



DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

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AGENDA

**Joint TMD Advisory Committee**  
***Friendship Heights / Silver Spring / Greater Shady Grove / Bethesda / North Bethesda***

**May 22, 2024**  
**8:30 – 10:00 a.m.**  
**Teams Format**

I. Welcome

II. Technical Update to the Master Plan of Highways and Transitways **Stephen Aldrich**  
Planner IV-Transportation, M-NCPPC

III. County Updates **Sandra Brecher**  
Chief, Montgomery County Commuter Services

IV. Around the Room Announcements **All**

V. Adjourn

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Information Items

- *Be a Better Bus Hero, engage with Metro on proposed Better Bus Network*
- *Montgomery County to Host Public Open Houses on the Veirs Mill Road Flash Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)*
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# Be a Better Bus Hero, engage with Metro on proposed Better Bus Network

The 2025 network redesign seeks to connect people to places they want to go when they want to go with frequent, reliable service

**Public comment is now open [here](#).**

Metro today announced the launch of our next phase of the Better Bus Network Redesign project to create a bus network to meet the transit needs of our rapidly changing region. Starting May 13 through July 15, we invite you to be a Better Bus Hero by sharing your opinions on the proposed new bus routes.

Metro's Better Bus Network Redesign effort builds on improved service and recent high ridership to deliver a new network that better meets the needs of our communities, including where, when, and how people travel in the region. The proposed redesign seeks to coordinate service with more transportation options to advance equity, sustainability, and increase access to jobs across DC, Maryland, and Virginia.

"Better Bus is an opportunity to rethink, redesign, and revitalize bus service to better serve the needs of our customers," said Metro General Manager and Chief Executive Officer Randy Clarke. "Everyone has a chance to be a Better Bus Hero by engaging with us in a variety of ways including surveys conducted on buses, Public Hearings, and pop-up events during the public comment period."

Over the next two months, we'll be listening to those across the region who want to make bus service better and provide an opportunity to discover the benefits of Metro's proposed Bus Network Redesign. Through our "Discovery Days" events you'll be able to explore an interactive expo to learn about the proposed redesign, talk with project staff, and share your feedback. We're also working with our local government partners and organizations to host community and pop-up events, as well as ride-alongs in areas most impacted by the changes.

The Proposed 2025 Better Bus Network uses current resources to reconfigure bus service, especially on nights and weekends, to make buses more convenient to use. With the proposed service changes there will be some trade-offs, but the result will be routes that are more direct and save existing customers a combined 10,000 hours every weekday. The proposed network also standardizes route names across the system to make bus routes easier to understand.

This proposed 2025 Better Bus Network prepares Metro for the future by creating the building blocks of the expanded bus network the region deserves, serving recent and planned growth areas, and providing more frequent all-day, all-week service. The year-one plan also ensures service is scalable to a Visionary Network that can be achieved as sustainable, predictable funding is made available.

Visit the [Better Bus website](#) to explore the proposed network with interactive tools.

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## Montgomery County to Host Public Open Houses on the Veirs Mill Road Flash Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project for Community Engagement and Input

For Immediate Release: Monday, May 20, 2024



The Montgomery County Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is pleased to announce two upcoming public open houses for the Veirs Mill Road Flash Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project designed to engage community members and solicit valuable feedback on the proposed transit initiative. The meetings will take place both in-person and virtually, providing convenient options for participation.

### In-Person Public Open House:

Date: **June 4, 2024**

Time: 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Location: Newport Mill Middle School - Cafeteria

Address: 11311 Newport Mill Rd, Silver Spring, MD 20902

At the in-person public open house, the public can engage by reviewing informational display boards, exploring mapping resources, and interacting with knowledgeable staff members.

**Virtual Public Open House:****Date: June 5, 2024**

Time: 7–8 p.m.

Virtual Platform: Zoom

The virtual public open house will feature a concise presentation followed by interactive breakout rooms, allowing the public to engage with knowledgeable staff members.

**About Veirs Mill Road Flash Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) Project**

The Veirs Mill Road Flash BRT will be a 7-mile, limited-stop, branded bus service with twelve stations planned along Veirs Mill Road and MD 355. The project is geared toward enhancing mobility, connectivity, and accessibility along the Veirs Mill Road corridor. By implementing a rapid bus transit system, the project seeks to enhance transportation options, reduce travel times, and create a more efficient and sustainable transit network. The project team is committed to engaging with the community and incorporating public input to ensure that the final design meets the needs and preferences of residents, commuters, and businesses in the area.

