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It's July and the Purple Line is halfway through our Year of Transformation. The big news is that the Purple Line has just reported that the project is 80% complete!

Much work is still ahead, including months of dynamic testing for the light rail vehicles (LRVs). Ten of the 28 Purple Line LRVs have been delivered and are undergoing systems testing at the Operations and Maintenance Facility (OMF) in Glenridge.

Delivery of the rest of the fleet continues throughout the remainder of 2025.

Other 2025 achievements include rail installation, now 54% complete and more visible across the 16-mile alignment in both Prince George's and Montgomery counties. Though rail installation is easy to see at ground level, look up across the alignment and you'll likely see another important milestone: overhead catenary wires. Purple Line light rail vehicles (LRVs) run on track but are powered by electricity, so the overhead catenary system (OCS) being completed is another exciting sign that that project continues to transform from heavy construction into the complex phases of systems integration and expanded dynamic LRV testing.

Currently, the complex work of both rail installation and overhead wire installation requires careful coordination with various agencies, and we understand it can also cause disruption for communities. The project is grateful for the public's patience during this busy construction season. Remember, the best way to stay informed about the latest Purple Line construction schedule is to sign up for Construction Notifications. It's easy to subscribe by visiting our website at [Construction Updates | Purple Line MD](#). Social media is a quick and easy way to view Purple Line's latest news—not just construction alerts but exciting things up and coming, so please follow us at [@purplelinemd](#).

Purple Line team members are participating in more community events this summer than ever before. Look for our purple tent or our table and team in Purple Line shirts at events around Prince George's and Montgomery counties, including upcoming National Night Out on August 5. We'll be in New Carrollton and Silver Spring this year and the team has a special Purple Line item for kids who visit our tables—first come first served—so please stop by and say Hi! Find out more about Purple Line public events by visiting our website at [Public Meetings & Events | Purple Line MD](#). You can always send suggestions for future events along the alignment by emailing the team at outreach@purplelinemd.com. Reach the Outreach team about construction questions or concerns by emailing or by calling 443-451-3706 (English) or 443-451-3705 (Spanish).

Thank you for following the Purple Line,
Ray Biggs, II



Construction Updates:

Montgomery County:



Clockwise from top left:

- 1. The maintenance area at the Lyttonsville Maintenance Facility is under construction. The pit allows technicians to access the underside of the light rail vehicle for any necessary maintenance.*
- 2. Work continues on the main building at the Lyttonsville Maintenance Facility. This secondary facility in Montgomery County will serve as a storage yard, allowing LRVs to quickly access the western end of the alignment when service begins.*
- 3. The canopy structure at the Connecticut Avenue Station in Chevy Chase is progressing. This canopy will cover the stairs leading from Connecticut Avenue to the station platform.*
- 4. The trackway west of Silver Spring, with the Talbot Avenue Bridge in the background. Ballast track and foundations for the overhead catenary poles are in place in this section.*

Business Spotlight: MRB Counseling Services

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At MRB Counseling Services, Dr. Maria R. Bustos and her team provide individual and family behavioral health services to communities across Prince George's County.

Believing that the Spanish-speaking community was underserved in the mental health field, Bustos was motivated to start the practice in 2007. The Hyattsville location opened three years later. "Our mission is to make crucial mental and behavioral health services accessible to our Hispanic communities in Prince George's County," Bustos said. "We aim to make a lasting, positive impact on the community and empower individuals to transform their lives for the better."

For each patient, Bustos and her team aim to engage with patients through comprehensive personal evaluations, taking the time to learn their experiences and challenges before building a treatment plan.

MRB offers a wide range of services from individual and family counseling to drug and alcohol addiction recovery. They also offer Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) approved classes like Driver Improvement and Safe and Sober Driving programs. All services at MRB are available in English and Spanish.



Left to right: Purple Line Business Engagement Officer Marlene Veras with MRB Counseling team Anibal Romani, Viviana Alvarez and Sergio Lopez.

"We anticipate the Purple Line positively impacting our business and the community, providing new access to the practice and the surrounding community." "We are excited for this expectation to materialize," Bustos said.

MRB Counseling Services also has locations in Frederick and Gaithersburg.



