



A Letter from Mike Madden, Purple Line Deputy Project Director

Dear Purple Line Community Stakeholder,

Earlier this year, Maryland Governor Hogan called for the MDOT/MTA team to conduct a thorough review of the Purple Line to find ways to reduce project costs. As a result, some requirements have been reduced to provide more flexibility, encourage greater innovation, and achieve cost savings; details can be found [here](#). Ultimately, we believe this approach will help us deliver a more cost-efficient light rail system while still providing quality service and honoring commitments made to Purple Line communities. Today, light rail is flourishing in cities throughout the country, and Governor Hogan's announcement on June 25th that the Purple Line would move forward represents a major milestone for the project.

Over the past thirteen years working on the project, MTA's Purple Line team has attended hundreds of public meetings and events. It has always been the support of the communities in the Purple Line corridor that has spurred the project forward and we want to take the time to acknowledge that effort and say, "Thank You" as we move closer to bringing this vital new transit option to your community and to the region.

You can expect to hear about progress on the project in the months ahead including the selection of a concessionaire who will complete design, carry out construction, and ultimately operate and maintain the 16-mile Purple Line. We are also planning to roll out Community Advisory Teams to continue sharing important project information with neighboring communities. Please remain engaged with the project by participating in public meetings, visiting our website, signing up for our mailing list and following us on social media. Also, look for the Purple Line team at your local community events.

Sincerely,

Mike Madden
Purple Line Deputy Project Director
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Gov. Larry Hogan Moves Forward With Cost-Effective Purple Line

In announcing that he was moving forward with a more cost-effective and streamlined version of the Purple Line, Governor Larry Hogan made the following statements:

“Today, we are announcing that we will be moving forward with the Purple Line to connect New Carrollton in Prince George’s County to Bethesda in Montgomery County. I have always said this decision was never about whether public transit was worthwhile, but whether it is affordable and makes economic sense.”

“Our Administration promised to chart a new course for Maryland – one where economic development and jobs are our top priority. Over the last five months, we have been wholly focused on making Maryland a more business friendly and more competitive state, so that we can create more jobs and more opportunities for our citizens.

“The Purple Line is a long-term investment that will be an important economic driver for Maryland. It will be built in a part of our state that has demonstrated strong support and use of mass transit. The Purple Line will integrate seamlessly with our current transit system – combining Metro, MARC and Amtrak. Construction alone will mean 23,000 new jobs for Marylanders over six years. And it will be a long-term asset to our state – attracting businesses and making Maryland a better place to live, work and retire.”

