



Riverdale CAT Meeting #3
Purple Line Project Office
Q&R Notes
October 18, 2018

Question: Is it possible to post Spanish-language signage near work zones?

Yes, we can post signage in Spanish.

Question: Will the new left- and right-turn lanes be in place prior to the impending permanent closure of the intersection at Riverdale Road and 67th Place?

The project has looked into the timing of the 67th Place closure, as well as the signal changes, and left-turn lane to be installed at 67th Avenue. In response to the community concerns, PLTC will delay the 67th Place closure until the 67th Avenue intersection improvements are installed.

Question: Given that some residents have not signed up for alerts, could residents be notified via message boards?

Certain Maintenance of Traffic (MOT) plans require message boards. However, there is not sufficient room for placing other message boards in work zones, and this is not feasible for lane closures which change daily. We continue to encourage all residents to sign up for alerts via email and text in both English and Spanish.

Question: Are the existing Baltimore-Washington Parkway bridges going to be replaced?

Both of the existing Baltimore-Washington Parkway bridges over Riverdale Road need to be lengthened to allow the Purple Line to travel underneath the Parkway. The project will erect temporary bridges to allow traffic to continue while the existing bridges are reconstructed.

Question: Will the Baltimore-Washington Parkway ramps shift?

No, the southbound and northbound ramps will not shift.

Question: How will the alignment cross MD-450 and turn into Ellin Road?

The alignment crosses MD-450 at-grade immediately to the west of Veterans Parkway. The tracks split as they turn onto Ellin Road, occupying the outside lanes in each direction, which will be rebuilt with the Purple Line tracks embedded into the roadway. These outside lanes will be shared by the Purple Line trains and through traffic.

Question: Will the Shuttle-UM route 126 bus stops remain?

Yes, the bus shelters will remain. If the work zone necessitates it, a bus stop might be temporarily relocated with close coordination with the impacted bus service operator.

Question: Will permit parking be implemented in Riverdale?

The Revenue Authority of Prince George's County manages the County's residential parking permit program. Residents who are interested in pursuing residential parking permits can find more information here: www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/2448/Residential-Parking-Permit

Question: Would it be possible to have updated aerial maps at the next CAT meeting?

Yes, we will work to make this happen.

Question: Why was a gully left nearby the demolished Shell station?

The work in question was a result of work being carried out by WGL, not Purple Line construction.

Question: A Metrobus stop was moved to the location of the demolished Shell station. It puts riders waiting for the bus in danger. Can it be moved elsewhere?

We will contact WMATA to inquire whether it is possible to move the bus stop.

Question: Will this area have to deal with a lot of noise?

If any potentially noisy work is expected to occur, residents will be notified by PLTC. At this time, we do not anticipate any particularly noisy work, outside of noise associated with general construction, that exceeds our required noise limits. Purple Line operations should be quieter than noise from construction.

Question: There is often a lack of buffer between the alignment and residences. Is the installation of higher retaining walls possible?

Retaining walls along this portion of Riverdale Road are not being built as part of the Purple Line construction. Where possible, residents are welcome to consider the planting of trees. Central Kenilworth Avenue Revitalization Community Development Corporation (CKAR CDC) is offering to professionally plant native trees in this area free of charge. For more information, please check out the program's flyer: www.ckarcdc.org/site/wp-content/uploads/spring-free-shade-tree-flyer-1.pdf

Question: Has artwork been finalized for the stations in this area?

The artists have been selected and we are in the process of working with the artists to refine art concepts. Artwork at the stations has not been finalized. Contracts with the selected artists will be negotiated in the near future.

Question: Where will lighting be installed?

Lighting, as well as security cameras, will be installed at every station.

Question: Has there been any outreach to businesses that will be impacted by construction?

Yes, where we believe our work might impact a business, we have reached out to that business. Our goal is to maintain access to their business and to work closely with businesses on an individual basis to minimize impacts during construction. If there are specific businesses that the community feels the project should reach out to, please let us know.

Question: What happened to the entrance to the Bank of America on Riverdale Road?

There is still an entrance and drive through. Parking spaces have been temporarily removed to facilitate construction.