



University Boulevard

CAT Meeting #4

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MEETING OVERVIEW

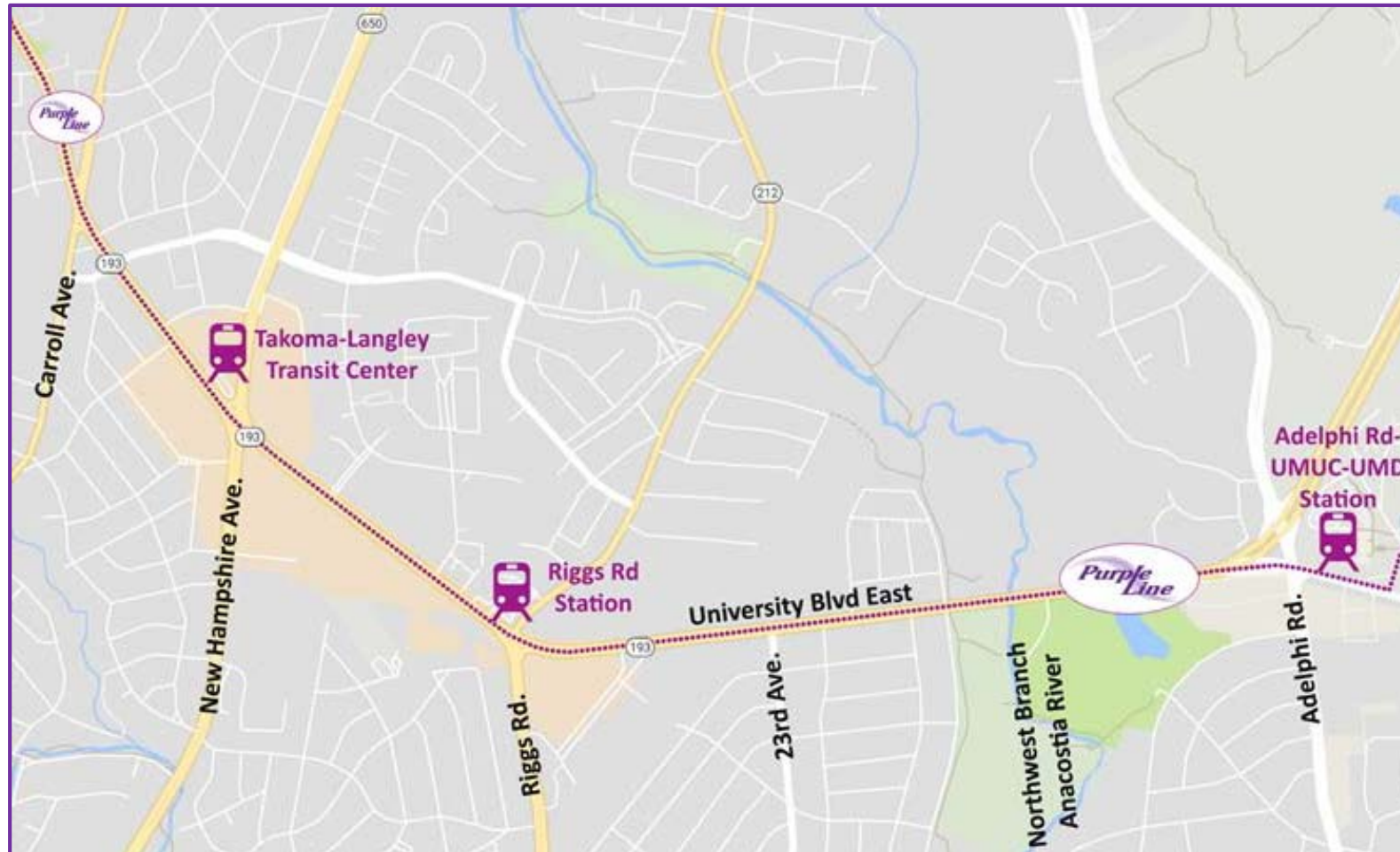
- **Park & Planning**
- **Purple Line project update**
 - Art-in-transit
- **Construction progress overview**
 - Work completed
 - Progress photos
 - 6-month look ahead
- **Maintenance of traffic & pedestrian safety**
- **Construction work hours**
- **Business outreach**
- **Updated Purple Line website**
- **Questions**



