

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

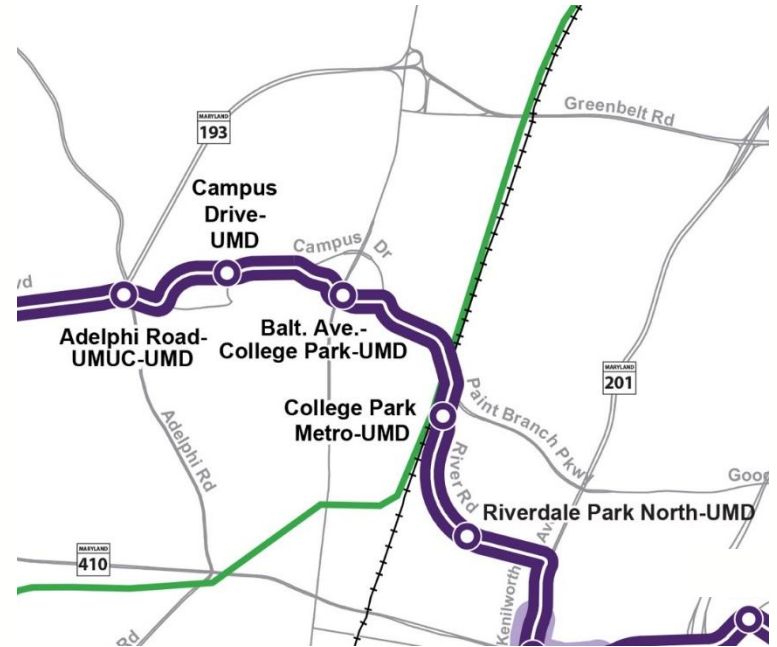
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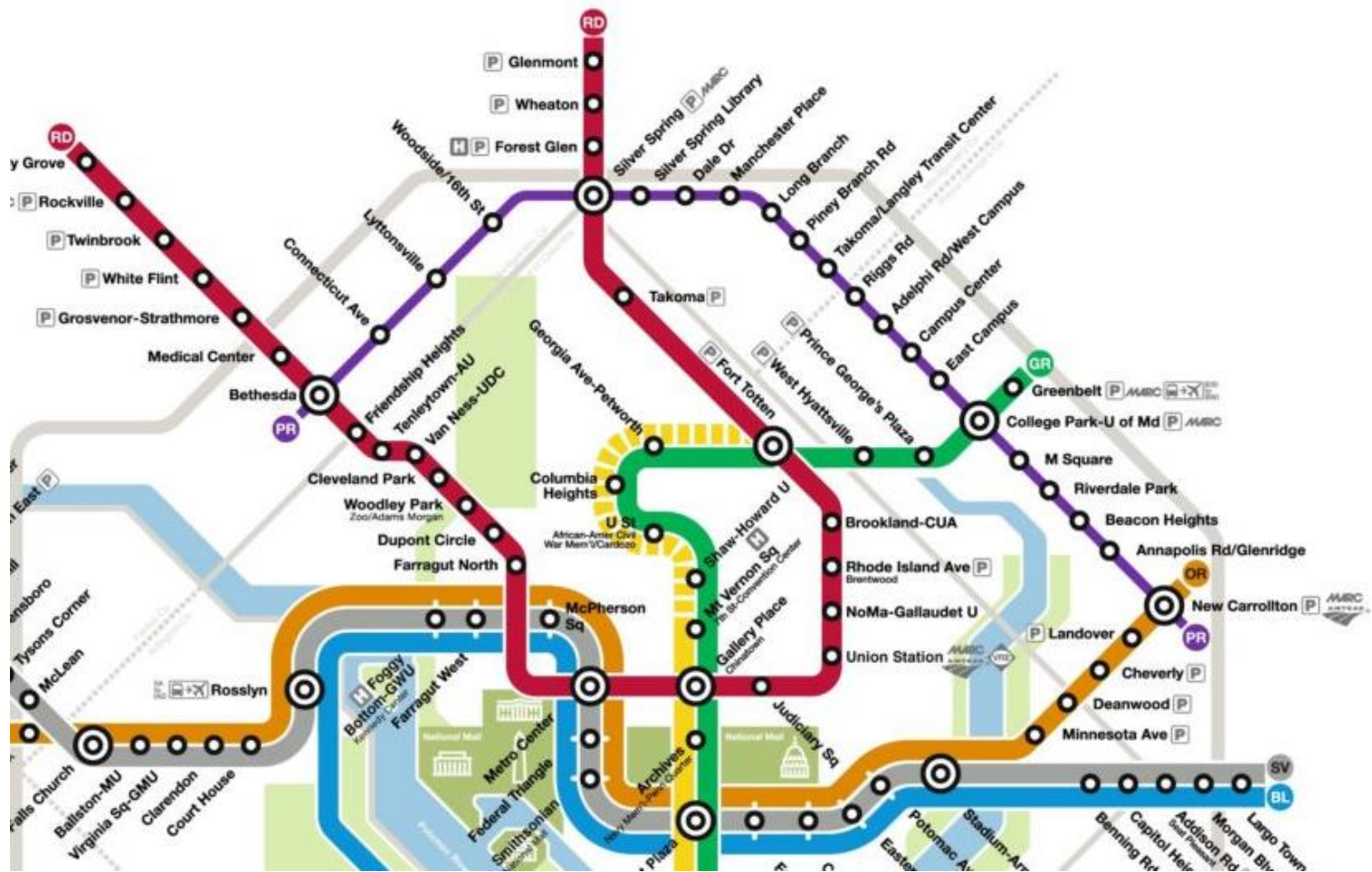
- Quiet, electrically powered vehicles
- 15 mph speed limit on campus



