



PURPLE LINE NEWSLETTER

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From Ray Biggs II Purple Line Senior Project Director, MTA



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It's the season of gratitude here at the Purple Line, and we're thankful for the hard work of thousands of people who brought the project forward this year. The project is now more than 84% complete, with important 2025 milestones complete, including all track in Prince George's County installed and important re-openings

such as Sligo Creek Parkway in Montgomery County coming up before the end of the year.

In downtown Silver Spring, Georgia Avenue has fully reopened in its final configuration, ending the traffic shift between Silver Spring Avenue and Wayne Avenue.

To the east, track installation is complete from the Plymouth Tunnel all the way to New Carrollton.

As of November 19, all 28 Light Rail Vehicles (LRVs) are now onsite at the Glenridge Operations and Maintenance Facility. The project continues dynamic testing with the expansion into a new section of the alignment, extending testing from the Beacon Heights-East Pines Station to the College Park-UMD. [More information on this section here.](#) This current phase of testing only takes place overnight between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. to minimize traffic disruptions.

As the days grow shorter and visibility decreases, it's essential to prioritize safety when traveling. If you're driving, take extra care to spot pedestrians and micromobility users along the roadway. If you're walking, wheeling or cycling, wear bright or reflective clothing to be seen and safe.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving!
Ray Biggs II

Construction Updates:

Montgomery County:



Clockwise from top left:

1. The first girder is lifted into place for the Spring Street Bridge over WMATA and CSX tracks and the Purple Line alignment in Silver Spring.
2. Girders are installed across one span of the Spring Street Bridge. Crews continue work on the bridge structure and Purple Line alignment below.
3. Track installation across the Rock Creek Bridge in Chevy Chase. The adjacent Capital Crescent Trail Bridge is in place.
4. The mezzanine that will connect the WMATA Red Line to the Purple Line is taking shape 150 feet below downtown Bethesda. Six elevators will service the connection from street level.

Construction Updates:

Prince George's County:



Clockwise from top left:

1. The Glenridge Operations and Maintenance Facility on Veterans Parkway, shown with LRVs in the maintenance yard. All 28 LRVs are now delivered and stored here.
2. Embedded track and Overhead Catenary System (OCS) poles and wires are installed at the Campus Drive and Presidential Drive intersection.
3. OCS poles and wires were recently installed at the Riverdale Park - Kenilworth Station on the Kenilworth Avenue Flyover. Testing began through this area earlier this month.
4. Landscaping is installed alongside tracks through the center of University Boulevard near Adelphi Park.

Business Spotlight: Onoria Consulting Services

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Since its 2010 founding, Onoria services have expanded to include business formation consulting, personalized financial advertising, notary services, assistance with MVA driver's license applications, and a full range of translation services.

Founded in Prince George's County in 2010, Onoria Consulting Services, LLC provides strategic planning to individuals and small business owners to ensure compliance with the U.S. tax code. What began as a small, community-based operation has evolved into a trusted firm serving clients throughout the DMV.



Amaya named the business in honor of his late grandmother, Onoria, praising her as a "strong, wise and compassionate woman who taught me the values of hard work, integrity and service to others." Amaya added that clients return to Onoria expressing they value the team for not only tax preparation, but as a long-term financial partner.

Founder and Owner Danny William Amaya Ortez created the firm's consulting service options in response to a gap he identified in the local area: individuals underserved due to language barriers or a lack of professional guidance. Onoria Consulting Services was founded to provide accessible, personalized and culturally considerate service aimed at empowering communities to succeed in their financial goals.



"One of our most essential services is comprehensive support for small business owners, guiding them from the initial formation of their business to the strengthening of their finances and online growth," said Amaya.

Support small businesses across the Purple Line alignment on Small Business Weekend!

The Purple Line is celebrating Small Business Saturday with a special Giveaway. From Friday, November 28-Monday, December 1, shoppers are encouraged to visit businesses along the Purple Line alignment with the chance to win Purple Line-branded swag.

To enter the Giveaway, follow Purple Line on Instagram @purplelinemd, take a photo of yourself at a business along the Purple Line alignment, from Bethesda to New

Carrollton, and post the photo on your Instagram feed. Photos must be posted between Friday, November 28-Monday, December 1, to celebrate Small Business Saturday, November 29, 2025. We're also offering an alternative way to enter outside of social media by emailing the photo to business@purplelinemd.com. We can't wait to see your photos!

View full requirements, Terms and Conditions [here](#).

Beyond the Rails Community Grants Update



City of New Carrollton Mayor Phelecia Nembhard, State Senator Alonzo Washington (District 22) and PLTP Deputy CEO Dan Norman cut the ribbon for a "Food Forest" providing residents with harvestable fruits and vegetables that was endowed by a Beyond the Rails grant. (Photo: October 2025)

Calling All Community Groups: Please Apply for a Beyond the Rails Community Grants by November 30

Community groups striving to make the Purple Line corridor a better place to live, work and play are invited to apply for a [Beyond the Rails](#) grant by the fast-approaching November 30 application deadline. Purple Line Transit Partners (PLTP), the State of Maryland's private-sector partner on the project, is the sole funder and administrator of the community grant program.

- **Eligibility** - Programs that improve communities along the Purple Line corridor
- **Deadline** - November 30, 2025
- **Amount** - \$1,000 to \$3,000 per year
- **Selection/Disbursement** - First Quarter 2026
- **Next Grant Cycle Deadline** - May 30, 2026

Since PLTP debuted the program in late 2023, more than \$80,000 in grants have been awarded to 28 worthy groups, ranging from food banks serving lower-income populations to parent-teacher associations for student tutoring programs to environmental initiatives like local clean-ups and more.

Applying is as simple as completing this [two-page application form](#). Should you have any questions about the Beyond the Rails community grant program or how to complete the application, please contact grants@purplelinepartners.com.

Milestone Moment: The Purple Line's full fleet of light rail vehicles is in Maryland.



28 LRVs delivered ahead of schedule! Check out this [YouTube video](#) for a closer look at how the LRVs get from Elmira, New York to their home in Glenridge.

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