University Boulevard CAT Segment

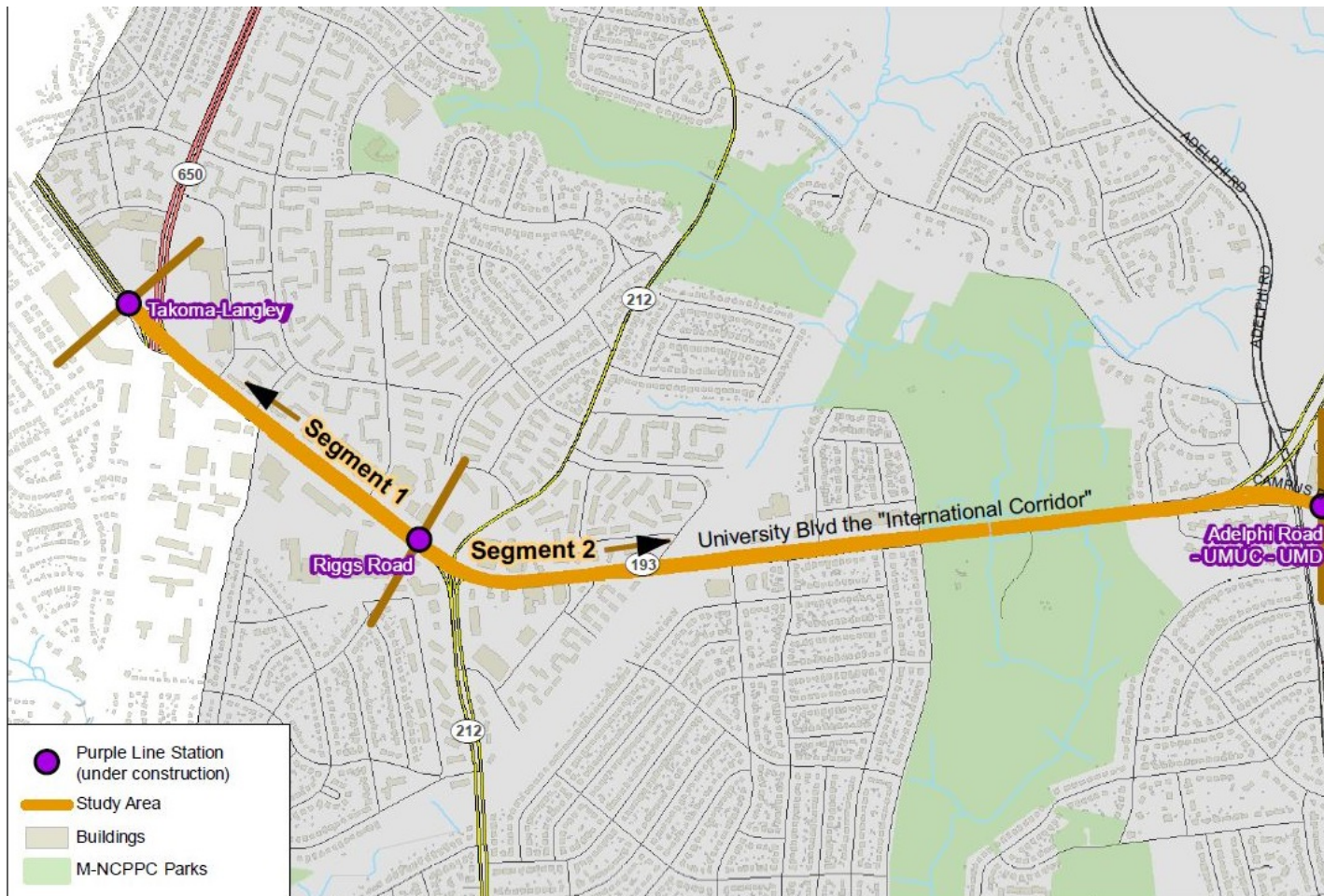
Stations in this segment:

