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Your guide to Purple Line news,
information and events

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The latest from our Project Director, Ray Biggs II



Ray Biggs, II, Project Director

The Purple Line had a productive summer, with measurable project progress across Montgomery and Prince George's counties at 60 construction sites. I am pleased to share that the Purple Line is more than halfway to the finish line!

Back-to-school season is in full swing, and it's a good time for **safety reminders** - not just for those headed to

school but all drivers and pedestrians traveling through work zones. For your safety and the safety of construction teams, please give extra attention in these work zones as closures, detours, and other traffic alerts can change as project progress continues.

September is also an excellent time of year to remind everyone how to connect with our Purple Line Outreach Team. During the summer, these team members worked closely with schools, families, and local officials to prepare **communities for the school year**. Remember, you can email the Purple Line Community Outreach Team at outreach@purplelinemd.com or contact them via phone at 443-451-3706, Español 443-451-3705.

Did you know? **Financial assistance is available for small businesses** along the alignment impacted by the construction of the Purple Line project. Montgomery County, in partnership with the Maryland Department of Commerce, will provide up to \$5,000 in grant money to impacted local businesses. Grant applications are due by 11:59 p.m. on September 30. To learn if your business is eligible and apply, visit montgomerycountymd.gov/business/purple-line-grant/.

A look ahead: Our fall series of Community Advisory Team (CAT) meetings will take place in October. Meeting dates and how to join these interactive virtual public meetings are available on our website, purplelinemd.com.

Thank you for staying in touch with the progress of the Purple Line.

- Ray Biggs, II, Project Director

Sign up to receive construction notifications at purplelinemd.com

Construction Photo/Update:



From left to right: Crews put the finishing touches on concrete holding the direct fixation track in the Plymouth Tunnel. Measuring 1,100 feet, it is the only tunnel on the Purple Line and will be home to the Manchester Place station at the tunnel's western portal. (Right) Crews place concrete for the approach slab connecting the Talbot Avenue Bridge to Grace Church Road in Woodside. Crews install a massive sand filter as part of stormwater management improvements at the University of Maryland College Park campus. The underground structure is comprised of precast concrete chambers that reduce storm surge and filter runoff through sand, removing pollutants that can negatively impact local streams.

Business Spotlight: Vasquez Multiservices

Vasquez Multiservices is a Hyattsville-based one-stop office for personal and business legal and tax services, including bookkeeping and payroll. The team also provides assistance with registering and opening new businesses.

The family-owned and operated company was founded in 2008 by accountant Sandra Vasquez, who has years of experience helping immigrants. She was later joined in the business by her brother, attorney Jose Raul Vasquez. The team is fluent in English and Spanish, supporting clients locally and in El Salvador



Multiservices Attorney Jose Vasquez; Purple Line Business Engagement Officer of Prince George's County, Marlene Veras; Multiservices Founder & Owner Sandra Vasquez

with authorizations, divorces, rectification of birth certificates, powers of attorney, and more. Ms. Vasquez shared her excitement about the Purple Line, noting additional economic development and opportunities that will come as a result. "The Purple Line will help develop the area and provide affordable and reliable transportation to customers from Washington, D.C., Virginia, and Maryland," she said.

Her brother agreed. "I am excited about the transportation opportunities the Purple Line will bring for customers beyond Montgomery and Prince George's counties." Mr. Vasquez also said he can't wait to get on board as a rider.

Vasquez Multiservices is open 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Saturday. Appointments available by calling 240-882-2448 or contacting the team online at [vasquezmultiservices.com](https://www.vasquezmultiservices.com).

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900 ACTIVE CONSTRUCTION WORKERS ON THE PROJECT