



Bethesda/Chevy Chase

Community Advisory Team Meeting

October 17, 2023

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INTRODUCTIONS – PROJECT LEADERSHIP



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INTRODUCTIONS – PROJECT TEAM



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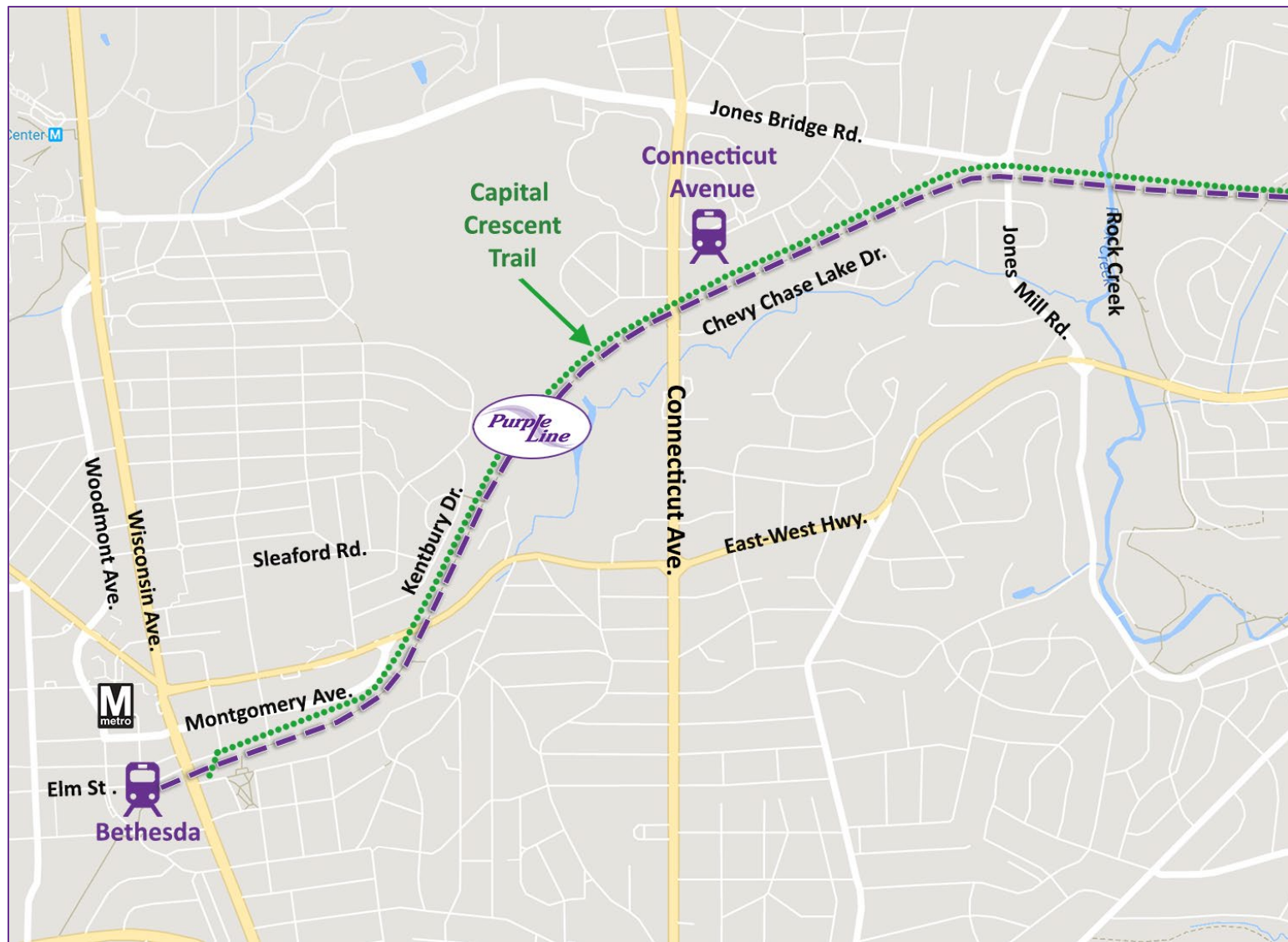
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BETHESDA/CHEVY CHASE STATIONS

- Bethesda
- Connecticut Avenue



NEW WOODMONT AVENUE RENDERING

*Purple
Line*



Note – Artist rendition, station features included may not be final. Art-in-Transit selection not featured.

