted at the transition to a new line. If there is an interruption of water service, residents and businesses will be individually notified at least 72 hours in advance.

Question: Are there other buildings to be demolished in this CAT area?

Response: La Dulce Vida (7519 Annapolis Road) has closed its doors and is moving to a new location. Also, next door to La Dulce Vida, the drive-thru portion of the Bank of America located at 7515 Annapolis Road will be demolished. In addition, the former Prince George’s County Park & Planning maintenance yard at Glenridge has been demolished.