



Long Branch CAT #9 Meeting – Questions and Responses
Oak View Elementary School
June 28, 2022

QUESTION: Provide an update on the retaining wall at the Giant parking lot.

RESPONSE: That retaining wall will be located along the edge of the Plymouth Tunnel. When construction is complete, Arliss Street and the Giant parking lot will be reconfigured. The new utility poles have been installed within the parking lot, which provides a visual of where the roadway will be located.

QUESTION: Who is responsible for collection of trash in the area?

RESPONSE: Please call our hotline to report your concerns. We'll work with our team and the county to get things cleaned up!

QUESTION: Can you describe the construction around Sligo Creek?

RESPONSE: Sligo Creek Bridge construction on Wayne Avenue will be performed in phases. During the phased construction, Wayne Avenue will be reduced to one lane in each direction. We will maintain pedestrian access to the trail during that time. This work is expected to begin this fall. For additional information, including the detour plans, please see the Silver Spring CAT presentation posted on our website: purplelinemd.com.

QUESTION: There [are] a lot of concrete walls and structures at the Plymouth Tunnel, is there anything that is going to be done to make it more attractive?

RESPONSE: The majority of the walls have an anti-graffiti coating to protect them. There are no plans to include artwork on the exterior walls. The planned station artwork, as part of the Art-in-Transit program will be included inside the station.

QUESTION: Is the test track already installed? Where is it?

RESPONSE: The test track is located on the eastern part of the alignment running adjacent to Veteran's Parkway from Annapolis Road to Riverdale Road.

QUESTION: Is a look-ahead schedule available?

RESPONSE: Not at this time. MTS is still refining its detailed schedule, which we will use to provide updates to community members once it is available.

QUESTION: Where are the trains running on Wayne Avenue?

RESPONSE: The trains will operate in the center of Wayne Avenue, with vehicular traffic traveling on either side. The Light Rail vehicle will travel with the flow of traffic, stop with traffic, and obey traffic signals as other vehicles do.

QUESTION: Does the train always run in the center of the roadway?

RESPONSE: No, the train will operate on various track locations along the alignment -- in dedicated space, on shared lanes with vehicular traffic, or in space adjacent to vehicular traffic.

QUESTION: Can you provide an update on adding traffic signals at University Boulevard/Seek Lane and at Piney Branch/Garland Avenue?

RESPONSE: There are no plans for an interim crossing at Garland Avenue, as a signalized crossing is one block away at Barron Street. We will be adding a temporary pedestrian signal and crosswalk at Seek Lane until the permanent signal is functional. We do not have a timeframe for this to occur, as it is dependent upon construction phasing in that area.

QUESTION: At the Long Branch Recreation Center, how will you maintain pedestrian access and accessibility to the facility?

RESPONSE: The Purple Line rebuilt the entrance and reconstructed the sidewalk along Piney Branch Road. Any driveway or pedestrian access improvements are under the purview of Montgomery County.

QUESTION: The land next to the Long Branch Library, we'd like to see a park there. Can we have input into that design?

RESPONSE: The Purple Line project is performing roadway and sidewalk work near the library. There are no plans for a public park as part of the project.

QUESTION: With the roadwork, will there be Accessible Pedestrian Signals (APS)?

RESPONSE: Yes, as part of the project, every signal along our alignment will be upgraded to current MDOT State Highway Administration standards.

QUESTION: When will repaving of University Boulevard occur?

RESPONSE: Currently, we are performing small repairs along University Boulevard following completion of. We have crews performing work at the intersections for University Boulevard and Riggs Road and University Boulevard and New Hampshire, which is nearing completion. As that work is completed, we will resurface those areas throughout the summer.

QUESTION: Can the sign in the right lane of University Boulevard stating its closed be moved/reopened?

RESPONSE: The work in the area just finished, and we will look into removing the signage if it has not already been taken down.

QUESTION: When will the work at the top of Manchester Place Station start again?

RESPONSE: During the next six months, work around the Manchester Place Station will focus on several walls on Wayne Avenue, work inside the tunnel, and additional walls on Arliss Street. Some minor site work may start on Plymouth Street; however, station construction will not begin until early 2024.

QUESTION: We live directly behind the station and the sidewalk ends right in front of our house. Who can we talk to about getting continuous sidewalk down the road? Is there a way to discuss these issues with County Officials?

RESPONSE: Our outreach team can help connect you to the right people. The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) has a program that provides improvements focused on pedestrian safety and accessibility within ½ mile of the Purple Line Stations. This project has been funded fully. For more information, please visit: [Bicycle-Pedestrian Priority Area Improvements - Purple Line \(P502004\) | Montgomery County Maryland Capital Budget \(montgomerycountymd.gov\)](#)

QUESTION: What is the status of the Art-in-Transit Program?

RESPONSE: The Art-in-Transit program is still active, and coordination has continued with the artists. Most of the art will not be installed until station construction is nearly complete. For more information about the program and artists selected, you can visit our website: <https://purplelinemd.com/about-the-project/stations/art-in-transit>.

QUESTION: How will left turns work with the train running down the middle of the road?

RESPONSE: The Light Rail vehicle will follow the flow of traffic, operate as a vehicle would, and obey traffic signals. Because intersections are being reconstructed, there will be locations where left turns can no longer be made and new signage will be installed.