PROJECT STATUS

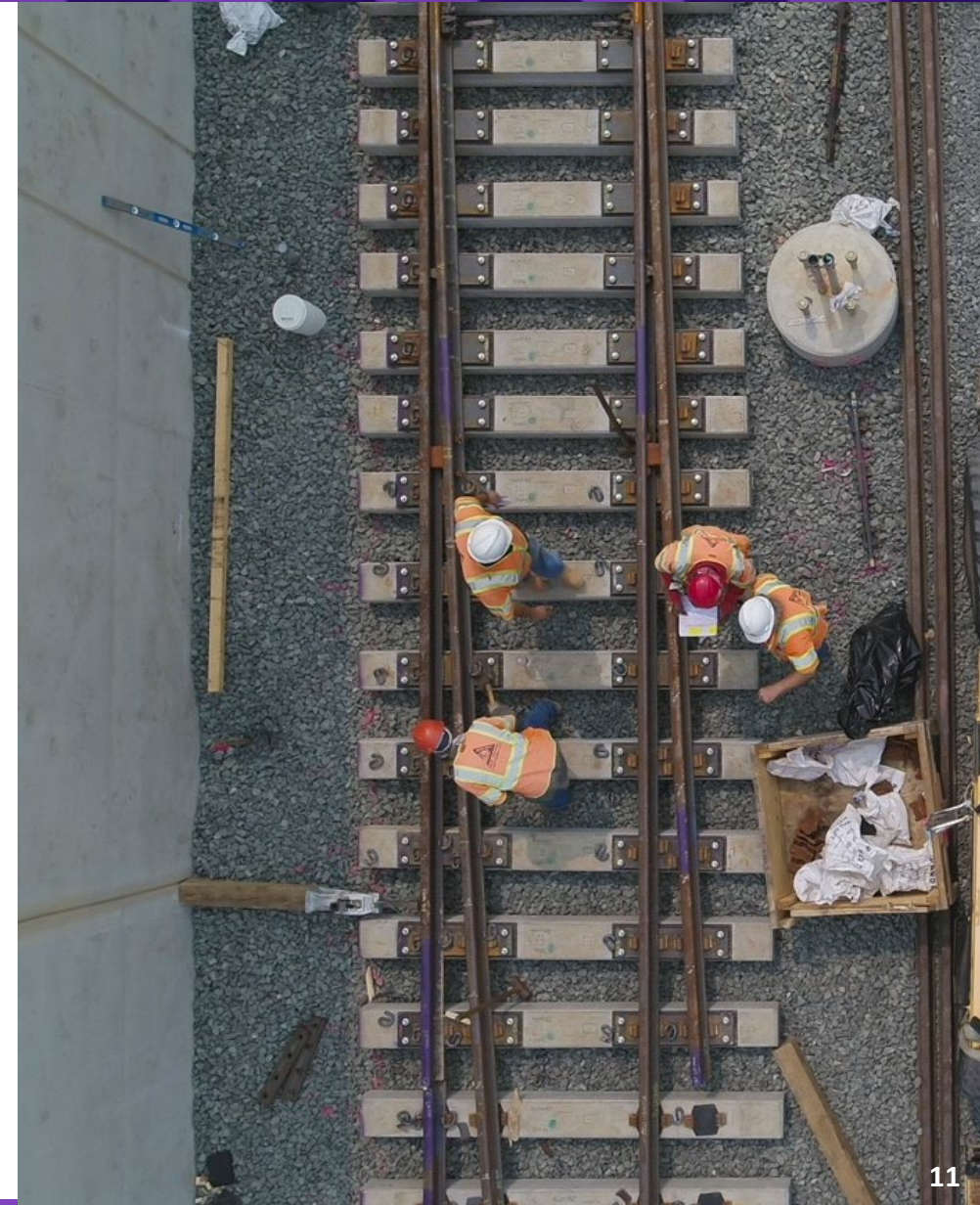


Purple Line

Fall 2023 Update

PROJECT STATUS

We're busy—the project is more than **58%** complete!



PROJECT STATUS

More than **60** active construction sites with approximately **1,100** workers.



PROJECT STATUS

Underground utility
relocations are
98% complete.



Installed **more than half**
of the of overhead
catenary pole foundations
along the alignment.



PROJECT STATUS

Installed **3 out of 10**
traction power
substations.



PROJECT STATUS

First station canopies were installed at the Riverdale Park North – UMD station.



PROJECT STATUS

26 of 28 light rail vehicles are complete and ready for delivery to Maryland.



STATION CONSTRUCTION

11 stations are under construction.