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









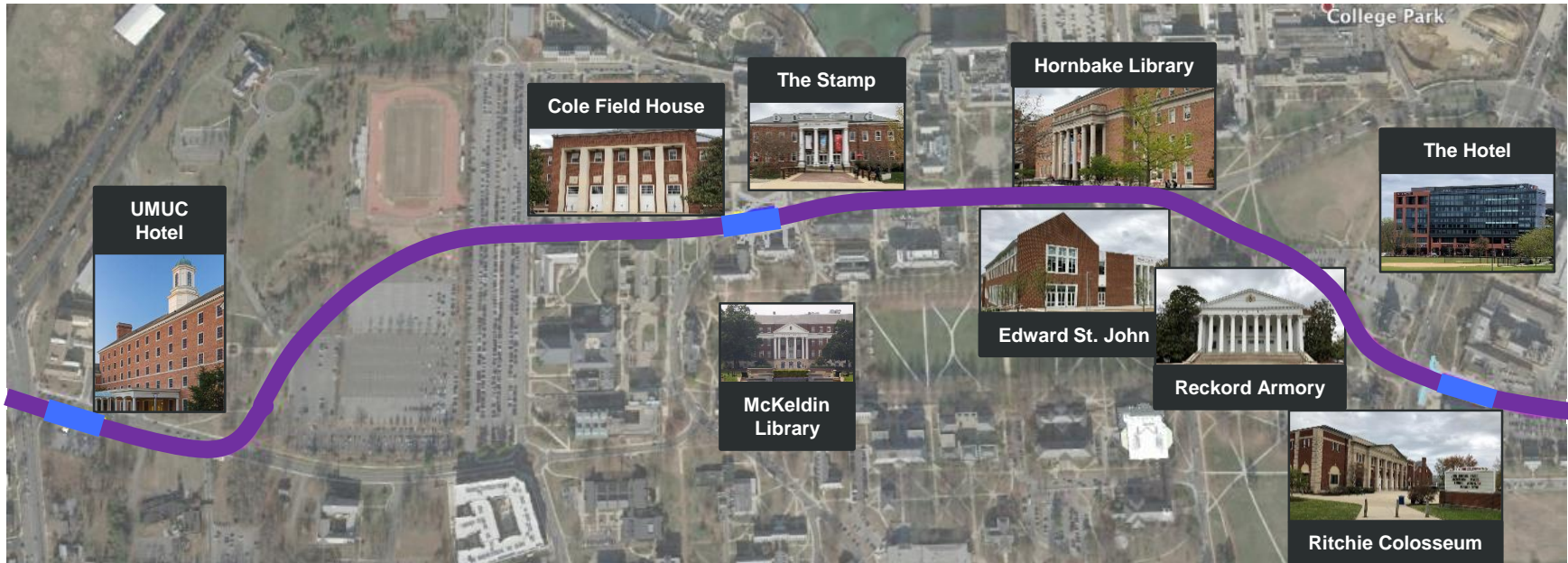
Purple Line Benefits

- **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



Spring Semester

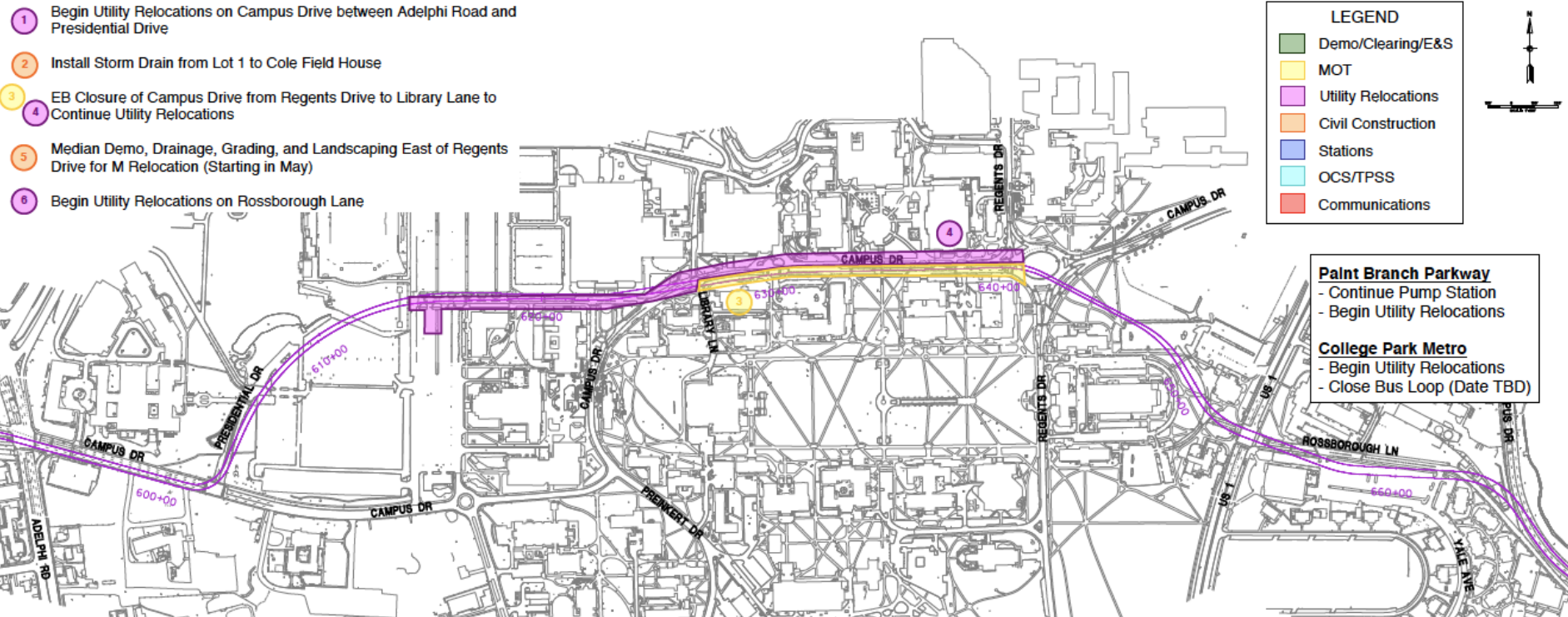
Spring Semester 2019 (January 28, 2019 - May 25, 2019)

- 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 Continue Utility Relocations
- 5 Median Demo, Drainage, Grading, and Landscaping East of Regents Drive for M Relocation (Starting in May)
- 6 Begin Utility Relocations on Rossborough Lane

LEGEND	
	Demo/Clearing/E&S
	MOT
	Utility Relocations
	Civil Construction
	Stations
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- Paint Branch Parkway**
- Continue Pump Station
 - Begin Utility Relocations
- College Park Metro**
- Begin Utility Relocations
 - Close Bus Loop (Date TBD)



