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Your Feedback Is Critical

Please join the Prince George's County Planning Department for the third and final round of community meetings on the future of transit-oriented development (TOD) along five planned Purple Line light rail stations—Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, M Square, College Park-UMD, and West Campus.

The third round of Purple Line TOD community meetings builds upon the introductory and visioning workshops conducted between November 2011 and February 2012 with local property owners, businesses, and residents. At these meetings, the Planning Department will present preliminary concept plans for each of the five stations. The presentations will discuss potential land use changes, pedestrian and road improvements, and urban design recommendations for the stations and the immediate surroundings.

Your feedback will be critical to the development of the final concept plans for the station areas! All meetings are open to the public.

Station Area <i>(The station area is defined as the area within a ½ mile of each station.)</i>	3rd Round: Presentation of Preliminary Concept Plans <i>(Wednesdays, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.)</i> <i>See below for specific workshop locations:</i>
Riverdale Road Station Area	March 21, 2012 Beacon Heights Elementary School, 6929 Furman Parkway, Riverdale, MD 20737
M Square and College Park-UMD Station Areas	April 4, 2012 Department of Parks and Recreation Administration Building 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737
West Campus Station Area	April 11, 2012 Hyattsville Library, 6530 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782
Riverdale Park Station Area	April 18, 2012 St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Candlelight Room 5700 St. Bernard Drive, Riverdale, MD 20737



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Sus Sugerencias son Importantes

Por favor acompañe al Departamento de Planificación del Condado de Prince George en la tercera y última serie de reuniones con la comunidad sobre el futuro del Desarrollo Orientado al Tránsito (TOD, por sus siglas en inglés) a lo largo de cinco estaciones planeadas del tranvía eléctrico de la Línea Morada—Riverdale Road, Riverdale Park, M Square, College Park-UMD, y West Campus.

Esta tercera serie de reuniones con la comunidad sobre el TOD de la Línea Morada ampliará aún más las dos series de reuniones anteriores en las que se presentó la Introducción y la Visión futura del proyecto, reuniones que se llevaron a cabo entre Noviembre 2011 y Febrero 2012 con los dueños de propiedades, dueños de negocios y los residentes de la comunidad. En estas reuniones, el Departamento de Planificación presentará los planes preliminares para cada una de las cinco estaciones. En las presentaciones se abordarán temas de: cambio potencial de la mezcla del uso de las propiedades, mejoras a las calles y al acceso peatonal, recomendaciones sobre diseño urbano de las estaciones y de las áreas aledañas. ¡Sus sugerencias son muy importantes para la preparación y diseño de los planes finales de las estaciones! Todas las reuniones están abiertas al público en general.

Área de la Estación <i>(El área de la estación es definida como el área ubicada hasta 1/2 milla de la estación.)</i>	3ª Serie: Presentación de Planes y Conceptos Preliminares <i>(Miércoles, 6:30 a 8:30 p.m.)</i> <i>Vea abajo para la dirección de la reunión de cada estación en particular:</i>
Estación del Área de Riverdale Road	Marzo 21, 2012 Escuela Elemental Beacon Heights, 6929 Furman Parkway, Riverdale, MD 20737
Estación del Área de M Square y College Park-UMD	Abril 4, 2012 Departamento de Recreación y Parques, Edificio Administrativo 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737
Estación del Área de West Campus	Abril 11, 2012 Biblioteca Hyattsville, 6530 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782
Estación del Área de Riverdale Park	Abril 18, 2012 Iglesia Católica de San Bernardo, Candlelight Room 5700 St. Bernard Drive, Riverdale, MD 20737



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Introductory Community Workshops

The Prince George's County Planning Department of The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) is working with community members and key stakeholders to develop transit-oriented development (TOD) plans for five Purple Line station areas that do not

form part of current county sector or transit district development plans. The project, referred to as the Purple Line TOD Study, is being closely coordinated with the Maryland Transit Administration's (MTA) preliminary engineering and final environmental impact statement for the planned Purple Line.


The Purple Line TOD Study is conducting three rounds of community meetings for each of the stations. During the first round of workshops held between November 2011 and January 2012, residents, business owners, and elected representatives identified TOD opportunities and challenges along the planned Purple Line Corridor.

The Purple Line TOD Study will:

- Inform and support the MTA's work.
- Define light rail station location, design, and access improvements.
- Prepare transit-oriented development strategies and development concepts for each of the five selected station areas:
 - Riverdale Road (Beacon Heights)
 - Riverdale Park
 - College Park-UMD
 - M Square
 - West Campus (University Hills)

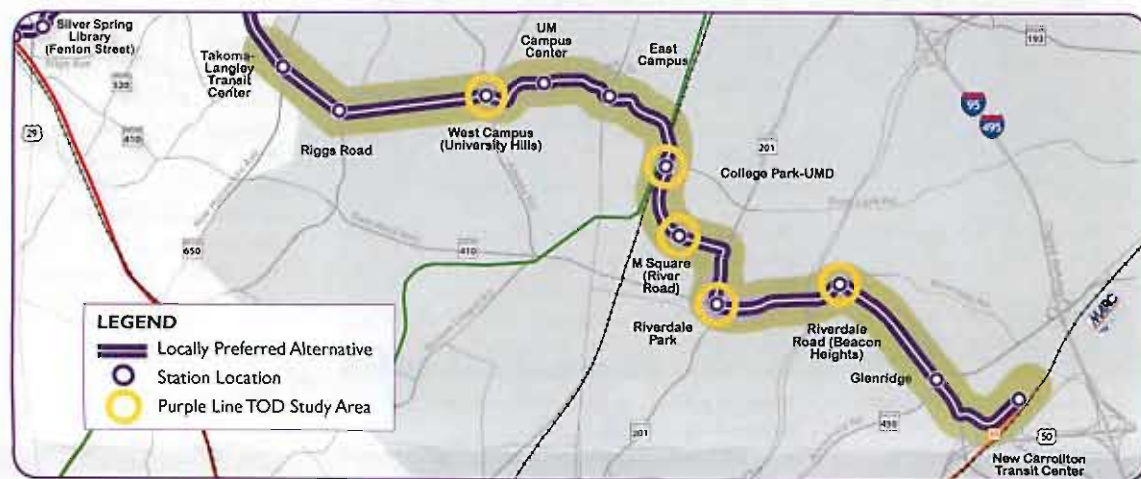
Get Involved!