- Takoma – Langley
- Riggs Road
- Adelphi Road – UMUC - UMD





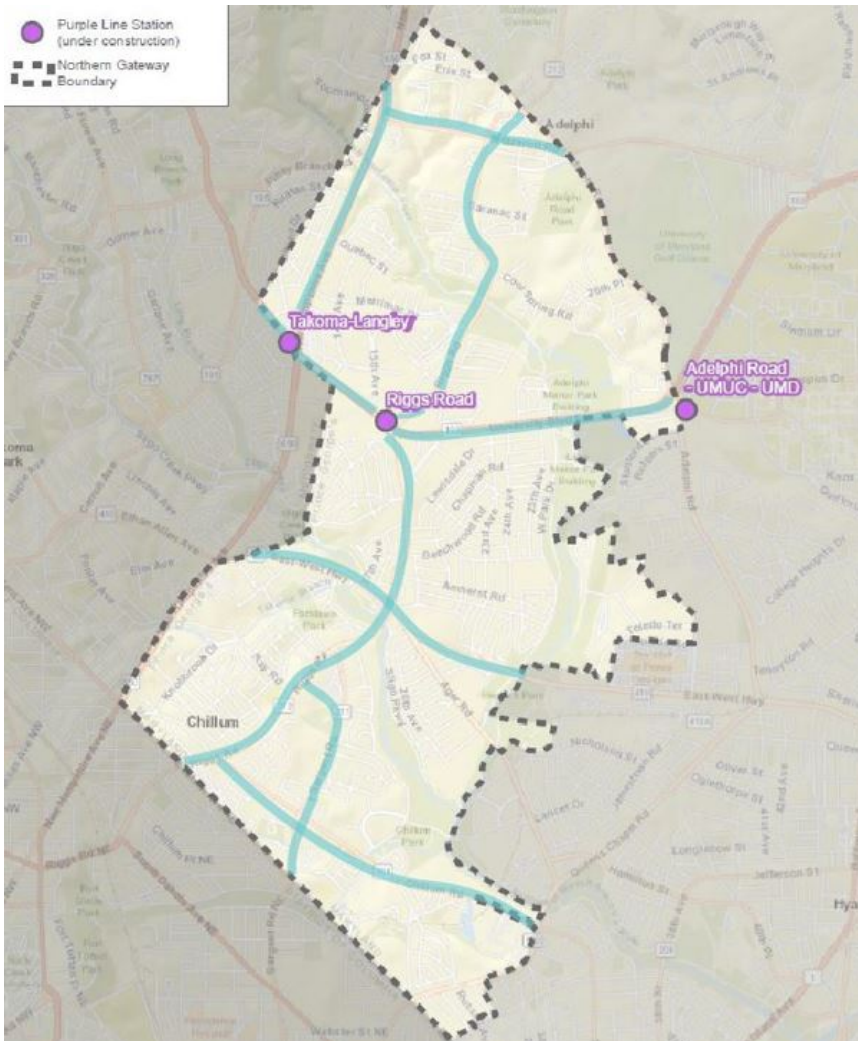
M-NCPPTC Public Space & Corridor Enhancements



- Planning Assistance to Municipalities and Communities (PAMC) grant for partial funding
 - Focus is the Northern Gateway CDC
 - Bicycle and pedestrian safety and comfort
 - Streetscape improvements



M-NCPPC Public Space & Corridor Enhancements



- Wayfinding Systems and Signage Plan
 - Goal is for users to be able to navigate successfully to transit and other destinations in the Northern Gateway
 - Improve access and circulation for all travelers
 - Install a range of sign types to reflect needs of users using multiple modes of transit



PURPLE LINE PROJECT UPDATE

- The Purple Line is being delivered as a Public-Private Partnership (P3) to finance, design, construct, operate, and maintain
- Construction is underway throughout the 16.2-mile corridor
 - Design: 85% complete
 - Construction: 15% complete
- Right-of-way acquisitions are nearing completion
- MDOT MTA's goal is for service to begin late 2022



ART-IN-TRANSIT

- The mission of the Purple Line Art-In-Transit program is to make public art an integral element of the project.
- Art will be incorporated into stations to enrich the aesthetics of the light rail system and support neighborhood identities.
- Artists have been selected, art proposals have been refined based on input received, and contracts are being negotiated.
- Artwork will be installed in its respective locations between 2020 – 2021.