Summer

Summer 2019 (May 26, 2019 - August 25, 2019)

1 Continue Utility Relocations on Campus Drive between Adelphi Road and Presidential Drive - Including 60" Water Relocation

2 Drainage Installation from Throwing Fields to Cole Field House (Starting in June)

3 EB Closure of Campus Drive from Regents Drive to Library Lane to Continue Utility Relocations

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

Remaining Tree Clearing on Campus
(Except for Route 1)

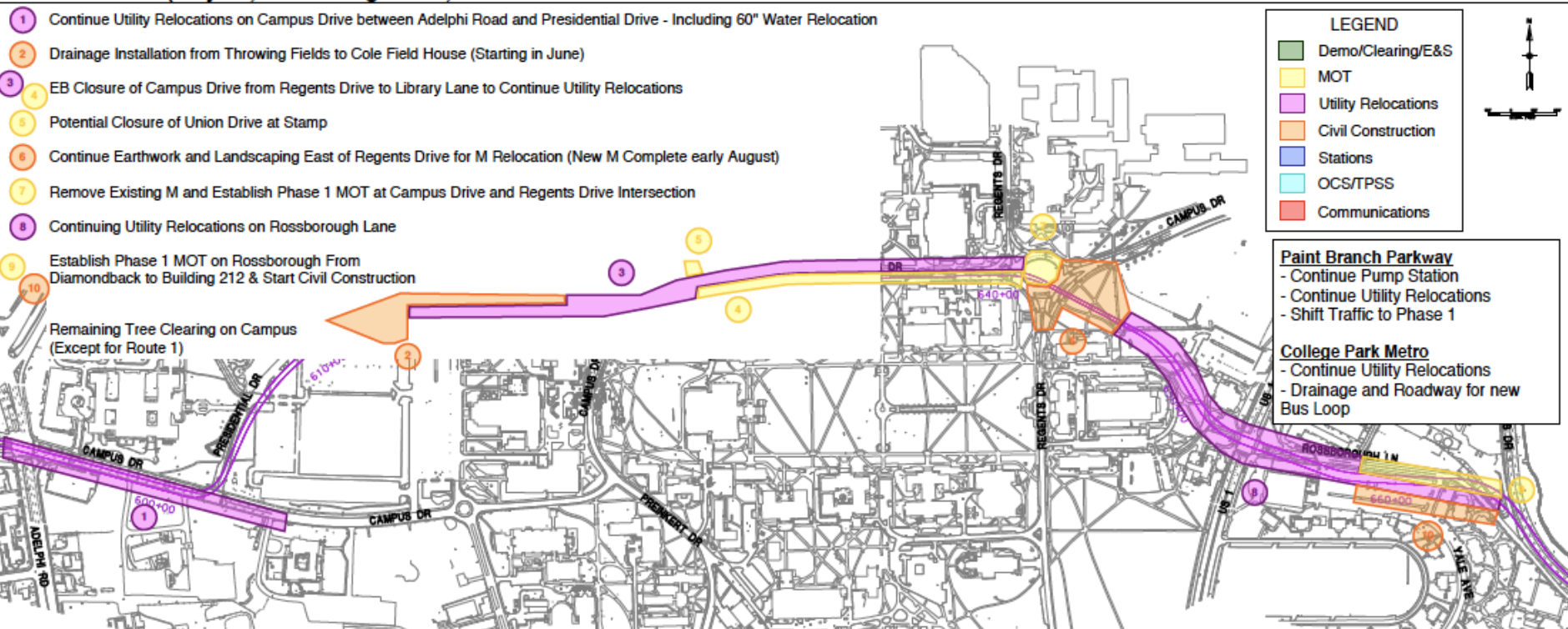
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Paint Branch Parkway
 - Continue Pump Station
 - Continue Utility Relocations
 - Shift Traffic to Phase 1

College Park Metro
 - Continue Utility Relocations
 - Drainage and Roadway for new Bus Loop

