



**Bethesda/Chevy Chase CAT Meeting #12**  
**Virtual Meeting – May 14, 2024**  
**Questions & Responses**

Below is a summary of questions and responses discussed during the May 14, 2024, virtual Community Advisory Team (CAT) presentation.

**Question: What is the Coquelin Run stream underpass mean?**

Response: The project is installing a new underpass at Coquelin Run for the stream. There is a culvert structure, like a tunnel to direct water via the culvert under the tracks.

**Question: Will the Elm Street pedestrian bridge be open to the public in time for the new school year so that BCC students can use it to walk to school?**

Response: We anticipate finishing the bridge by the end of the summer. There are a couple of outstanding items associated with the bridge such as fencing and lighting. The timeframe is not confirmed on those items so we cannot commit to a specific timeframe at this time.

**Question: When will Rock Creek Trail be opened?**

Response: Rock Creek Trail reopened June 1.

**Question: When you begin testing the rail in 2026, will the CCT be opened at that time?**

Response: We are working hard to open the CCT before the revenue service date. We can't commit to any date, but we are working closely with the contractor right now to open it as soon as we can.

**Question: You mentioned there was going to be Coquelin Run restoration work. Can you provide more detail on that?**

Response: When we go through some of the more sensitive environmental crossings, there is a re-establishment design, to recreate the ecology that runs through that area.

**Question: In respect to the noise wall installation that is being installed behind the Town of Chevy Chase, do you have a date in mind as to when that will be completed?**

Response: Yes, we anticipate the noise wall installation at Chevy Chase will be completed this summer.

**Question: Opening during the winter of 2027 is that the beginning or end of that year as "winter" could be either.**

Response: As reported in March of this year, revenue service is scheduled for December of 2027.

**Question: When will construction of the CCT access points in East Bethesda begin?**

Response: The access at Elm St Park is almost complete. Construction for access at Pearl St will begin this summer. The construction for the access point at EW Highway will begin between Fall 2024 and Spring 2025. Please be aware that even though the access points may be completed, there is still no trail to access.

**Question: Can you describe the alignment of the CCT around Wisconsin Avenue. When finished, will it go under Wisconsin Avenue parallel to the tracks or up to Elm Street and cross Wisconsin at grade?**

Response: The Purple Line project is only constructing the CCT beginning at the Elm Street pedestrian bridge. Montgomery County will add the future connection of the CCT through Woodmont Plaza.

**Question: How long will the other side of Jones Mill take?**

Response: Managing expectations, we anticipate towards the end of the 2024 into 2025.

**Question: I understand that there are four engineering companies that have been shortlisted to work on this project? Do you know or can you name the four?**

Response: The two main construction companies that are in Maryland Transit Solutions are Dragados USA, and OHLA. We have different contractors and suppliers and designers that support those companies. For more information about the P3 contract, visit our website at: [P3 - MDOT MTA Purple Line \(purplelinemd.com\)](https://purplelinemd.com).

**Question: Can you review where the Purple Line entrances will be in Bethesda?**

Response: Yes, there will be access from Wisconsin Ave and the corner of Elm Street where we currently have the temporary building. In that plaza of the commercial building there is a headhouse where you will be able to access the Purple Line and the shaft to go down to the Red Line station. There will be walk out access from the Woodmont Plaza on the west side.

**Question: When will the tracks be set behind the Town of Chevy Chase?**

Response: The tracks behind Chevy Chase are scheduled to be completed in the next 4 months.

**Question: Will the Bethesda end of the line have its own separate station, or will it connect to the existing Bethesda Metro station?**

Response: Bethesda Purple Line station is its own station separate from WMATA's Red Line station. From the Purple Line station, riders will need to access an elevator to get to the Red Line.

**Question: Is there a specific day when the transition at Jones Mills Road from one side to the other will be done?**

Response: Yes, the traffic shift is planned to occur in June of 2024.

**Question: Is anything going to be done to try to minimize people who may deface the station and ruin the experience?**

Response: As far as CCTV that will be at the stations across the project, MTA will have police that will be assigned for the Purple Line to ensure safety and we have anti-graffiti coating along the walls that will help with that.

**Question: When will the track behind Hamlet Place and over Coquelin Run be level and ready for tracks?**

Response: Our forecast to get to that part of the rail is in the fall of 2024.