



**University Boulevard CAT Meeting #12  
Virtual Meeting – May 9, 2024  
Questions & Responses**

Below is a summary of questions and responses discussed during the May 9, 2024, virtual Community Advisory Team (CAT) presentation.

**Question: How is the Purple Line handling the expected traffic delays to homes and businesses in the area?**

Response: The plans and phases shared are intended to mitigate the amount of time the neighborhood and businesses will be impacted by the construction. Before implementing any new detours, there is an analysis performed. We are providing additional measures like barriers, traffic signals, to do all we can to keep traffic on the approved detour routes.

**Question: Can you please let the Lewisdale community know when the flooding issue at University Boulevard and 23<sup>rd</sup> be resolved?**

Response: The project is currently working to finalize the storm drain. The final connection is anticipated to be completed in the next few months with will permanently resolve the issue.

**Question: What are some of the things local jurisdiction may be able to request of the Purple Line to help with any influx of cut through traffic during these times of construction?**

Response: We work closely with our county partners and State Highway Administration (SHA) and local jurisdictions before implementation. We do understand we are impacting neighborhoods; we are trying to move construction as quickly as possible. These concerns that we may not have heard helps us to mitigate things.

**Question: What kind of tracks will be used on Piney Branch to University Boulevard? Can cars ride over them?**

Response: The tracks that will be installed on Piney Branch are going to be embedded tracks, meaning the rail will be embedded in concrete so cars will be able to ride over them. Tracks on University Boulevard will be ballasted (think traditional train tracks) except at the intersections of New Hampshire Avenue and Riggs Road, where track will be embedded.

**Question: Are the buses going to have the same stops? Is there any fare information, will it be added to my smart trip card?**

Response: You will be able to go between the different systems, details about fare information are being discussed and will be shared with the public later this year. Bus stop impacts are coordinated and determined by the bus operators.

**Question: When will the city bus stops in Montgomery County be replaced?**

Response: Regarding the bus stop our team is coordinating with the different entities every time there is going to be work by a bus stops, depending on the situation we might move it up or down or we may temporarily close it during a certain amount of time.

**Question: Are all these left-hand restrictions intersections going to be updated on third party applications like Google Maps or Waze?**

Response: Google Maps and Waze are crowd sourced maps and pick up on patterns as the information is collected.

**Question: Why does testing take over 1 ½ years? How is the number 14 bus from Takoma going to turn from Piney Branch to University Boulevard where it will be rerouted.**

Response: We will research the number 14 bus answer. System wide testing involves full operational training and commission activities that are necessary to ensure that the system is safe and operational before we allow passengers on the train. It takes an extensive amount of time to complete through those tests.

**Question: Metro bus signs are up on those close to me, but in the city bus stops are missing.**

Response: We will have someone follow up.

**Question: Do I need to submit a new application for the grant?**

Response: No, your application is still valid.