- Visit our website: www.pgplanning.org/purplelinetod.htm to view previous PowerPoint slideshows, reports, and station area maps.
- Go to the website and subscribe to our stakeholder list to receive project updates.
- Participate in an upcoming workshop.
- Contact us with questions or suggestions.



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Community Priorities

A number of community priorities emerged during the workshop's informative discussions. These included improving pedestrian access to the stations, reducing crime, expanding available recreational options, supporting new employment opportunities, protecting the natural environment, addressing potential parking impacts on surrounding neighborhoods, and enhancing the park trail system. These priorities are summarized by the following four themes:

Safety and access


Participants expressed a strong interest in enhancing multimodal access to the stations, improving pedestrian safety, and reducing crime. Recommendations included installing traffic lights and traffic-calming devices in key locations, addressing congestion and parking demand management, adding sidewalks and lighting, and increasing bus service to the stations.

Community amenities

Residents stressed the need to increase recreational options, especially for youth, such as building skate parks, tennis courts, swimming pools, and new recreation centers. The Purple Line was seen as an opportunity to secure new amenities and uses including farmers markets, public art, mixed-use development, and a range of restaurants and housing options.

Local economic development

Participants noted that the Purple Line would not only improve residents' access to regional employment centers, but would also attract new shoppers and workers to the area, stimulating local business investment, redevelopment, and job creation. A number of property owners underscored the importance of addressing the potential impacts to and displacement of local and small businesses.

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Natural environment *(continued from Page 1)*

The following community priorities were identified: protecting and connecting to the natural environment around the stations, creating new open spaces, and reducing impervious cover. Participants also advocated enhanced buffering to address potential noise impacts.

Second Round of Workshops

During the second round of community workshops, stakeholders will have the opportunity to envision transit-oriented development near the planned light rail stations in their communities. At the table discussions, participants will work with facilitators—using base maps and visualizations—to define a community vision and give input on each station's identity, streetscape, architectural character, uses, and amenities. The ideas and issues raised will inform the development of the preliminary concept plans for the station areas.

Project Schedule

Workshop	Date
Study Initiation	July 1, 2011
Phase 1: Project Introduction and Background August–October 2011	
Phase 2: Study Area Analysis September 2011–January 2012	
Phase 3: Visioning and Preliminary Development Plans January–March 2012	
Riverdale Park Station	Wednesday, January 25, 2012, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Candlelight Room 5700 St. Bernard Drive, Riverdale, MD 20737
College Park-UMD and M Square (River Road) Stations	Wednesday, February 1, 2012, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Department of Parks and Recreation Administration Building 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737
West Campus Station	Wednesday, February 8, 2012, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Hyattsville Library 6530 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782
Riverdale Road (Beacon Heights) Station	Wednesday, February 15, 2012, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Beacon Heights Elementary School 6929 Furman Parkway, Riverdale, MD 20737
Phase 4: Final Development Plans, Implementation Strategies, and Report April–June 2012	
Riverdale Road (Beacon Heights) Station	Wednesday, March 21, 2012, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Beacon Heights Elementary School 6929 Furman Parkway, Riverdale, MD 20737
Riverdale Park Station	Wednesday, April 18, 2012, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. St. Bernard's Catholic Church, Candlelight Room 5700 St. Bernard Drive, Riverdale, MD 20737
College Park-UMD and M Square (River Road) Stations	Wednesday, April 4, 2012, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Department of Parks and Recreation Administration Building 6600 Kenilworth Avenue, Riverdale, MD 20737
West Campus Station	Wednesday, April 11, 2012, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Hyattsville Library 6530 Adelphi Road, Hyattsville, MD 20782

Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Purple Line?

The Purple Line is a proposed 16-mile light-rail line extending from New Carrollton in Prince George's County to Bethesda in Montgomery County. It would provide a direct connection to the Metrorail Green, Orange, and Red Lines at College Park, New Carrollton, Bethesda, and Silver Spring. The Purple Line would also connect to MARC, AMTRAK, and local bus service.

The locally preferred alternative for the Purple Line will be light rail and will operate mainly in dedicated or exclusive lanes, allowing for fast, reliable transit operations. Twenty-one initial station locations across the two counties have been identified with additional stations under consideration.

The Maryland Transit Administration is managing this project, with the support and close coordination of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, Montgomery and Prince George's Counties, The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, State Highway Administration, and local municipalities.

Online Resources

MTA Purple Line
www.purplelinemd.com

MTA Purple Line 101
www.purplelinemd.com/public-involvement/upcoming-meetings/88-november-2011-open-house-displays

Portland Light Rail
<http://trimet.org/about/history/maxoverview.htm>

Seattle Light Rail
www.soundtransit.org/Rider-Guide/Link-light-rail.xml

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