The Veirs Mill Road Flash BRT stretches from the Wheaton Metrorail station to the Montgomery College – Rockville campus. The project will not only enhance bus services but also prioritizes pedestrian and bicycle infrastructure enhancements. These include the implementation of new side paths, sidewalks, intersection signals, signing, pavement marking, and lighting systems, all aimed at bolstering connectivity and safety for all road users.

The upcoming public open houses offer an opportunity for community members to learn more about the project and its current status, engage with project leaders and experts, and provide valuable input that will help shape the future of transportation in the region. Information presented at the open house will include details about the proposed roadway and traffic signal modifications, transit service using articulated BRT vehicles, BRT stations with level boarding and off-board fare collection, and pedestrian/bike safety improvements. Participants will have the chance to ask questions, share concerns, and offer suggestions, ensuring that the project reflects the priorities and preferences of the community it serves.

"We are excited to engage with the community and gather their input on the Veirs Mill Road Flash BRT project," said Zouli Bereddad, Project Manager. "Public feedback is crucial in helping us design a transit system that meets the needs of residents, improves connectivity, and enhances overall quality of life. We encourage everyone to participate in an open house and be a part of this important conversation."

The Veirs Mill Road Flash BRT project represents a significant investment in the future of transportation infrastructure, with the potential to deliver lasting benefits to the community and beyond. By prioritizing sustainable and efficient transit solutions, the project aligns with broader efforts to address congestion, reduce emissions, and create more vibrant, livable communities.

To learn more about the Veirs Mill Road Flash BRT project and to stay updated on future developments, please visit [montgomerycountymd.gov/VMRFlash](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/VMRFlash).

Spanish and Chinese translators will be available. For project inquiries, please contact Zouli Bereddad, Project Manager, [Zouli.Bereddad@montgomerycountymd.gov](mailto:Zouli.Bereddad@montgomerycountymd.gov).

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## Transportation Schedule for Memorial Day Holiday on Monday, May 27

For Immediate Release: Monday, May 20, 2024



Below is the transportation-related holiday schedule for Memorial Day, Monday, May 27.

- County offices - Will be closed.
- Ride On bus service - Will operate on a Sunday schedule.
- Ride On extRa and Flex bus service - Will not be in service.
- Ride On Flash bus service - Will operate on a Weekend/Holiday schedule (Orange Route only). The Blue Route (typically, weekday only) will not be in service.
- TRiPS Commuter Store at Silver Spring Transit Center - Will be open 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.
- TRiPS Mobile Commuter Store - Will be closed.
- Parking at Bethesda, Silver Spring and Wheaton public garages, lots and curbside meters - Will be free.
- Metrorail service - Will operate on a Sunday schedule from 7 a.m. to midnight. View timetables at [wmata.com/schedules/timetables](http://wmata.com/schedules/timetables).
- Metrobus service - Will operate on a Sunday schedule. View timetables at [wmata.com/schedules/timetables](http://wmata.com/schedules/timetables).

- MARC Train - Not in service. For more information visit [mta.maryland.gov/marc-holiday-service](http://mta.maryland.gov/marc-holiday-service).
- MTA Commuter Buses - Not in service except for Route 201 which will operate on a Weekend/Holiday schedule.

View additional County schedule changes here.

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The MCDOT Pride Bus is intended to raise awareness of the importance of an inclusive and equitable public transit system.

# FREE E-Scooter Training!

## Learn to Ride Safely

- Take a test ride, learn safety tips, and other basic scooter laws!
- Participants must be 18 years of age and have a valid driver's license or ID.
- Training sessions are free - no registration is required! Stop by anytime during the two-hour class to test ride an e-scooter. Walk-ups are welcome.

For more information, visit:  
[montgomerycountymd.gov/commute](https://montgomerycountymd.gov/commute)  
or call 240-777-8380

### **SATURDAY, MAY 25**

1 p.m. - 3 p.m. (Rescheduled from 5/18)  
Montgomery College  
(parking lot 13)  
850 Hungerford Drive, Rockville

### **SUNDAY, JUNE 23**

12 p.m. - 2 p.m. (Rain date: 6/30)  
Wheaton Ice Arena  
(back parking lot)  
11717 Orebaugh Drive, Wheaton

For updates or inclement weather, visit:  
[tinyurl.com/cycleclss](https://tinyurl.com/cycleclss)



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## Travel Alternatives for Summer Metro Red Line Closure Starting June 1 Through August 31

For Immediate Release: Tuesday, May 14, 2024

### **Free Shuttle Service** Effective: Saturday, June 1 – Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024 Shuttles available during Metrorail operating hours

#### Local

Between Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, Silver Spring, Takoma, and Fort Totten  





#### Limited 1

Between Glenmont, Wheaton, and Fort Totten  

#### Limited 2

Between Forest Glen, Silver Spring, and Fort Totten  

#### Express (weekdays only)

Between Silver Spring and Metro Center    



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|   closed June 1-Aug. 31 |   closed June 1-29 only |  Station closed |  Station open |  Transfer station |
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Metro, along with the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT), Montgomery County Department of Transportation and the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) will offer a range of travel options for customers affected by this summer's Metro Red Line closures starting Saturday, June 1 through Saturday, August 31.