- Bethesda
- Connecticut Avenue
- Lyttonsville
- Silver Spring
- Silver Spring Library
- Manchester Place
- Arliss Street
- Campus Drive – UMD
- Riverdale Park North – UMD
- Riverdale Park – Kenilworth
- Glenridge

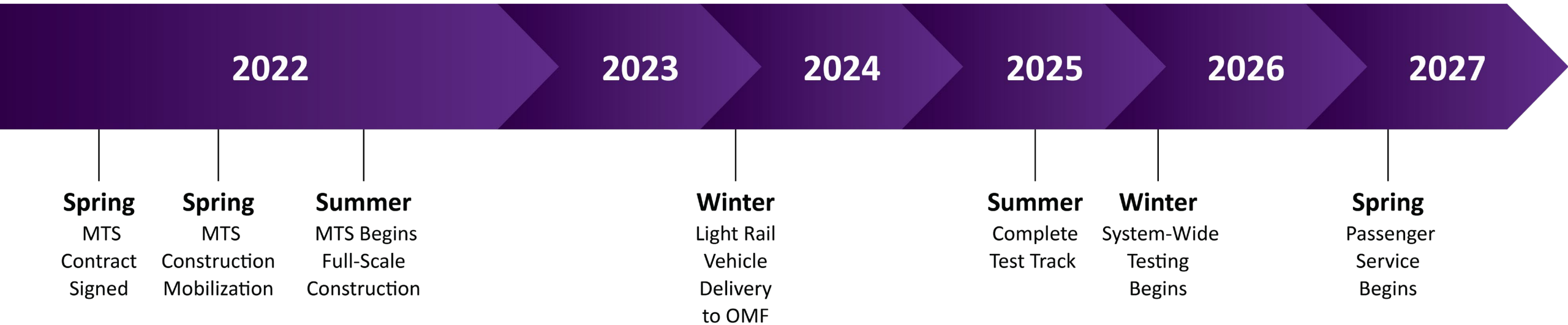


Connecticut Avenue

PROJECT TIMELINE



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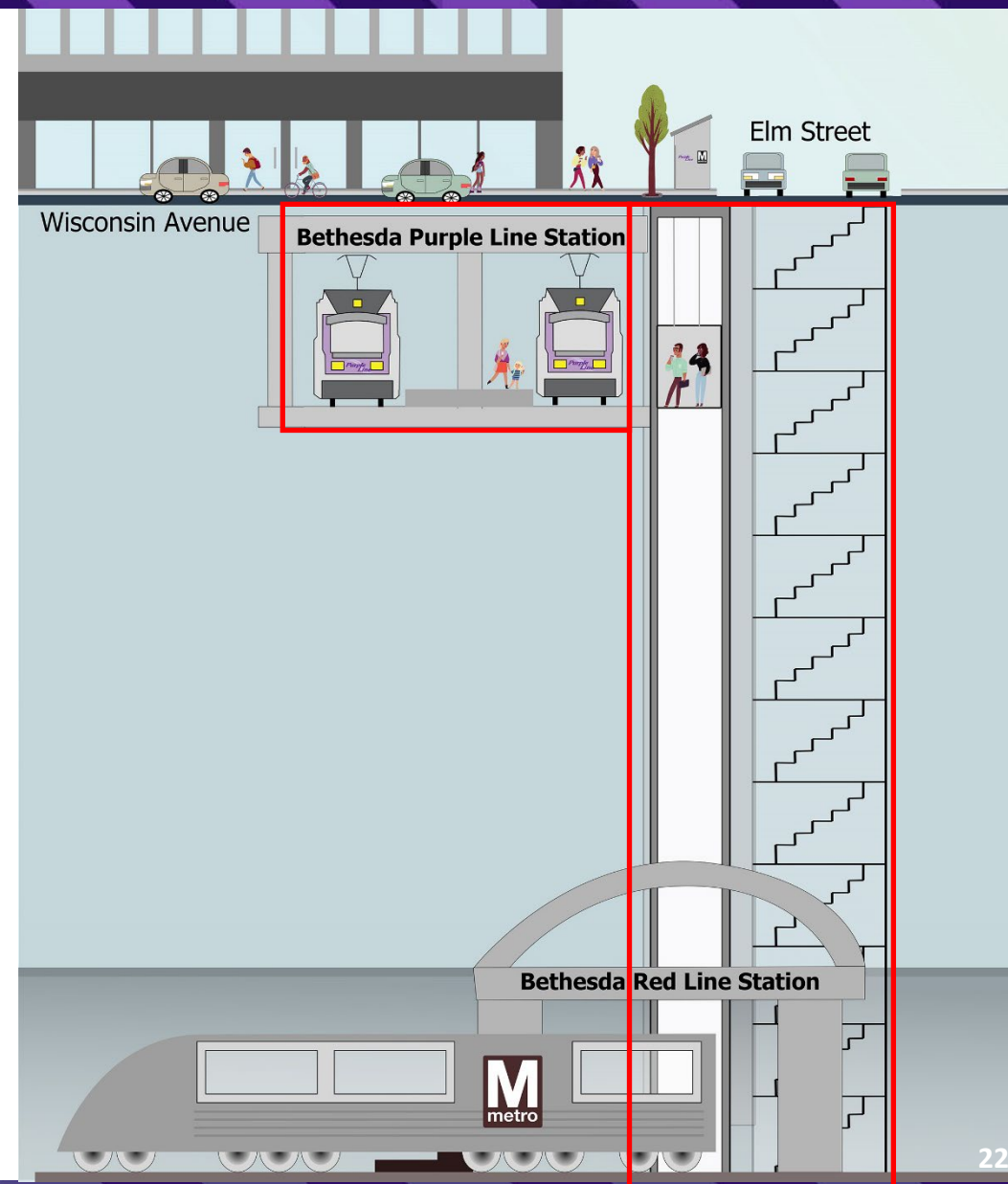


