



Riverdale Park CAT Meeting
6811 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD
10/19/17

Question: How many gas stations will be removed? Are they permanently gone?

Response: Three gas stations are being impacted in the Riverdale Park CAT area. The owners of these gas stations have been compensated, and the gas stations are being removed and demolished. These gas stations could not be replaced in the same locations, as they would conflict with the Purple Line. MTA is not aware if the owners have plans to reconstruct the gas stations elsewhere.

Question: How does train tunnel under the BW Parkway? Does it remain at grade after BW Parkway? What are the changes to the roads around the parkway?

Response: The Purple Line will go under the BW Parkway, but it will be at the same level as Riverdale Road. The existing bridges over Riverdale Road will be longer, and will pass over the Purple Line. For construction, traffic will be directed onto a temporary road and bridge over MD 410 to allow the BW Parkway bridges to be reconstructed with an additional span for the light rail.

Question: What is the planned Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) at intersection of MD 410 and BW Parkway?

Response: Two temporary bridges will be constructed to carry northbound and southbound Parkway traffic while the existing bridges over MD 410 are lengthened. Short term roadway closures will be necessary to construct both the temporary and permanent bridges over the road. These will occur at night between 12:00 AM and 5:00 AM. Detours will be put in place.

Question: Will it take longer to get from Kenilworth Ave/Riverdale Road to Rte. 50 during construction?

Response: In general, the existing number of travel lanes along MD 410 will remain during construction, except for temporary off-peak lane closures. It is likely that as 67th Avenue and 66th Avenue are closed to construct the Purple Line tracks across the roadway, there will be some additional delay. In addition, it is anticipated that track construction at MD 450 and at Ellin Road will also increase travel time and delay. PLTP making every effort to minimize traffic disruption during construction, particularly during traffic peak periods. However, it is important to sign up for construction notifications to help determine what travel routes to take during construction. To sign up for construction notifications visit, <http://www.purplelinemd.com/construction/sign-up-for-updates/>.

Question: What are the detours?

Response: A detour will be in place during overnight hours in order to erect the beams for the bridge over the Kenilworth Ave / Riverdale Road intersection. This plan is still in design and will be posted in advance of the work.

Question: How do we plan to engage the business community?

Response: MTA and PLTP will use a mix of communications tools to disseminate information related to the construction schedule to the adjacent business community. We also plan to engage businesses through our project website to ensure that they have the right information when they need it.

Question: Will marketing materials be provided for members to distribute to different audiences?

Response: From time to time, MTA will provide information and specific language that can be used in newsletters, eBlasts, etc.

Question: Can signs be placed at Nicholson, Kennedy and Madison streets to tell cars not to block the intersections?

Response: The Maryland State Highway Administration would be responsible for this type of signage. SHA has an online service request site: <http://marylandsha.force.com/customer/portal/questions/new>. The public can request signs at specific locations via this site.

Question: Will we reach out to Riverdale businesses south of the alignment?

Response: Our emphasis has been on the businesses that front the construction directly. There are so many hundreds of businesses in the Purple Line corridor that we are compelled to focus on those businesses that are immediately adjacent. Representatives of Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization participate in the Purple Line Community Advisory Teams and will share information they receive with area businesses.

Question: Is there an update on the traffic light at 58th and East West Highway?

Response: The Purple Line team is aware of the State Highway (SHA) plans for a new traffic light and crosswalk at 58th Avenue and East West Highway. SHA is coordinating with PLTP to avoid any conflict with light rail construction at this intersection. The design is complete and is scheduled for construction. The new traffic signal at MD 410 at 58th Avenue is expected to be installed and operational in March 2018.

Question: Will bus routes change/bus stops move?

Response: Prince George's County and WMATA are working with PLTP and MTA to coordinate regarding buses.

Question: Are there professional or mentee positions?

Response: Job seekers should register with Purple Line Transit Partners (PLTP) on the website www.purplelinetransitpartners.com or at their job center located off of the lobby at 6811 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD.

Question: Are we aware of State Highway (SHA) rules regarding road closures before 9 a.m.?

Response: Yes. The Technical Provisions of the contract provide PLTP with specific times that lanes can be closed on each roadway impacted by the project. These allowable work hours on each road have been approved by SHA or the County, as appropriate. In many cases that means construction cannot begin until after 9 AM to minimize impacts to commuters.

Question: Is MTA/PLTP in coordination with SHA regarding their safety improvements to East West Highway?

Response: Yes, the contractor and MTA are coordinating with SHA and the various projects along East-West Highway and Riverdale Road. SHA reviews and approves all roadway plans for state roads. SHA also reviews all the Maintenance of Traffic (plans to manage traffic during construction) and provides comments to PLTP.