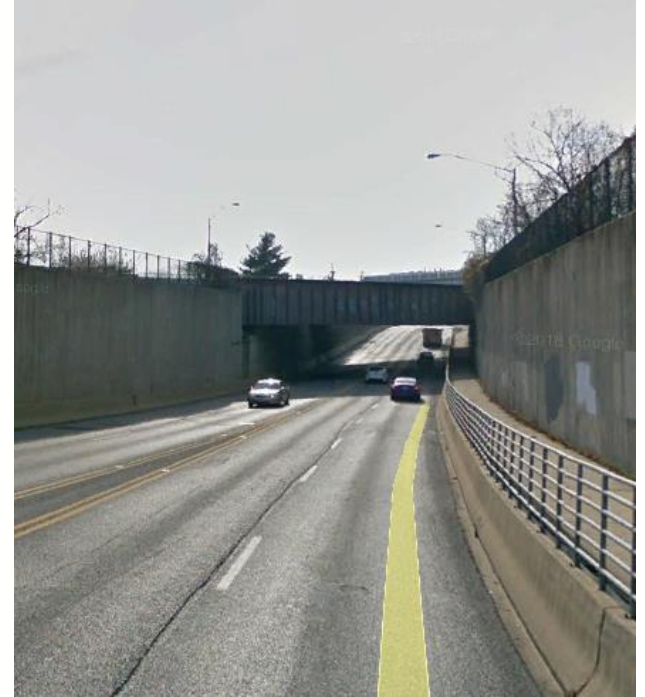
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Other Project Impacts

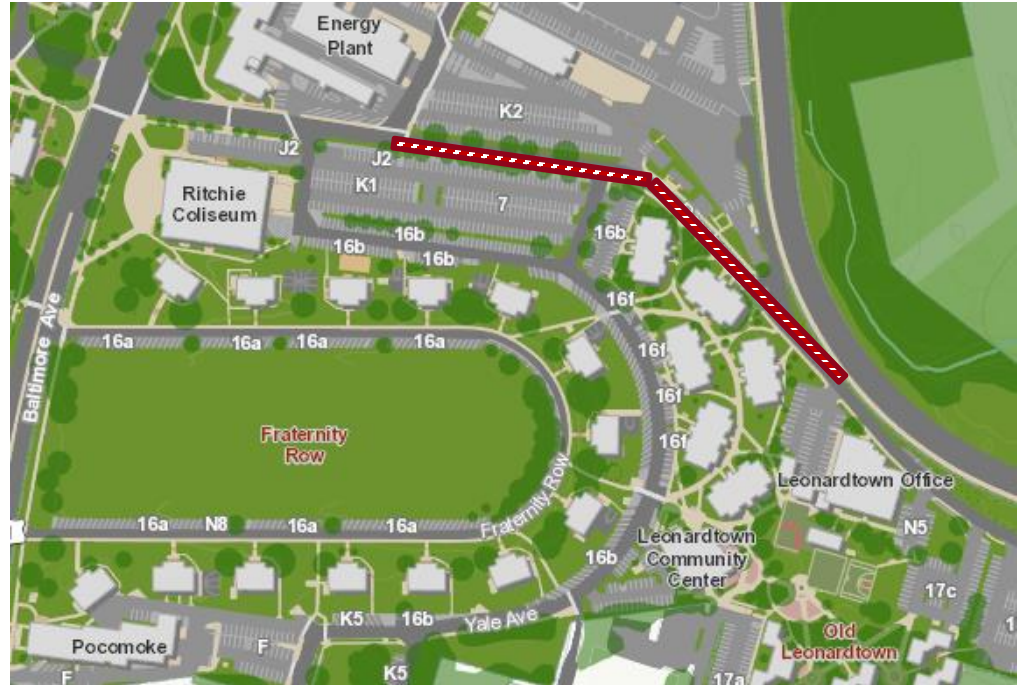
- Temporary road closures
 - Campus Drive
 - Union Drive
 - Union Lane
 - Rossborough Lane
- Parking
- Utility outages



