

“The Purple Line team is working with Purple Line Transit Partners to advance construction as quickly as possible and will continue to work to minimize the impacts of construction on residents and businesses,” said Ray Biggs, II, Purple Line Senior Project Director.

In January 2024, Purple Line Transit Partners announced the first six recipients of its *Beyond the Rails*, a grant program aimed at supporting community initiatives and providing tangible resources to organizations that work to improve the lives of residents in Prince George’s and Montgomery counties.

As part of this modification, Purple Line Transit Partners agreed to provide \$4 million to extend a program currently in place to provide grants to businesses impacted by revenue loss due to extended project construction. In addition, the Purple Line Transit Partners also committed to an on-the-job training program to help develop a diverse and qualified workforce in Maryland.

“Success hinges on teamwork and we are fortunate for our partnership with the Maryland Transit Administration, Prince George’s and Montgomery counties, the University of Maryland, and others as we work to deliver the Purple Line as rapidly as possible,” said Doran Bosso, Chief Executive Officer Purple Line Transit Partners.

The Purple Line is a critical infrastructure project that will expand transit opportunities between Prince George’s and Montgomery counties, two of the most populated counties in the state. The 16.2-mile, 21-station light rail line will offer convenient east-west transit access for jobs, school, shopping and recreation. The Purple Line will provide connections across the region with links to three branches of Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority’s Metrorail, three MARC commuter rail lines, Amtrak and a host of regional and local bus services.

The project will help relieve vehicle traffic in the National Capital region – one of the most congested areas of the country – and will spur economic growth through community revitalization and job creation. Project construction supports more than 6,000 jobs, with a goal of 26% of design services going to small and minority-owned businesses and 22% of construction going to small and minority-owned businesses. In addition, the Maryland Department of Transportation, Montgomery and Prince George’s counties, and private developers are actively expanding opportunities for Marylanders through transit-oriented development and economic development activities along the Purple Line corridor.

The Maryland Transit Administration is one of the largest multi-modal transit systems in the United States, and operates Local Bus, Commuter Bus, Light Rail, Metro Subway, MARC Train Service and a comprehensive Mobility paratransit system. The goal of the Maryland Transit Administration is to provide safe, efficient, reliable transit across Maryland with world-class customer service. To learn more, visit mta.maryland.gov, check us out on Facebook at facebook.com/mtamaryland and follow us on X, formerly Twitter [@mtamaryland](https://twitter.com/mtamaryland).

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