CONSTRUCTION UPDATE



BETHESDA OVERVIEW

- Construction in the Bethesda work zone:
 - Purple Line's Bethesda Station.
 - Connections from the Elm Property and Elm Street to the Purple Line station and WMATA station.
 - High speed elevators to the Purple Line station and to WMATA's Red Line.
 - Emergency access stair connections.
 - A cavern leading to the WMATA's Red Line.



BETHESDA SHAFT

Recent and Ongoing Work:

- Completed gantry building to enclose shaft work zone.
- Reached depth of the shaft at 130 feet.
- Began excavation laterally into the cavern that will connect to WMATA's Red Line.

Upcoming Work:

- Complete first phase of cavern excavation.
- Begin structural concrete placement.
- Install specialty arch formwork for the cavern roof.
- Continue concrete placement for shaft walls.



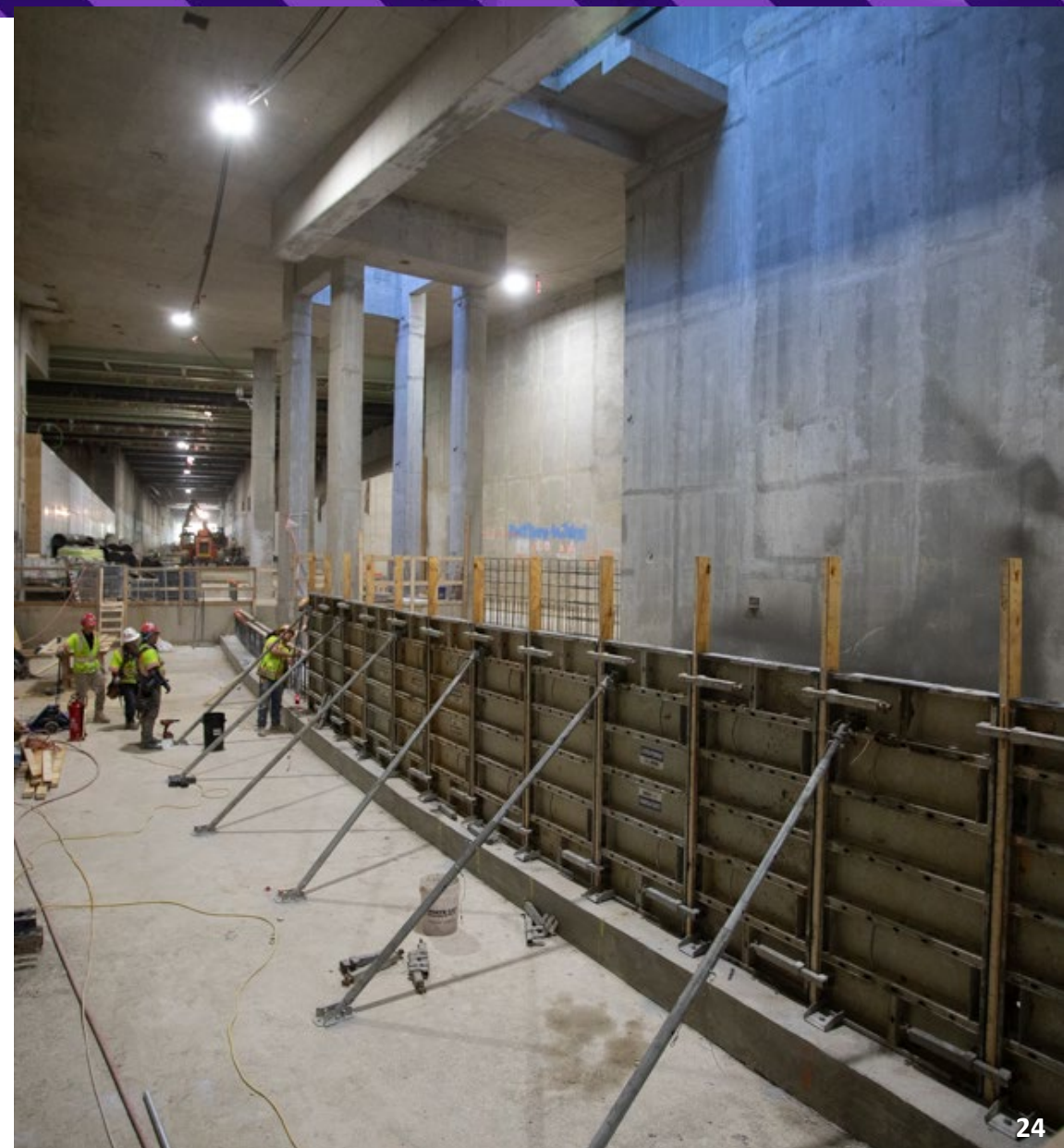
BETHESDA STATION

Recent and Ongoing Work:

- Constructed platform walls and support.
- Began station construction with the electrical switch gear room.

Upcoming Work:

- Continue electrical systems installation.
- Begin construction of station platform.
- Begin construction of retaining wall into Woodmont Plaza.
- Begin preparation for track installation.
- Begin station stair and escalator structures.