People Behind the Purple Line: Jeff Csuy, Systems Integration Manager, Maryland Transit Administration



Jeff Csuy is the Purple Line's contracted Systems Integration Manager for Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). Systems Integrations includes oversight of signaling, power, communications and other technical aspects from design through testing and commissioning of LRVs, ensuring they meet

operational and safety requirements. Jeff attended Case Western University in Cleveland Ohio and has worked on projects spanning from nuclear power to rail transit.

Purple Line: What tests have the Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) at the OMF gone through so far?

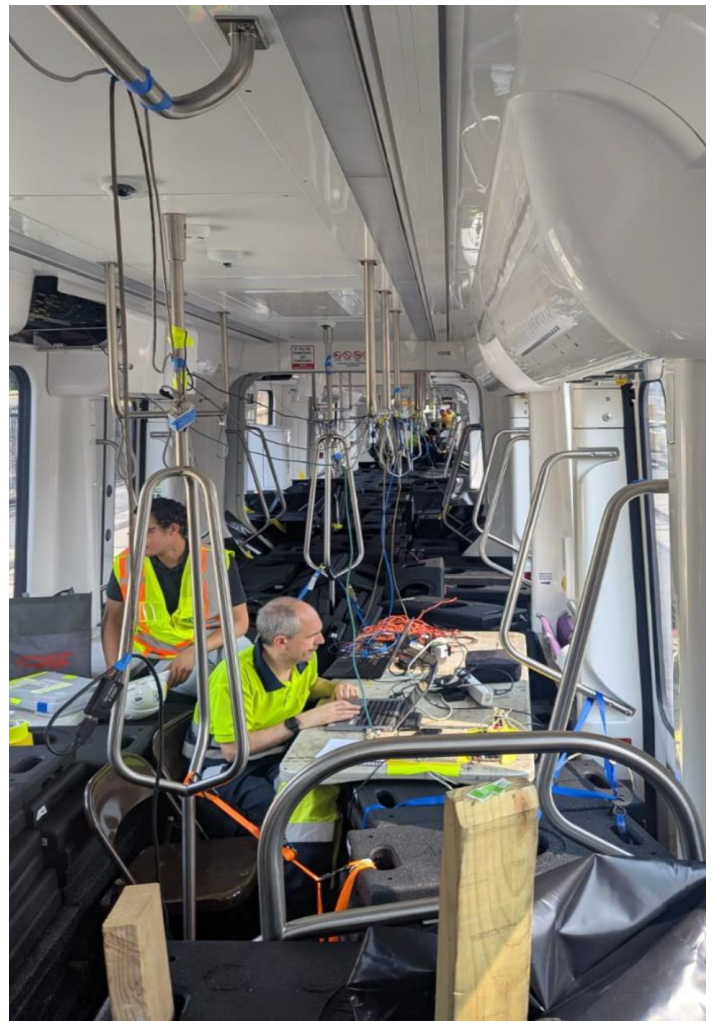
Jeff Csuy: Qualification test program for the vehicles is underway, starting with propulsion and brake testing and wheel slide testing. We've also tested the event recorder, an emergency recorder that records a variety of vehicle parameters. You can think of it as the "Black Box" of the LRV, collecting data to diagnose issues within the system. Each round of testing requires highly trained teams working together, from the train manufacturer (CAF), construction partners at Maryland Transit Solutions (MTS) on behalf of Purple Line Transit Partners (PLTP), and Purple Line's owner, MTA.

PL: Why is it important that each LRV goes through these tests?

JC: This testing is crucial to confirm that each LRV performs in accordance with their design specifications. After testing, we know that the propulsion and braking characteristics of the vehicle match what is programmed into the train control system. In other words, it ensures that the train stops accurately, not going past its allowable stopping point on the tracks.

PL: What are you most looking forward to in the next year on the project?

JC: I'm looking forward to the train getting onto the main track where it will eventually operate, to see the expanded dynamic testing and integration of all the essential operational systems. The traffic rail interface system involves all of the gates, arms and signals working in sync to allow for smooth train movement. This phase is complex and takes time, but it's an important component in bringing the project closer to full-service operation.



A Purple Line LRV undergoing systems testing at Glenridge Operations and Maintenance Facility.

Purple Line Testing is Progressing This Summer!

In the coming weeks, LRVs will undergo dynamic testing on the eastern end of the 16-mile alignment. Watch for updates soon on all our social media [@purplelinemd](#) and read more about the Purple Line on our website at [purplelinemd.com](#).



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