SELECTED ARTISTS

Selected Artist: **Volkan Alkanoglu**

Takoma-Langley Station



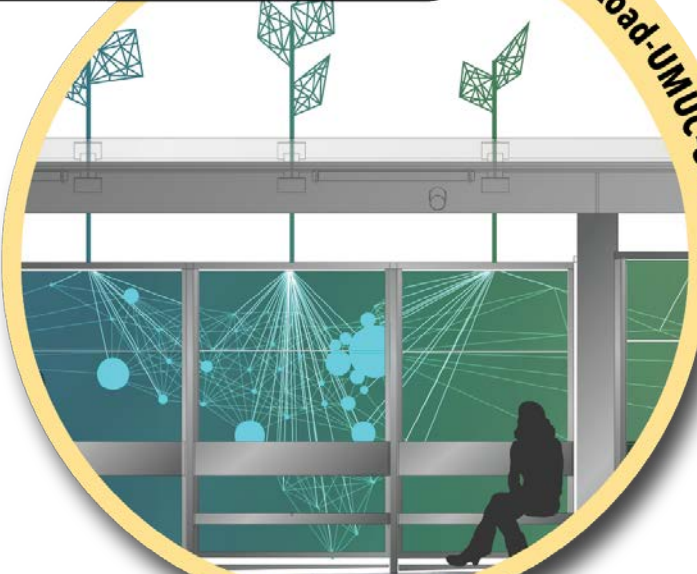
Selected Artist: **Linda DePalma**

Riggs Road Station



Selected Artists: **Norman Lee & Shane Allbritton**

Adelphi Road-UMUC-UMD Station





TAKOMA – LANGLEY

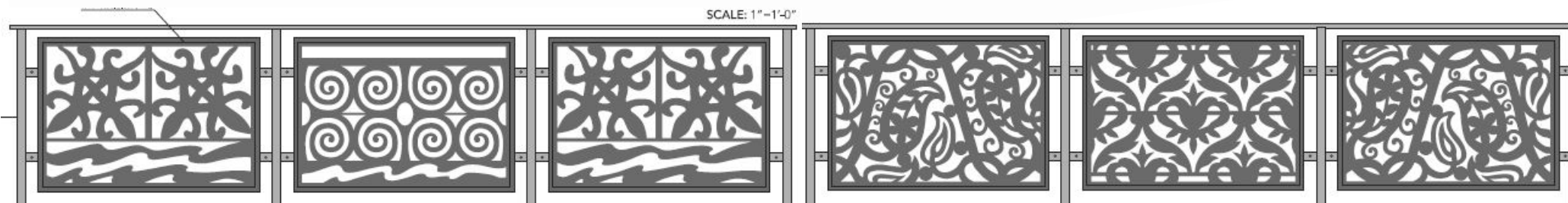
The theme of this artwork is “in motion” which will consist of two art fences that will occupy both sides of the station. It is inspired by the ever changing, diverse community. Everything around us is in constant motion and the artist wanted to capture a “moment in time” through photographs of local individuals and families and its literal translation to a large scale collage at the station.





RIGGS ROAD

This artwork is near the station on fencing along the pathway (see areas in yellow below) leading to and from the station. The decorative panels will be a bright uniform color. The artist's inspiration came from the diversity of the area's population. There are symbols and patterns to represent Latin America, West Africa, and Asia.





