



## Bethesda/Chevy Chase

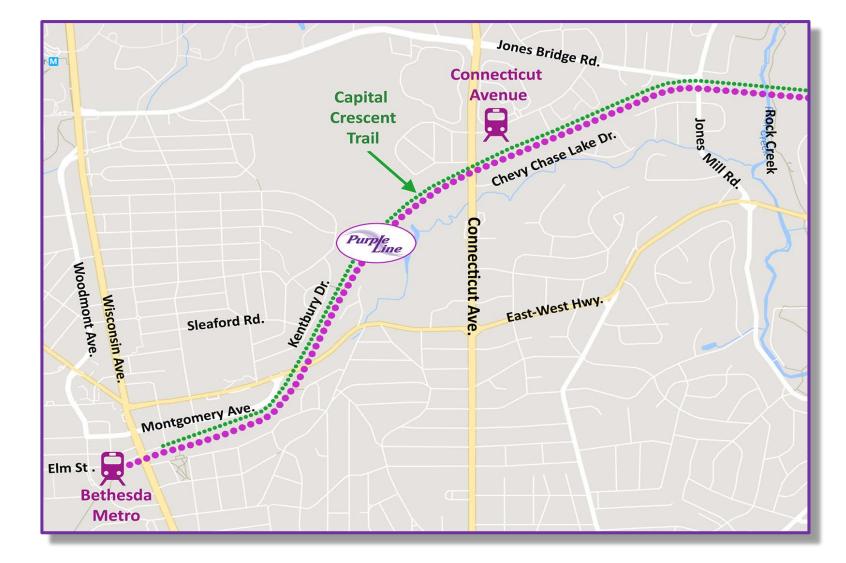
CAT Meeting #7

-December 8, 2020-

### **BETHESDA/CHEVY CHASE CAT SEGMENT**

### Stations in this segment:

- Bethesda Metro
- Connecticut Avenue



### **MEETING OVERVIEW**

- Introduction
- Project Update
- MDOT MTA Managed Construction
- Construction Reminders
- Art-in-Transit Update
- Questions



### INTRODUCTION



### **Gary Witherspoon**

#### MDOT MTA Public Outreach & Communications Deputy Project Director

### Matthew Pollack, PE, PMP

Executive Director, Transit Development and Delivery

### Vernon G. Hartsock, PMP

**Acting Project Director** 





#### Matthew Pollack, Executive Director

- A Professional Engineer (PE) with over 30 years of light and heavy rail experience
- Raised in Montgomery County and currently living in Prince George's County

#### Vernon Hartsock, Acting Project Director

- A Project Management Professional (PMP) with 28 years of MDOT MTA experience, rising to the rank of Chief Engineer before joining the Purple Line
- Oversaw the design and construction of numerous MDOT MTA capital projects, including Light Rail Double Track and Metro Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA) system.
- Raised in Baltimore and lived on 33<sup>rd</sup> Street, just a block from the former home of Memorial Stadium.



### **PROJECT UPDATE**

#### PURPLE LINE PROJECT UPDATE





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If the settlement agreement is approved by the Board of Public Works:

- Purple Line Transit Partners (PLTP) will remain as the Concessionaire.
- PLTP will initiate a solicitation for a new design-build contractor.
- MDOT and MTA will continue to manage construction during the interim period.
- PLTP will manage construction completion, start-up and operations.
- Community collaboration will remain critical to project success.



### **MDOT MTA MANAGED CONSTRUCTION**

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October – December 2020, MDOT MTA and the contractors have been working together to continue:

- Manufacturing light rail vehicles and other key project components, including electrical components, and special trackwork;
- Completing final construction designs for stormwater management and intelligent transportation systems across the alignment.



Starting with a select few locations, MDOT MTA is directing the resumption of on-site construction along the alignment. As contractors come online, the volume of work will increase.

