



**Silver Spring CAT Meeting #12  
Virtual Meeting – May 7, 2024  
Questions & Responses**

Below is a summary of questions and responses discussed during the May 7, 2024, virtual Community Advisory Team (CAT) presentation.

**Question: When will the Capital Crescent (CCT) Trail open?**

Response: We understand and share the desire to open the trail for the community. We will open the CCT as soon as it is safe to do so.

**Question: What were the conflict with the catenary supports on Bonifant Street?**

Response: A lot of the conflicts had to do with pre-existing sewer lines and gas lines, that are in the way that have to be relocated to allow the OCS to be installed in its designed location.

**Question: What is the timeline for sewer, etc., installation on north side of Wayne Avenue from Fenton Street?**

Response: This summer's focus is to install track at Wayne and Dale following that work, crews will complete the remaining utilities from Fenton Street to Dale Drive.

**Question: Will there be pedestrian streetlights on the north side of Bonifant Street from the library to Georgia Avenue?**

Response: All the new foundations for lighting have been installed along the library, we are working with Pepco to bring permanent power to that area. We are maintaining existing lighting in the south side of Bonifant Street and adding new lights as well.

**Question: Will the recordings of the meetings be shared?**

Response: Yes, the recordings will be posted on the website.

**Question: Is there any alternative to closing the Wayne/Dale intersection? How long do you anticipate that intersection being closed?**

Response: This is the best plan to minimize impacts Dale Drive will be limited to right turns onto and from Wayne Avenue. The duration of the impact is June 14- August 23.

**Question: What work is anticipated at Wayne/Dale when school starts (Aug 26)?**

Response: Once the work on the north side is done, we will move to the south side. There will be significant amount of work restoration of all the permanent work. between Dale Drive and Mansfield Road which will include drainage, duct bank and flatwork including curbs, sidewalks, and roadway restoration.

**Question: What sort of traffic calming measures do you plan on putting into place in Mansfield Road as it's being used as a cut through?**

Response: Mansfield Road is not the proposed detour; a roadway of similar function must be used for

the detour. Truck traffic should not be using Mansfield Road. Please report concerns to the Outreach Team ([outreach@purplelinemd.com](mailto:outreach@purplelinemd.com)) with pictures and we'll address.

**Question: Will right turns from westbound Wayne Avenue be permitted?**

Response: Yes.

**Question: When the sidewalk is reconstructed on Bonifant Street between the library and Georgia Avenue will streetlights be put into place?**

Response: Yes, the lighting on the southside is being maintained and additional lighting is being added around the library station.

**Question: Is there someone who approves this or can disapprove the closing of this intersection?**

Response: All maintenance of traffic or shift across the alignment has an approval process, we are now finalizing the approval process, as what is presented is the final plan.

**Question: Can we cross Wayne Avenue at Dale Drive?**

Response: During summer months there will be no crossing Wayne Avenue from Dale Drive.

**Question: During and after the shutdown of Dale Drive through traffic, will cars eastbound on Wayne be able to turn left (north on Sligo Parkway)? Now it's not permitted.**

Response: A left turn from eastbound Wayne onto northbound Sligo will never be permitted.

**Question: What about Wayne Avenue from Cedar Street to Dale Drive?**

Response: This summer traffic will be as is now, with one lane in each direction maintained. Wayne Avenue will be under construction for either road widening or utility work, or storm drain work.

**Question: When the project is complete, will the track on Wayne Avenue be embedded, meaning that cars and the light-rail can share lanes, and that eastbound traffic on Wayne Avenue can turn left into Greenbrier?**

Response: Yes.

**Question: Will there be any additional closures on the WMATA Red Line segment from Fort Totten to Glenmont (including Silver Spring) after Summer 2024?**

Response: As that work is not associated with the Purple Line project, we are unable to answer but can provide a link to WMATA's summer shutdown website: [Summer 2024 Red Line Construction | WMATA](#).

**Question: What provisions are being made for access to and continuation of the walking/bike trail along Sligo Creek as it crosses to Wayne.**

Response: We will have crews review existing signage to ensure compliance and determine if there are improvements to coordinate and ensure communication of impacts occurring.

**Question: How are the buses going to work with purple line?**

Response: We are working with the counties and WMATA for future route impacts more information will come out the closer we get to opening in 2027.

**Question: What will happen to Georgia Avenue?**

Response: We will be doing that work in pieces, half of Georgia Avenue. Will be worked on, and traffic will be on one side, once it is done, we will flip the traffic. We plan on doing that work in late summer.

**Question: Do we anticipate the green trail along Wayne Avenue being completed and open by the end of the summer?**

Response: Yes.

**Question: Will there be no construction during the Summer Shutdown along Wayne west of Dale Drive through Fenton Street?**

Response: The work that's anticipated is all overhead utility work, we have significant amount of work to do with the existing poles, that work will be ongoing. Center work will commence after the Dale intersection drainage is completed which will be middle to late summer.

**Question: What/who has a say in the "approval process" to close the Dale/Wayne intersection? Is there some state/local agency that has some voice in this very-impactful plan.**

Response: State Highway Administration (SHA) is the approver; as the authority having jurisdiction.

**Question: Are you saying you're you will be cutting Georgia Avenue traffic to 3 lanes at the same time you're closing the Dale/Wayne intersection?**

Response: No, they will not be at the same time, we are planning the Georgia Avenue work for the end of summer.

**Question: What is going to stop commuter traffic from using the streets before they get to Wayne. The neighborhood is already overwhelmed with the traffic. Who will enforce this?**

Response: Signs will be placed to detour the commuting traffic away from these areas. We are in close coordination with our partners at SHA, Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) and third-party entities before implementation. We are using all the tools we can to minimize as much impact. The Purple Line does not have any information power on roadways.

**Question: Are you going to change any of the traffic restrictions in the neighborhood in order to move people in this period of time?**

Response: Everything we do has to be approved by partners at SHA or MCDOT. As part of our outreach, we are going to our local precinct and fire house to discuss everything we have here, especially with the WMATA red line shutdown and different bus detours. That is an ongoing effort our teams are tasked with. We will make sure to express your concerns and see if we can get enforcement help on their end.

**Question: How will you minimize the effect of traffic on Bonifant Street and Wayne Avenue? And the parking on both sides of the street has a weight restraint that is constantly being breeched by the Purple Line trucks and other trucks too.**

Response: We will add that to the list and see what we can do here to address that and minimize the impact there. Following the meeting, the area was reviewed, and that segment of Bonifant Street is outside of the project's limit of disturbance. The alignment turns at the Silver Spring library and does not continue east on Bonifant Street to Dale Drive. Any concerns with parking or truck usage of that segment will need to be reported to Montgomery County Department of Transportation.