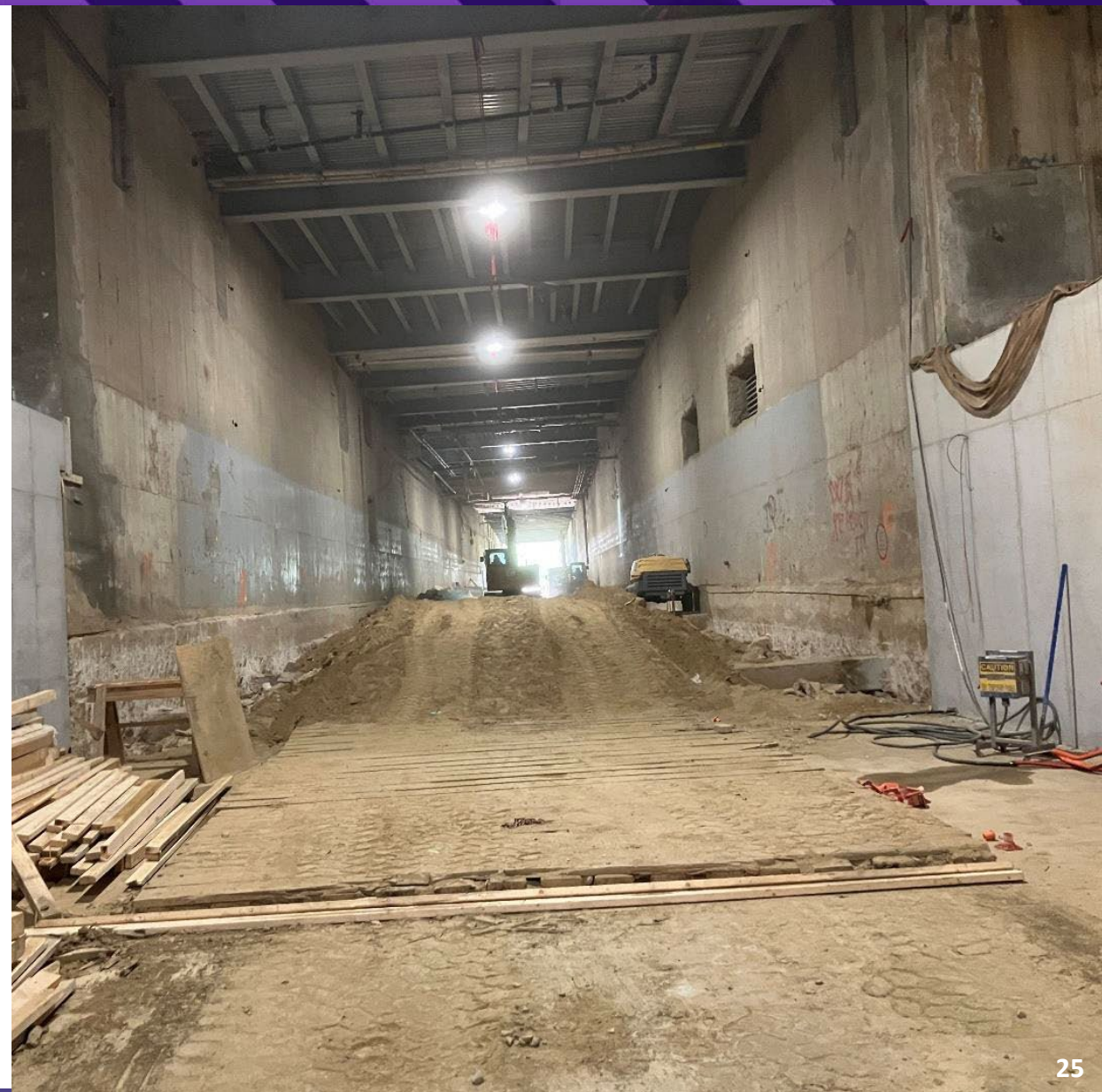
BETHESDA ENCLOSED TRAINWAY

Recent and Ongoing Work:

- Completed construction of new retaining walls under Wisconsin Avenue.
- Continue installation of new structural components.

Upcoming Work:

- Begin installation of drainage systems, duct banks, and safety walks.
- Begin preparation for track installation.



ELM STREET PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE

Recent and Ongoing Work:

- Completed construction of pedestrian bridge abutments and ramp piers.
- Placed new pedestrian bridge that will connect Elm Street Park to the future Capital Crescent Trail.
- Completed construction of ramp to Elm Street Park.
- Began construction of Capital Crescent Trail Pearl Street access ramp structure.

Upcoming Work:

- Pour the concrete walkway on the bridge, railings and fencing.
- Complete ramp connections from the bridge.



PEARL STREET TO CONNECTICUT AVENUE

Recent and Ongoing Work:

- Completed overhead catenary system pole foundation installations.
- Completed two stormwater management systems.
- Continue wall construction.
- Began trail connection at East-West Highway.
- Began final grading.

Upcoming Work:

- Continue Capital Crescent Trail connections.
- Complete wall construction.
- Begin application of anti-graffiti wall coating.
- Begin preparation for track installation.
- Begin fence installation.



CONNECTICUT AVENUE STATION

Recent and Ongoing Work:

- Completed overhead catenary system pole foundation installations.
- Completed bridge deck on the Chevy Chase Lake light rail train bridge.
- Continued wall construction.
- Began station construction.

Upcoming Work:

- Complete wall construction.
- Pour concrete deck on Capital Crescent Trail bridge.
- Continue station construction.



