



**Long Branch CAT Meeting #5
Oak View Elementary School
October 23, 2019
Questions and Responses**

Question: When should residents and businesses expect construction to impact traffic on Piney Branch Road between Arliss Street and University Boulevard?

Response: Work has already started in that area with installation of erosion and sediment controls including a storm drain across Piney Branch Road. There will be multiple phases of lane closures to implement the work over the next two years. Public notice will be provided via Purple Line Transit Constructors (PLTC)'s construction notification system prior to any lane closures occurring.

Question: Are there any problems with the concrete at the tunnel?

Response: PLTC is subject to very rigid internal and external quality inspection processes, which includes third-party and state inspectors. With respect to the Plymouth Tunnel, there are no issues with the concrete.

Question: Are there any issues with shotcrete runoff at the tunnel?

Response: There are no issues with shotcrete runoff. The water in the tunnel is treated before discharged in Long Branch. This discharge is subject to onerous criteria and monitoring by the state.

Question: How can these meetings be better promoted?

Response: The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) posts the Community Advisory Team (CAT) meetings online and uses social media to advertise. Additionally, the meeting dates are shared in advance with each respective county, elected officials, and CAT members in hopes they will help spread the word about the CAT meetings.

Question: What are the replanting plans?

Response: There are specific restrictions with respect to the overhead catenary system and utilities that limit where trees can be planted. PLTC will replant trees along the 16.2-mile alignment where trees are not restricted in the public right-of-way. There are also several locations outside the Purple Line alignment in both Montgomery and Prince George's counties where trees are being planted. Landscaping plans can be found at purplelinemd.com/construction/plans.

Question: Will there be pedestrian access once the eastern segment of Arliss Street is closed?

Response: PLTC is required to maintain pedestrian and delivery access during the closure of the eastern segment of Arliss Street.

Question: Will the partial closures of Sligo Creek Parkway at E. Wayne Avenue affect the Sligo Creek Trail?

Response: The trail will not be impacted by the Sligo Creek Parkway closures, which will be completed in phases.

Question: Are there any organizations working on peripheral Purple Line issues, like housing?

Response: Several nonprofit organizations and government agencies have joined Purple Line Corridor Coalition, which focuses on a number of issues, including housing and small businesses.

Question: When will the Purple Line start service?

Response: MDOT MTA and Purple Line Transit Partners are scheduling a phased opening of the Purple Line. A more detailed schedule will be available in 2020.

Question: Will bus routes be affected when Purple Line construction is completed?

Response: The respective bus operators will make the determination of whether to adjust their routes; this is outside of the Purple Line's jurisdiction.

Question: Is their heightened surveillance near construction sites for pedestrians, particularly on University Boulevard?

Response: County police officers from both Montgomery and Prince George's counties have been assisting in monitoring the construction area to ensure that pedestrians are not crossing midblock.

Question: How wide will the sidewalks be in this area?

Response: The final sidewalks will be five feet in width.

Question: When you close lanes on Piney Branch Road for construction, will you be using a barrier to separate pedestrians from traffic and construction?

Response: Yes

Question: Pedestrian access on both sides of E. Wayne Avenue was temporarily obstructed. What strategies have you put into place to ensure pedestrian access is not obstructed in the future?

Response: The obstruction of pedestrian access was due to a coordination issue. Moving forward, PLTC has built in additional internal oversight, which includes bringing on additional supervisors for utilities and subcontractors.

Question: If a resident comes upon an obstructed sidewalk, how should they get in touch with you?

Response: All construction-related concerns should be addressed to PLTC via phone or email: outreach@pltcllc.com; (240) 424-5325.

Question: In what conditions will sidewalks be after construction?

Response: Sidewalks that are impacted by construction will be replaced and made ADA-compliant.

Question: Are there maps available that show where crossings and traffic signals will be?

Response: If you are interested in final plans, please reach out to PLTC Outreach via phone or email: outreach@pltcllc.com; (240) 424-5325.

Question: How is the Plymouth Tunnel secured during construction?

Response: There are only two points of access to the Plymouth Tunnel. During the day, these access points are controlled by staff. At night the access points are closed. Cameras are installed throughout this site to ensure security of the work zone.

Question: How will work on the Wayne Avenue bridge over Sligo Creek be phased?

Response: Work on this bridge will be completed in two phases. In the first phase, which is scheduled for winter 2020, traffic will be reduced to one lane in each direction and shifted to the south side of Wayne Avenue. Because left turns will be not permitted from eastbound Wayne Avenue onto Sligo Creek Parkway, a detour has been established using Dale Drive. The second phase is scheduled for fall 2020, when traffic will be shifted to the north side of Wayne Avenue. Sligo Creek Parkway will be closed between Wayne Avenue and Piney Branch Road. The established detour will use Flower Avenue, Manchester Road, and Piney Branch Road. PLTC has been and will continue to coordinate with MCPS to ensure the school staff, as well as students and their families, are aware of the impacts of this work.

Question: What is the schedule for work on the Piney Branch Road bridge over Long Branch?

Response: PLTC will be working on this bridge over the next 4-6 months.