ADELPHI ROAD – UMUC – UMD

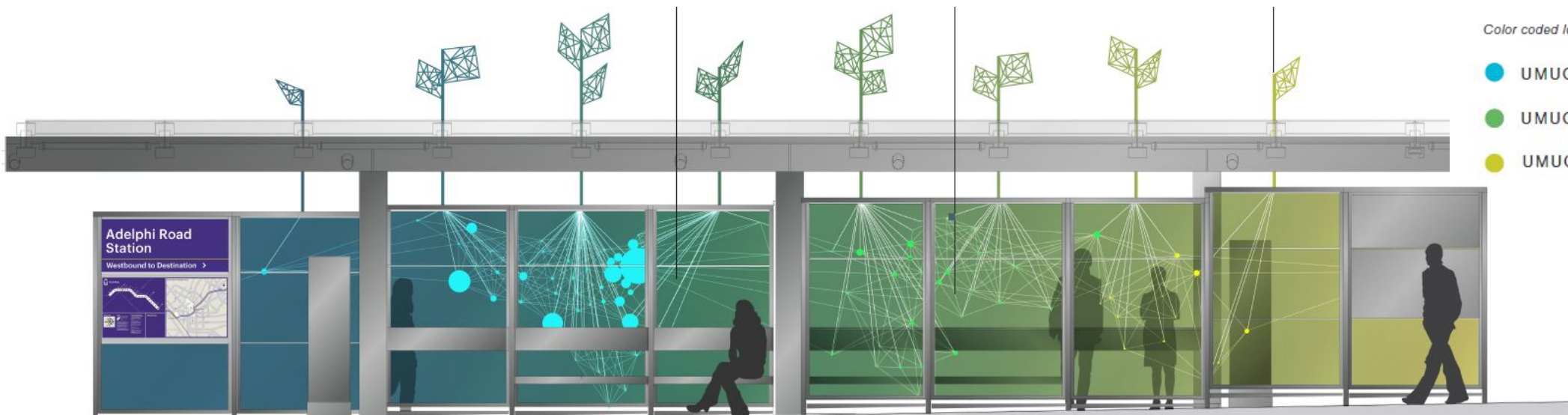
The theme of this artwork is “global campus and growing minds”. Each piece of the artwork represents data associated with UMUC. Bright colored panels will be featured as part of the station with metal flag-like structures on top of the station. The primary focus is one sprout per glass panel connecting locations through a root visualization.

DATA: STUDENT HEADCOUNT PER LOCATION

Each circle represents a student location as well as the volume of students per location.

Color coded locations

- UMUC UNITED STATES
- UMUC EUROPE
- UMUC ASIA





WORK CONDUCTED OVER THE PAST 6 MONTHS

- **University Boulevard**

- Overhead and underground utility relocations continue from Riggs Rd. to Adelphi Rd.
- Demo, grading, and paving of the medians along University Blvd. continued between Riggs Rd. and Adelphi Rd.
- Traffic signal reconstruction has been completed at:
 - The intersection of University Blvd. and West Park Dr.
 - The pedestrian crossing near Tulane Dr.
- The existing drainage system is being upgraded at Guilford Rd. crossing University Blvd.
 - Guilford Rd. will remain closed until this work is completed



UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD PROGRESS PHOTOS

Median
demolition





UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD PROGRESS PHOTOS

Paving of
medians on
University Blvd.





UNIVERSITY BOULEVARD PROGRESS PHOTOS

Overhead
utility
relocation at
West Park Dr.





6 MONTH LOOK AHEAD

- University Boulevard
 - Overhead and underground utility relocations along University Blvd. between Piney Branch Rd. and Adelphi Rd. will continue
 - Installation of stormwater drainage will occur:
 - Along the NW Branch Bridge
 - Along Piney Branch Rd.
 - Upcoming traffic signal reconstruction and timing alterations will occur at:
 - University Blvd. and Campus Dr.
 - University Blvd. and 23rd Ave.
 - University Blvd. and New Hampshire Ave.



6 MONTH LOOK AHEAD (CONTINUED)

- The Northwest Branch Bridge on University Blvd. will be replaced over three phases of maintenance of traffic (MOT)
 - During construction:
 - Public will be notified of changes in phases and traffic patterns
 - 2 lanes in each direction will be maintained
 - Pile driving for the bridge construction will be required
 - Pile driving is planned during weekdays, Monday – Friday, from 8 AM – 5 PM
 - Temporary crosswalks will be installed for access to south pedestrian path



University Blvd. East - NW Branch Bridge

Traffic Shift Phase I – Summer 2019

- Beginning on or about June 1, 2019 crews will be shifting traffic to the southern side of University Blvd East on the NW Branch Bridge, for Phase I
- Work will take place weekdays and weekends 7 AM - 5 PM
- Temporary crosswalk for access to south pedestrian path will be installed