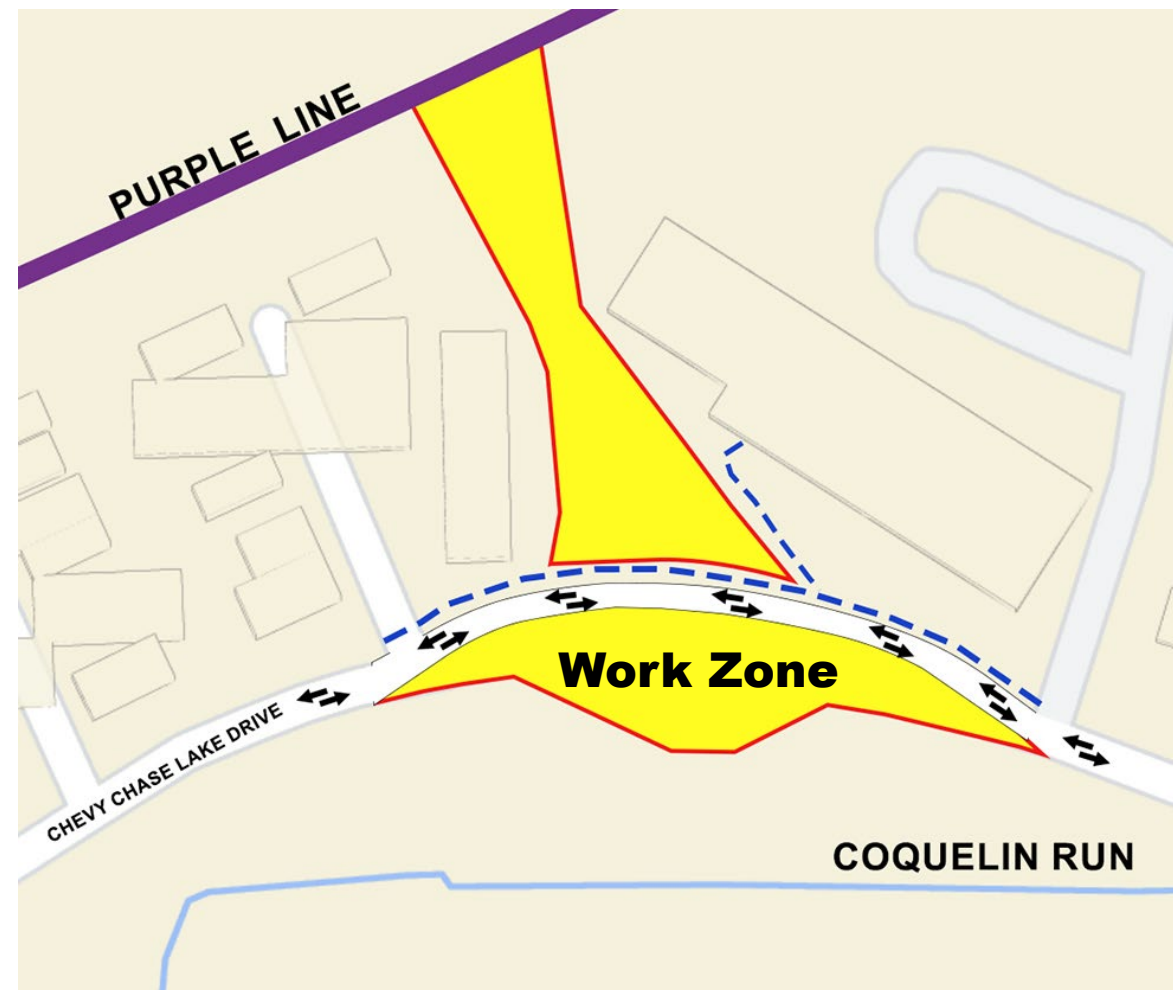
CHEVY CHASE LAKE

Recent and Ongoing Work:

- Completed jack and bore for stormwater drainage installation.
- Continued installation of walls.
- Began utility relocations.

Upcoming Work:

- Complete overhead utility relocation to underground.
- Complete gas service relocation.
- Began water and sewer service relocation.
- Implement traffic shift on Chevy Chase Lake Drive for utility connections to Coquelin Run.



Work Zone



Pedestrian Detour



COQUELIN RUN

Recent and Ongoing Work:

- Began Coquelin Run stream bypass and restoration.
- Began installation of walls.

Upcoming Work:

- Complete Coquelin Run stream restoration.
- Continue installation of walls.
- Begin construction of Coquelin Run pedestrian underpass.



