Purple Line Update
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What is the Purple Line?

• 16 mile light rail line from New Carrollton to Silver Spring and Bethesda
• Operated by MTA
• Service scheduled to start in 2022; possibly delayed to 2023 or 2024
Light Rail Shares the Road

- Quiet, electrically powered vehicles
- 15 mph speed limit on campus

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What is the Purple Line?

- 21 stations
- 5 stations on or adjacent to campus
- Connects 4 branches of Metro, 3 MARC lines and Amtrak
Conceptual Station Rendering
Purple Line Benefits

• **Free rides** for students, faculty, staff among the 5 stations
• New **bike lanes** through campus
• **Reduces** the need for **cars**
• Dramatically **improves access** to campus and the surrounding area
• Plays a key role in the Greater College Park initiative to cultivate a **vibrant college town**
Purple Line Milestones

- 2002-2009 – Studies of alignments
- 2012 – UMD alignment endorsed
- 2016 – Concessionaire selected
- 2017 – Construction ground breaking
- 2022 – Service scheduled to begin
Alignment Best Serves the Community
M Relocation

• Built prior to demo of M Circle
• Improved pedestrian access
• Improved intersection and new traffic signal
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Managing Impacts During Construction

Leadership Groups

• UMD Purple Line Executive Oversight Group
• UMD Purple Line Work Group
Current Project Schedule

Year 1
• Campus Drive transition to westbound only
• Utility relocation along Campus Drive and Rossborough Ln

Beyond
• Construct new M
• Continued utility relocations
• Road and track construction

1. Begin Utility Relocations on Campus Drive between Adelphi Road and Presidential Drive
2. Install Storm Drain from Lot 1 to Cole Field House
3. EB Closure of Campus Drive from Regents Drive to Library Lane to Continue Utility Relocations
4. Median Demo, Drainage, Grading, and Landscaping East of Regents Drive for M Relocation (Starting in May)
5. Begin Utility Relocations on Rossborough Lane

Legend:
- Demo/Clearing/E&S
- MOT
- Utility Relocations
- Civil Construction
- Stations
- OCS/TPSS
- Communications

Paint Branch Parkway:
- Continue Pump Station
- Begin Utility Relocations

College Park Metro:
- Begin Utility Relocations
- Close Bus Loop (Date TBD)

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2. Drainage Installation from Thowing Fields to Cole Field House (Starting in June)
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4. Potential Closure of Union Drive at Stamp
5. Continue Earthwork and Landscaping East of Regents Drive for M Relocation (New M Complete early August)
6. Remove Existing M and Establish Phase 1 MOT at Campus Drive and Regents Drive intersection
7. Continuing Utility Relocations on Rossborough Lane
8. Establish Phase 1 MOT on Rossborough From Diamondback to Building 212 & Start Civil Construction
9. Remaining Tree Clearing on Campus (Except for Route 1)

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Other Project Impacts

• Temporary road closures
  • Campus Drive
  • Union Drive
  • Union Lane
  • Rossborough Lane

• Parking

• Utility outages
Road Closures

Rossborough Lane

- Diamondback Dr. to east
- First closure - winter break 2020
- Additional closures in 2020, 2021
Road Closures

Rossborough Lane

- Diamondback Drive to west
- Spring or summer 2021 for 1 year
Stay Up to Date

- Web: umd.edu/purpleline
- Email: purpleline@umd.edu
- UMD email notices to those affected
- Social media posts
Stay Up to Date

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Construction Info
The Purple Line project is a new 10-mile east-west light rail line that operates mostly on the surface with 21 stations and connects New Carrolton in Prince George's County and Bethesda in Montgomery County. It also provides a direct connection to four Washington Metrorail lines, three MARC commuter rail lines, Amtrak Northeast Corridor and regional and local bus services.

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Questions