Better Ways To Work!
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Individuals interested in helping these areas improve transit and other alternative commute modes of travel are needed.

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Telework During SafeTrack: Quick-Start Programs for Business Continuity

Employers, ensure continuity of operations during Metro's SafeTrack safety and reliability initiative with an employee telework program. Join other employers and Montgomery County Commuter Services for one of two special webinars to find out how to get started quickly so you can minimize employee mobility disruptions.

- Webinar #1: Thursday, June 23, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
- Webinar #2: Tuesday, June 28, 10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.
(register for either here)

Reduce Metro Impacts: Teleworking offers one of the most effective ways to respond to the unique challenges presented by SafeTrack, which will make Metrorail essentially unavailable on various lines for extended periods of time. Telework can provide your organization a way to address employee and management concerns, maintain or even improve productivity, and provide an effective mobility alternative during SafeTrack.

Urgent Solution: Given the urgency of finding commuting solutions during SafeTrack, this webinar will provide the necessary details for getting started with telework quickly. Webinar instructor Elham Shirazi has 30+ years of experience in developing telework programs for the private, public and nonprofit sectors. Learn key implementation steps, such as:

- Developing a policy and basic procedures
- Selecting the right employees and jobs for telework eligibility
- Adapting your organizational culture for employees working remotely anywhere from one day a week to full time during SafeTrack

Valuable Resources: Representatives from local organizations will also present summaries of their telework programs. And free expert consulting will be available to help you get started at your organization!

Register Today:
https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/rt/2035753850593831169

Be Prepared

Metro's SafeTrack Surge Begins in Montgomery County August 1

As WMATA works to address safety and reliability issues throughout the Metrorail system, the Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is striving to help you prepare and make alternative travel plans.

What to Expect: Three planned line segment repairs and around-the- clock single tracking projects, referred to as "Safety Surges," will affect Metrorail Red Line service in Montgomery County during the following dates:

- August 1-7
- August 9-18
- October 10 - November 1

Inter-Agency Cooperation: MCDOT is coordinating with WMATA, the Maryland Transit Administration, Maryland Department of Transportation, and Capital Bikeshare to assist ravelers. WMATA's first surge (Surge 6) in Montgomery County is scheduled to begin August 1.

- WMATA has committed 40 buses to enhance service in surge areas.
- Responding to a request from MCDOT, the MARC rail system will add cars to existing trains during peak periods.
- By keeping up to 17 recently replaced buses in service, MCDOT will both provide additional Ride On service on certain bus routes and free bus shuttles between affected Metrorail stations.
- Ride On will provide on-street ambassadors at affected Metrorail stations to help direct travelers to transit options.

Be Informed: Both Montgomery County and WMATA offer in-depth, comprehensive information to help you know-before- you-go during SafeTrack.

- County: http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dir/safetrack/index.html
- WMATA: http://www.wmata.com/rail/safetrack.cfm?

Smart Alternatives: You'll find a variety of mobility options here in Montgomery County, including ridesharing and Ride On, MARC train, Metrobus and Metrorail, bike sharing and car sharing, and more. Visit montgomerycountymd.gov/commute to start exploring. Employers, email us to arrange on-site commuter information fairs at mcdot.CommuterServices@montgomerycountymd.gov.

Bike to Work Day: Many Miles of Smiles

More than 17,500 people cycled to work around the greater D.C. area for the 2016 Bike to Work Day event on May 20, according to the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments. Many of those participants gathered at one of the 83 official pit stops organized at strategic points throughout the region.

Special speakers, awards and giveaways kept the energy high at the six pit stops in Montgomery County, which attracted lots of riders. A bike was raffled off at each of the 6 pit stops. Best of all...no rain this year!

PIT STOP	REGISTRANTS
Bethesda	696
Friendship Heights	143
North Bethesda	218
Rockville-Fallsgrove	216
Rockville-Town Center	212
Silver Spring-Discovery Place	441

More: Check out past photos and see event details at http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org!

County Seeks Transit Marketing Specialist

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation recently posted an opening for a Transit Marketing Specialist, Grade 21. The position is responsible for conducting outreach and devising and implementing marketing plans and strategies to influence travel mode choice. The Marketing Specialist functions as a key part of the Commuter Services Section's effort to address traffic congestion, air quality and sustainability concerns. Visit the County's careers website for more details and to apply:

http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/HR/staffing/careers.html.

Of Note

● **New Bus-Arrival App:** Wonder when the next Metro bus will arrive at your stop? Try the new BusETA app. Then give Metro your feedback.

● **Bus Rapid Transit:** Miss the MD 355 BRT Planning Study open houses this spring? Download a PDF of the handout that was provided. And see the latest news and project details at http://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/rts/.

● **Bike Trail Improvement:** The State Highway Administration is launching a project to improve the Bethesda Trolley Trail for bicyclists.

● **More Bikeshare Stations:** Downtown Bethesda and the Lyttonsville area of Silver Spring each got a new bikesharing station recently. Visit GoMontgomery for info.

● **Purple Line News:** The Washington Post took a deep-dive look at Maryland's Purple Line contract.