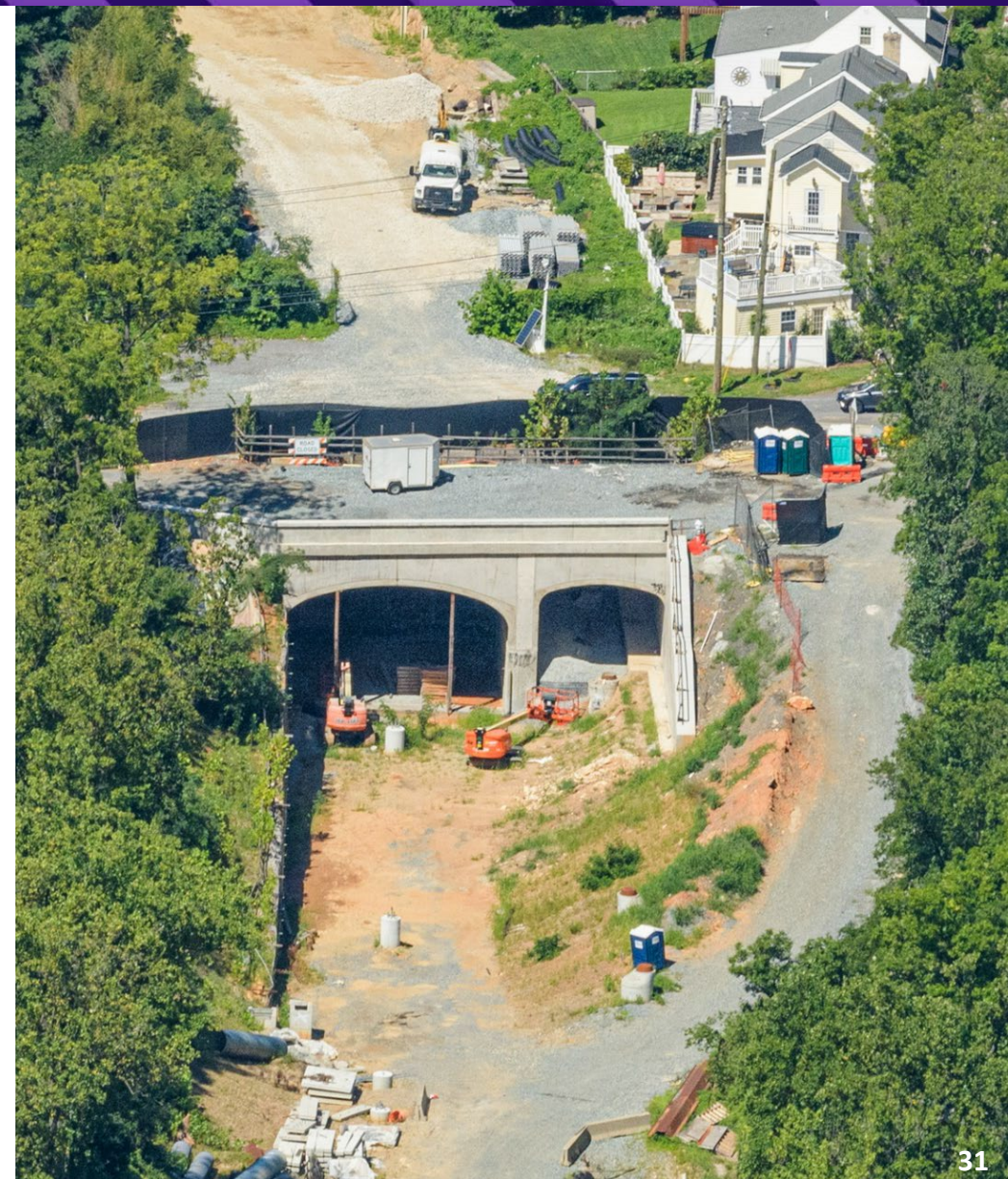
JONES MILL ROAD

Recent and Ongoing Work:

- Completed critical utility relocations.
- Completed roadway subsurface on the west side of the road.
- Began construction of concrete west wing walls.

Upcoming Work:

- Complete west wing walls.
- Complete Phase I with installation of final curb, sidewalk, and paving for traffic shift to the west side.
- Begin concrete wing wall construction on the east side.
- Begin excavation for Phase II on east side of the structure.



ROCK CREEK PARK

Recent and Ongoing Work:

- Poured safety walks and removed overhang.
- Continued stream restoration efforts.
- Began finishing work of the Rock Creek light rail train bridge.
- Began Capital Crescent Trail underpass construction (east) of Rock Creek Park.

Upcoming Work:

- Complete stream restoration.
- Complete Capital Crescent Trail underpass.
- Install Capital Crescent Trail bridge.
- Complete storm drain installation.
- Begin new trail connection.



NEW PEDESTRIAN CONNECTIONS

- As part of the Purple Line project, multiple new, pedestrian access points and structures are being constructed to support connectivity to the Capital Crescent Trail:
 - Elm Street Park pedestrian bridge.
 - Lynn Drive underpass.
 - Sleaford underpass.
 - Connecticut Avenue pedestrian bridge.
 - Coquelin Run pedestrian underpass.
 - Rock Creek Park pedestrian bridge.
 - Rock Creek pedestrian underpass.



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT



BETHESDA ART FESTIVAL

- The Purple Line team has continued our partnership with the Bethesda Art Festival as a sponsor.
- We enjoyed catching up with the community last weekend on Elm Street, not far from our Bethesda Station.



MAINTENANCE OF TRAFFIC – WHAT TO EXPECT

- 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.
- Orange cones and barrels (temporary barricades) will be in place.
- Flaggers, when required, will direct traffic.
- Underground utility work may require temporary road plates.



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BEYOND THE RAILS COMMUNITY GRANT

Purple
Line

- **Purpose:** Support neighboring community groups
- **Value:** \$1,000 to \$3,000 per year
- **Number:** 12 per year (6 awards, every 6 months)
- **Categories:** Community and Environment
- **Initial Deadline:** November 30, 2023
- **More Info:** www.purplelinemd.com/about-the-project/grants

PURPLE LINE
TRANSIT PARTNERS



**Beyond the Rails
Community Grant Program**

THANK YOU

QUESTIONS?