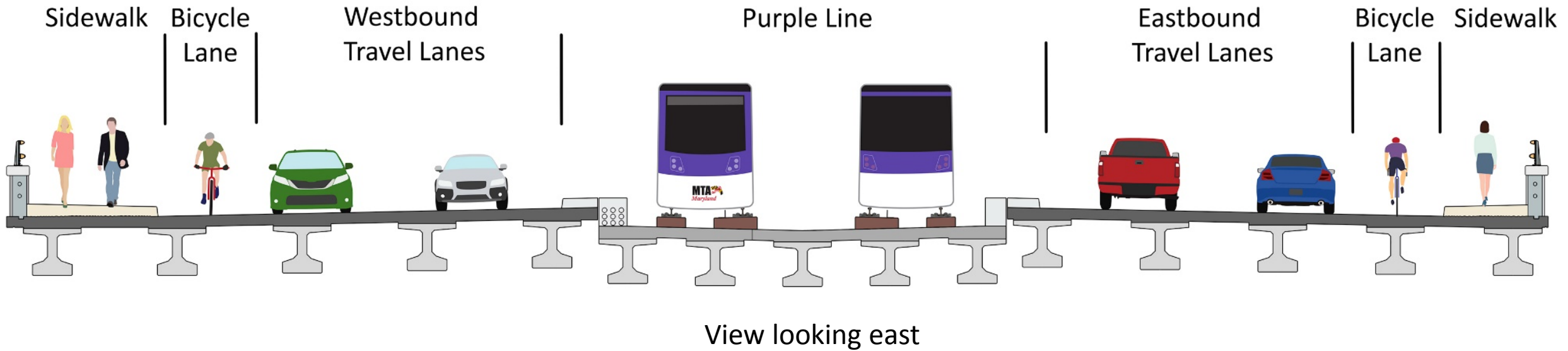


University Blvd. East - NW Branch Bridge (CONTINUED)

- Approximate timeline for the traffic shifts on the NW Branch Bridge construction are:
 - Phase I: Expected to last for approximately one year
 - Phase II: Expected to begin the Summer of 2020
 - Phase III: Expected to begin the Summer of 2021
- PLTC will provide notification to the public as each phase advances



University Blvd. East - NW Branch Bridge Final Configuration





CONSTRUCTION WORK HOURS

- Typical day shift: 7 a.m. – 5 p.m.
- Typical night shift: 7 p.m. – 4:30 a.m.
- Make-up / maintenance day will be Saturdays, as required
- The public will be notified through notifications on purplelinemd.com for:
 - Utility shutdowns
 - Road/driveway closures
 - Pile driving
 - Night work
 - Weekend work
 - Major lane closures



MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC – WHAT TO EXPECT

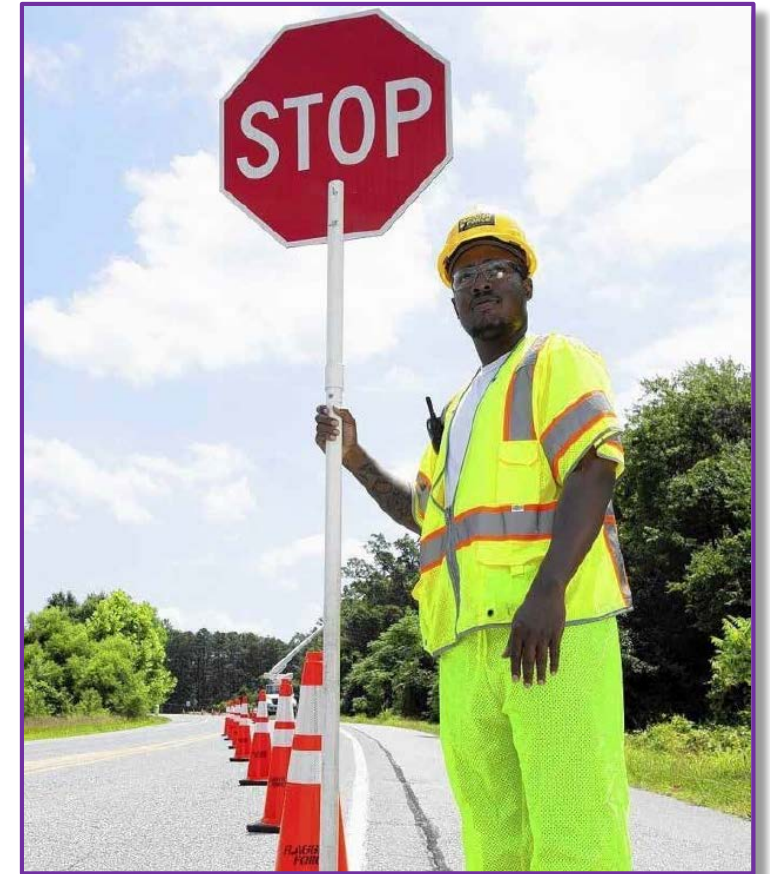
- Existing traffic patterns will change as work occurs, as needed
- Work may occur on both sides of the road and across roadways
- When a lane closure is required, a notice will be distributed via text and email (sign-up required through purplelinemd.com)
- Orange cones and barrels (temporary barricades) will be in place
- Flag-person, when required, will direct traffic
- Underground utility work may require temporary road plates