There will be free limited-stop and local shuttle buses, with express service between Silver Spring and downtown DC. In addition to free shuttles, more than seven miles of bus only lanes will be added along sections of Georgia Avenue between Glenmont and Silver Spring with adjustments to signal timing to prioritize buses to reduce shuttle travel times.

Four stations will be closed for the duration of construction – Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, and Silver Spring – with the Takoma Station closed June 1 – June 29 only. Due to capacity limitations at Fort Totten and Takoma, Red Line trains will run every 6 minutes all day, including rush hours when trains normally run every 5 minutes. Red Line customers may notice more crowded trains at peak



times. After 9:30 p.m., trains will run every 10 minutes as normally scheduled. Free shuttle buses will run every 4-8 minutes, providing frequent connections to the closed stations.

## SERVICE INFORMATION

June 1 – June 29, 2024

- Free shuttle buses replace trains between Glenmont and Fort Totten
- Stations closed: Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, Silver Spring, and Takoma
- Green Line service available at Fort Totten

June 30 – Aug. 31, 2024

- Free shuttle buses replace trains between Glenmont and Takoma
- Stations closed: Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, and Silver Spring
- Green and Red Line service available at Fort Totten
- Takoma Station reopened. Customers traveling between the closed stations and Takoma should use the local shuttle bus, or limited stop shuttle bus to the Red Line via Fort Totten

## TRAVEL ALTERNATIVES

### Free Shuttle Service

Free local, limited-stop, and express shuttles available during Metrorail operating hours. Shuttles will be available at all closed stations for customers with accessibility needs. To request an accessible shuttle, please ask a Metro team member onsite.

Saturday, June 1 to Saturday, Aug. 31, 2024

- Local: Local service stopping at all stations between Glenmont, Wheaton, Forest Glen, Takoma, and Fort Totten
  - AM/PM Peak - approximately every 4 minutes
  - All other times, weekends, and holidays - approximately every 8 minutes
  - Estimated travel time: 61 minutes
- Limited 1: Limited-stop service between Glenmont, Wheaton, and Fort Totten
  - AM/PM Peak - approximately every 4 minutes
  - All other times, weekends, and holidays - approximately every 8 minutes
  - Estimated travel time: 37 minutes
- Limited 2: Limited-stop service between Forest Glen, Silver Spring, and Fort Totten
  - AM/PM Peak - approximately every 4 minutes
  - All other times, weekends, and holidays - approximately every 8 minutes
  - Estimated travel time: 25 minutes
- Express: Express service between Silver Spring and Metro Center
  - Weekday only – approximately 8 minutes all day
  - Estimated travel time: 39 minutes

### Rail Alternatives

#### Metrorail

Customers at the closed stations who use Metro's Park & Ride facilities may wish to Park & Ride from other Red Line or Green Line stations including.

#### Red Line

- Shady Grove, Rockville, Twinbrook, North Bethesda, and Grosvenor-Strathmore

#### Green Line

- Greenbelt, College Park – U of Md, Hyattsville Crossing

## MARC Train

MARC train Brunswick Line – Service to/from Rockville, Garret Park, Kensington, Silver Spring and Union Station. More information is available on the MARC website.

MARC train is offering promotional \$3.00 one-way fare from Kensington and Silver Spring to Union Station on the Brunswick Line. Weekly and monthly tickets will also be discounted to \$22.50 and \$81.00, respectively.

Please note, the project does not impact the MARC Brunswick Line at Silver Spring and regular service will continue. Visit the Brunswick Line website for schedule information.

## Bus Alternatives

### Glenmont

- Ride On 31, 41, 51, and 53
- Metrobus Y2, Y7, Y8 between Medstar Montgomery Medical Center and Silver Spring Station
  - Weekday service from 4:30 a.m. to 1:40 a.m.

