

**Fourth Bimonthly Purple Line Construction Status Report**

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**A Report to the Maryland General Assembly**

**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee**

**and**

**House Appropriations Committee**

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Maryland Department of Transportation

Maryland Transit Administration

## **Introduction**

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) prepared this report in response to language contained in the 2022 Joint Chairmen's Report (JCR). The language states:

*Further provided that \$100,000 of this appropriation made for the purpose of agency administration may not be expended until the Maryland Transit Administration submits five bimonthly construction status reports for the Purple Line project to the budget committees.*

*The status reports shall provide:*

- 1) the percent completion for the project as a whole and for each major category of work;*
- 2) the running total amount expended for construction; and*
- 3) an explanation of any material change to the total construction cost estimate or construction schedule as set forth in the revised P3 Agreement as amended to add Maryland Transit Solutions as the replacement design-build contractor for the project.*

*The first status report shall be submitted by July 1, 2022, and subsequent reports shall be submitted every second month thereafter, and the budget committees shall have 45 days from the date of the receipt of the final report to review and comment. Funds restricted pending the receipt of a report may not be transferred by budget amendment or otherwise to any other purpose and shall be canceled if the report is not submitted to the budget committees.*

The Purple Line is a critical investment in Maryland's transportation system that will provide reliable east-west travel in Montgomery and Prince George's counties, help reduce congestion, improve our environment, increase transit connectivity, create jobs, and drive economic growth.

The Purple Line will transform the region by:

- Advancing the shared mission to improve the quality of life and economic vitality in our communities by creating and sustaining an integrated, convenient, and reliable transportation network;
- Creating several new multimodal connections across the region, linking to five Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) Metro lines, three Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) commuter rail lines, Amtrak, and a host of bus services;
- Greatly expanding transit opportunities in Maryland's two most populous and fastest-growing counties in the State;
- Creating convenient, dependable east-west access to jobs, educational centers, shopping, recreation, and attractions;

- Project construction supports more than 6,000 jobs, with 26% for design services going to small and minority-owned businesses and 22% for construction going to small and minority-owned businesses;
- Relieving automobile congestion on major arteries and local roads in one of the most congested areas in the nation;
- Providing significant environmental benefits through the operation of clean electric energy light rail vehicles and taking thousands of vehicles off the road daily, thereby reducing vehicle emissions caused by single occupancy vehicle drivers;
- Spurring economic growth along the Purple Line alignment in and between Prince George's and Montgomery Counties and having a positive impact on property values by improving access and mobility; and
- Revitalizing communities and providing much-needed opportunities for transit-oriented developments, many of which are already under development in anticipation of completion of the Purple Line.

### **Information Requested**

As requested in the 2022 Joint Chairmen's Report (JCR), the MDOT Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) provides the following information:

1. *The percent completion for the project as a whole and for each major category of work.*

As of January 1, 2023, the following completion percentages have been achieved:

Overall project status: 49% complete

Utility relocation: 64% complete

Civil Design: 98% complete

Systems Design: 88% complete

Property acquisition: 100% complete

Rail installation: 0% complete

Glendale Operations and Maintenance Facility and Yard/Storage Track: 73% complete

Vehicles Ready to Ship: 88.5% complete

2. *The running total amount expended for construction*

Since the execution of the new design-build contract on April 15, 2022 through October 31, 2022, \$354.1 million has been expended on the design-build contract.

3. *An explanation of any material change to the total construction cost estimate or construction schedule as set forth in the revised P3 Agreement, as amended to add Maryland Transit Solutions as the replacement design-build contractor for the project.*

There are no material changes to the cost estimate or construction schedule.