PEDESTRIAN SAFETY

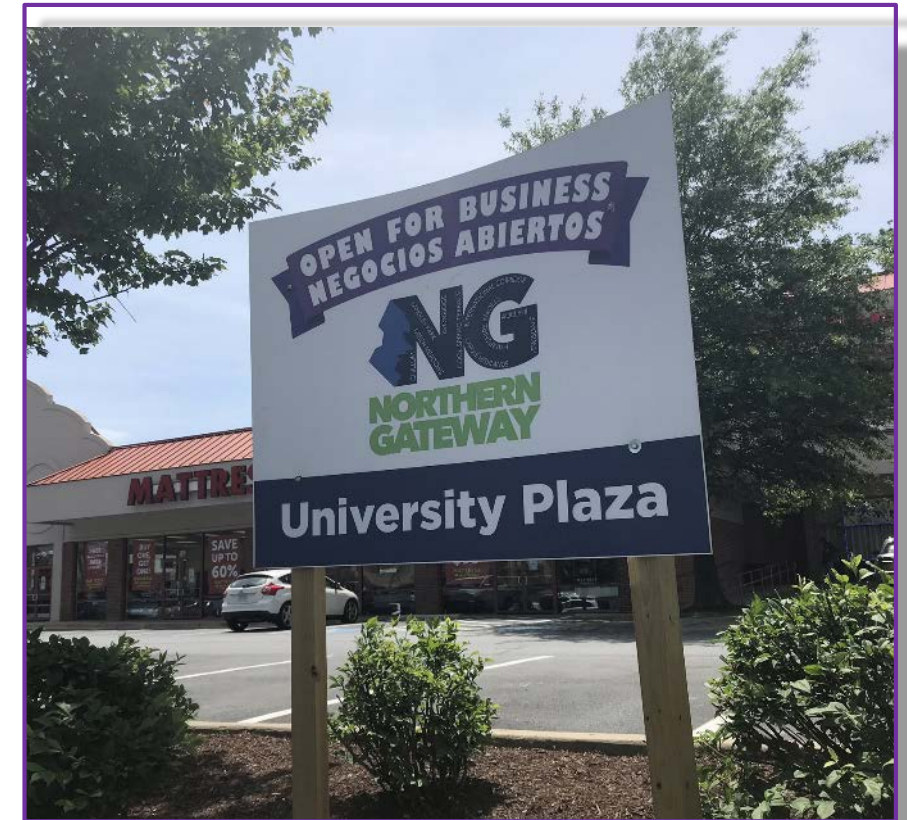
- Work zones will be clearly marked and the public should not enter them
- Pedestrian detours will be clearly signed
- When closures occur, alternate access will be provided
- Pedestrian crossings will be maintained
- ***Pedestrians should obey construction signage and keep out of work zones***





BUSINESS OUTREACH & COORDINATION

- The project's approach for business outreach consists of:
 - Engaging with those businesses potentially directly impacted by construction in the area
 - Understanding individual access and delivery requirements
 - Installation of "open for business" signage along the alignment
 - Coordination in English and Spanish (as needed)





REVAMPED PURPLE LINE WEBSITE

- Redesigned website rolled out end of April 2019 that features:
 - New photo gallery of progress pictures and videos
 - New Factsheets
 - Landscape Plans
 - New FAQ Page
 - New Station Illustrations
 - Construction Updates
- Sign up to receive construction notifications via email or text





STAY UP TO DATE ON PURPLE LINE PROGRESS

Sign up for construction notices at purplelinemd.com

- For construction-related questions and concerns, contact PLTC
 - Email: outreach@pltcllc.com
 - 24/7 hotline at 240-424-5325
- For general project questions and comments, contact MTA public outreach
 - Email: outreach@purplelinemd.com
 - Call: 443-451-3706 or 443-451-3705 (Para Español)