Road Closures

Rossborough Lane

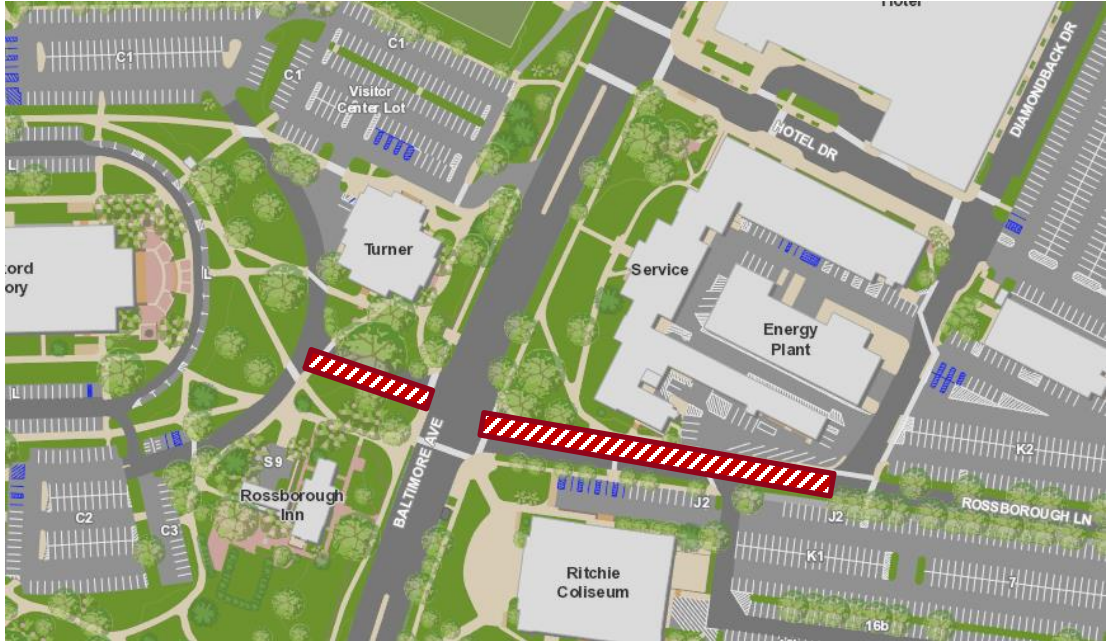
- Diamondback Dr. to east
- First closure - winter break 2020
- Additional closures in 2020, 2021



Road Closures

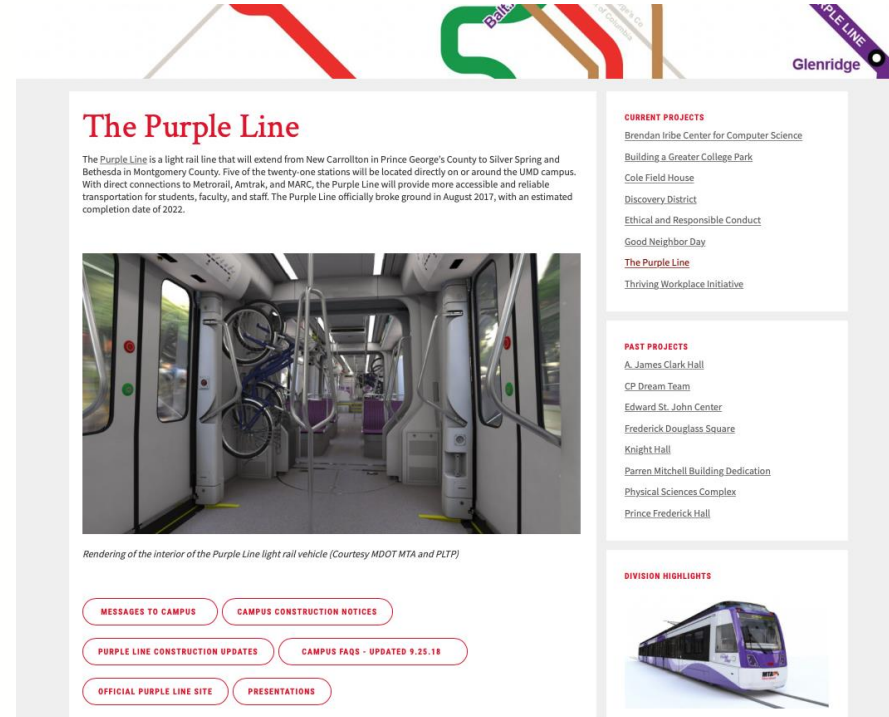
Rossborough Lane

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



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