### Wheaton

- Ride On 4, 7, 8, 9, 31, and 34
- Metrobus Q2, Q4 between Rockville/Shady Grove and Silver Spring stations
  - Weekday service from 4:30 a.m. to 1:40 a.m.
- Metrobus Y2, Y7, Y8 between Medstar Montgomery Medical Center and Silver Spring Station
  - Weekday service from 4:30 a.m. to 1:40 a.m.

### Forest Glen

- Ride On 7, and 8
- Metrobus Q2, Q4 between Shady Grove and Silver Spring stations
  - Weekday service from 4:30 a.m. to 1:40 a.m.
  - Stops on Georgia Avenue at Forest Glen Road
- Metrobus Y2, Y7, Y8 between Medstar Montgomery Medical Center and Silver Spring Station
  - Weekday service from 4:30 a.m. to 1:40 a.m.
  - Stops on Georgia Avenue at Forest Glen Road

### Silver Spring

- Ride On 4, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 16, and 18 between Silver Spring Station and Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center
  - Saturday service between Silver Spring Station and Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center. Refer to timetable for trip details.
  - Sunday service between Takoma Station and Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center. Refer to timetable for trip details.
- Metrobus S2 between Silver Spring Station and Federal Triangle (10<sup>th</sup> and Constitution)
  - Weekday service every 15 minutes, 24/7
- Metrobus S9 between Silver Spring Station and Franklin Square
  - Weekday service 5 a.m. – 11 p.m.
- Metrobus 70, 79 between Silver Spring, Georgia Avenue-Petworth, Shaw-Howard U, Mt Vernon Square, Gallery Place, and Archives stations, extended to L'Enfant Plaza early morning and late night only
  - Weekday service available 24/7

### Takoma

- Ride On 12, 13, 14, 16, 17, and 18 between Silver Spring Station and Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center
  - Saturday service between Silver Spring Station and Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center. Refer to timetable for trip details.

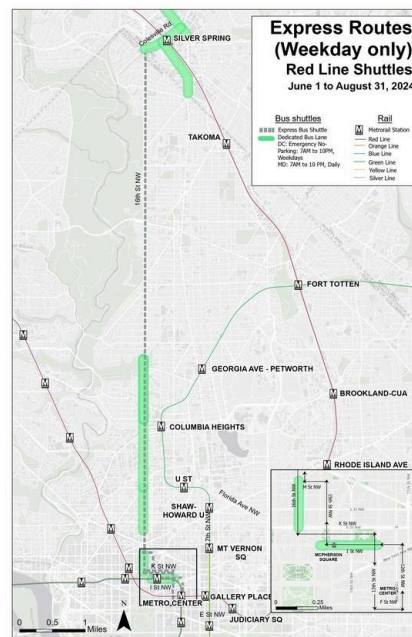
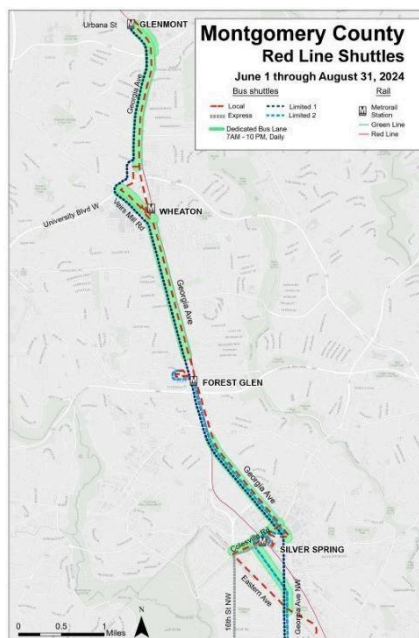
- Sunday service between Takoma Station and Takoma Langley Crossroads Transit Center. Refer to timetable for trip details.
- Metrobus 52, 54 Takoma, Columbia Heights, U Street, Metro Center, Smithsonian, McPherson Sq, L'Enfant Plaza stations
  - Weekday service available 24/7
- Metrobus 59 between Takoma, Columbia Heights, McPherson Square and Federal Triangle stations
  - Weekday service during AM/PM peak periods
- Metrobus 62, 63 between Takoma, Georgia Avenue – Petworth, U Street, Metro Center, and Federal Triangle
  - Weekday service from 5 a.m. - midnight

**MTA Commuter Bus**

MTA Commuter Bus routes may also be an option for some customers. Check for route and schedule information by visiting the MTA Commuter Bus website.

Prior to the closure Metro will have in-person teams at the affected stations to provide information to and assist customers. For detailed information about the summer construction go to [wmata.com/majorconstruction](http://wmata.com/majorconstruction).

The following maps illustrate the dedicated bus lanes along the corridor that will speed bus travel.



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