- Pessoa Construction Company Water and sewer utility relocations and concrete work
- Henkels & McCoy Gas and overhead power relocations
- M. C. Dean Systems and electrical work
- Empire Landscaping Erosion and sediment control maintenance
- Traffic Engineering Services Maintenance of traffic support
- Aves Construction Water main relocations
- Interlock Steelworkers Steel installation for concrete support
- Priority Construction Wall construction



- Near-Term (3-6 months)
  - Complete Connecticut Avenue LRT bridge substructure concrete
  - Complete Connecticut Avenue CCT bridge substructure concrete
  - Begin construction of parapets on Developer CCT bridge
  - Complete construction of Sleaford Road underpass walls
  - Complete noise walls along the GBT
  - Jones Mill underpass backfill and utility work



- Longer-Term (6-12 months)
  - Complete Rock Creek embankments and stream improvements
  - Begin construction of Lynn Drive underpass
  - Continue bridge construction at Connecticut Avenue and Rock Creek



### **CONSTRUCTION REMINDERS**

#### MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC – WHAT TO EXPECT

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- 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



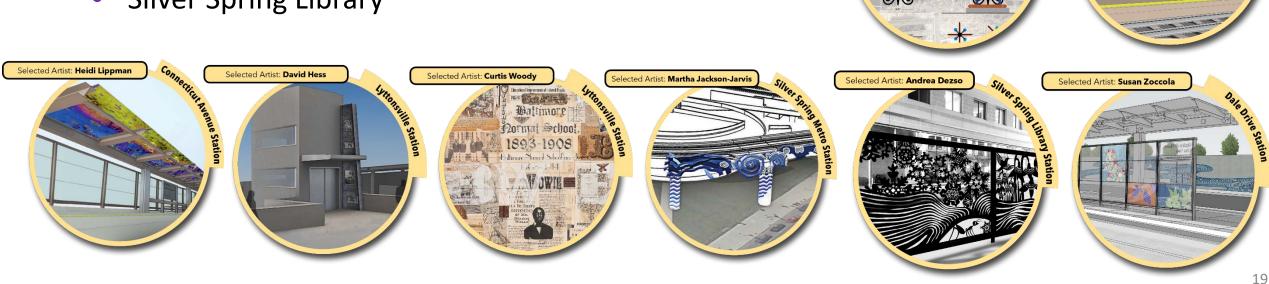
- Sign up for construction notices at purplelinemd.com
- For project questions and comments, contact MDOT MTA public outreach
  - Email: <u>outreach@purplelinemd.com</u>
  - Call: 443-451-3706 or 443-451-3705 (Para Español)







### **ART-IN-TRANSIT UPDATE**



Connecticut Avenue

stations listed below:

- Lyttonsville Station (2 artists)
- Silver Spring Metro
- Silver Spring Library

Dale Drive

8 of the 18 fully executed contracts are in Montgomery County, for the

• Long Branch

ted Artist: Sam Christian Holi

• Piney Branch



**ART-IN-TRANSIT UPDATE** 



Artists: Jessie Unterhalte

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### QUESTIONS

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- Do you expect any portions of the project design to change now under the settlement agreement?
- Is it possible to accelerate completion of certain infrastructure in and around the project that is disruptive to the community?
- What is the prospect for seeking additional federal assistance, with the upcoming change in executive leadership at the federal level?



- What new general timelines can we expect for completion of various aspects of the project?
- In 2017, the Montgomery County Council approved the purchase of 0.4 acres next to Bethesda Row, for a future Capital Crescent Civic Green. At that time, it was reported that the county expects to receive easement money from the State for use of the land during Purple Line construction. Can you please provide an update?

#### **QUESTIONS SUBMITTED PRIOR TO MEETING**

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 Given that the Sleaford Rd. tunnel was already constructed prior to the construction disruption, would the State consider temporarily or permanently completing the path between East-West Hwy and Sleaford Rd? Additionally, would the State consider constructing a temporary pedestrian bridge over the alignment at Pearl Street?

### ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS?







# Please email your questions to <u>outreach@purplelinemd.com</u> by December 15, to be included in the Q&R that will be posted online.



THANK YOU FOR ATTENDING!! Bethesda/Chevy Chase

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