

PURPLE LINE CONSTRUCTION SUMMARY – March 2025

PROJECT OVERVIEW

Purple Line progress continues to advance with 20 stations under construction. More than 67,500 of 193,100 feet of track has been laid overall. Track and systems work continues at the Glenridge Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) including the installation of Overhead Catenary System (OCS) poles, track switches, and other systems elements. Delivery of light rail vehicles (LRV) to the OMF is ongoing. Eight of the 28 LRVs are now on site, and the remaining 20 LRVs are ready to come to Maryland.

Traffic has been shifted to the final phase of construction along the full length of University Boulevard, allowing track construction to progress in the middle of the roadway. Major construction also continues at key locations, including Campus Drive, Riverdale Park and station work at New Carrollton.

The table below highlights the percentage complete based on activities.

Completion Category	% Complete (as of 1/31/25)	% Complete (as of 11/30/24)
Overall Project ⁽ⁱ⁾	76.1%	74.2%
Utility Relocations ⁽ⁱⁱ⁾	94.7%	94.1%
Civil Design ⁽ⁱⁱⁱ⁾	100%	100%
Systems Design ^(iv)	84.2%	84.2%
Construction Possession of Property Acquisitions ^(v)	100%	100%
Civil Construction ^(vi)	72.4%	66.5%
Rail Installation ^(vii)	35.0%	29.2%
Systems Construction ^(viii)	53.7%	44.7%
Station Construction ^(ix)	54.8%	48.0%
Glenridge Operations and Maintenance Facility ^(x)	95.0%	95.0%
Rail Vehicles Ready to Ship ^(xi)	100%	92.9%
Capital Crescent Trail Construction ^(xii)	53.9%	51.5%

CONSTRUCTION OVERVIEW

- University Boulevard
 - On February 27, 2025, Riggs Road was limited to right turns only at the intersection with University Boulevard (MD 193) for approximately four weeks. Crews will establish a work zone in the center of University Boulevard to facilitate track and utility installation. The pedestrian crossing of University Boulevard will remain at Riggs Road. Additional signage will be in place to direct drivers to use the

advanced detour routes to minimize the number of vehicles at the University Boulevard intersection. Please follow on-site signage. Work may run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and weekends, as needed.

- On or about March 11, 2025, Carroll Avenue (MD 295) south of University Boulevard (MD 193) will be closed overnight. The closure will happen between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m. to allow crews to complete utility installation work. The pedestrian crossing at Carroll Avenue and University Boulevard will remain in effect at the traffic signal. Please follow on-site signage for detour directions.
- On or about March 27, 2025, New Hampshire Avenue (MD 650) will be limited to right turns only at the intersection with University Boulevard (MD 193) for approximately four weeks. Crews will establish a work zone in the center of University Boulevard to facilitate track and utility installation. The pedestrian crossing of University Boulevard will remain at New Hampshire Avenue. Additional signage will be in place to direct drivers to use the advanced detour routes to minimize the number of vehicles at the University Boulevard intersection. Please follow on-site signage. Work may run from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and weekends, as needed.

- **College Park**

- On or about March 3, 2025, crews shifted travel lanes to the newly completed south side of Campus Drive between Rossborough Lane and River Road. This will allow crews to complete the track installation and roadway reconstruction work on the north side of Campus Drive. One lane in each direction and a pedestrian pathway will be maintained.
- On or about March 17, 2025, a temporary traffic shift will be implemented on Baltimore Avenue (Route 1) at the intersection of Rossborough Lane. Traffic on Baltimore Avenue (Route 1) will be reduced to one lane in each direction from Fraternity Row to Hotel Drive through spring 2025. Additionally, Rossborough Lane will remain closed at Baltimore Avenue (Route 1). Access to Yale Avenue will be maintained via a detour from Hotel Drive to Diamondback Drive. The crosswalk at Baltimore Avenue (Route 1) and Rossborough Lane will be closed, and pedestrians should follow onsite signage and cross at the open signalized crosswalks at Fraternity Row or Hotel Drive.
- The traffic shift on Campus Drive near River Road will continue through March. The shift reduces the travel lanes and may result in delays. The College Park Metro parking garage entrance has shifted temporarily to the east. However, the garage will always remain open and accessible. The traffic shift is necessary to complete track installation from Campus Drive to the Metro station area. Pedestrian and bicycle access along Campus Drive will be maintained. Please follow on-site signage. Work may take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and weekends, as needed.

- **Riverdale Park**

- 66th Avenue remains closed at Riverdale Road through spring 2025. This closure allows track installation across 66th Avenue and the reconstruction of sidewalks. Work typically occurs from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. but may continue nights and weekends, as necessary. Pedestrian access will be maintained.
- Work continues along Kenilworth Avenue (MD 201) between River Road and the East-West Highway (MD 410) through spring 2025. Work includes stormwater drainage installation and roadway work in preparation for track installation. Access to driveways, businesses, and bus service will be maintained. All on-street parking has been eliminated, and vehicles will be towed at the owner's expense.
- Intermittent nightly closure of the intersection of East-West Highway and Kenilworth Avenue will continue Sunday night through Thursday night from 9 p.m. to 5 a.m. through March 2025. Right-hand turn lanes will be open from East-West Highway and Kenilworth Avenue. Traffic will be required to use the approved detours as detailed. This closure is necessary to complete the bridge and install overhead safety overhangs. During this time, operations at night will include tightening and installing steel bolts to the bridge girders, which will generate additional noise.

- **New Carrollton/Glenridge**

- On or about March 1, 2025, Veterans Parkway (MD 410) northbound between Annapolis Road and Riverdale Road was temporarily reduced to one lane as crews established a work zone in the right-hand lane and shoulder. This closure is necessary to construct a retaining wall along the roadway. This closure will be in place for approximately two months.

- Ellin Road is now open from Emerson Place to Veterans Parkway (MD 410) for two-way traffic. Ellin Road remains close between Harkins Road and Emerson Place. This configuration will remain in place through spring 2025.
- Phased traffic shifts of Annapolis Road (MD 450) and Veterans Parkway (MD 410) continue to facilitate traffic signal installation. Two through lanes and dedicated left turn lanes will be maintained during each phase. Pedestrian detours may occur as the work progresses. Please follow signage and use caution around the established work zones. Work may take place from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. on weekdays and weekends as needed.

CONSTRUCTION PROGRESS PICTURES



Clockwise from top left:

The New Carrollton Station platform is taking shape alongside Ellin Road. Track construction will progress through this section in the coming months.

Formwork for the east stair structure at the Riverdale Park-Kenilworth Station above Riverdale Road.

Embedded track is in place across Adelphi Road at the intersection with Campus Drive. Two lanes in each direction were reinstated on Adelphi Road in February.

The northbound Baltimore-Washington Parkway overpass over the Purple Line alignment in Riverdale Park. Crews are installing a cosmetic stone finish on the side of the overpass.

Purple Line Progress Summaries are scheduled every other month. The next summary will be sent in May.