- RECORD #1056 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20851
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I live in Rockville and I am in support of the purple line addition to the metro system. I would like to see it extended to the Dullus airport in addition to the Bethesda, silver spring, college park, and new carrolton stops.

- RECORD #105 DETAIL

First Name :	j
Last Name :	g
Business Name :	
Address :	grove street
City :	silver spring
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20910
Email Address :	silverspringjane@yahoo.com
Submission Content/Notes :	Hi, when will this be fixed please? We are getting 404 error messages for the AA reports .... (1) The Purple Line's "Alternatives Analysis/Draft Environmental Impact Statement (AA/DEIS) "...and (2) "Visit the AA/DEIS page"..... This is from the main page http://www.purplelinemd.com/ thanks

- RECORD #1078 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20815
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	While I support the concept of the Purple line I do not want to see development at a possible metro station on Connecticut Ave. Except for a few small commercial establishments, it is essentially a bedroom corridor with very heavy traffic. Additional development would be a severe headache to both commuters and most importantly your tax base, i.e. RESIDENTS

- RECORD #111 DETAIL

First Name :

Last Name :

Business Name :

Address :

City :

State : MD

Zip Code : 20854

Email Address :

Submission Content/Notes : In the article in this morning's Washington Post (Saturday, Oct. 18th), it appeared that one thing people were concerned about was the "squeal" of metal train wheels turning.

I was wondering if anyone had thought of having the light rail run on hard rubber wheels (like some lines of the Paris Metro).

Having the trains run on rubber wheels would remove the "squeal" and also, I suspect, reduce friction, reducing other noise (rumbling) as well as wear-and-tear on the trains themselves (reducing upkeep costs).

Just a thought.

- RECORD #123 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	Silver Spring
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20910
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I would like to voice my support for the purple line, as a LRT. Adding buses to already crowded streets will do nothing to relieve the congestion in Silver Spring and Bethesda. The 5 mile drive to bethesda can take me up to 25 minutes, and thats on the weekend! Taking the bus when it is already that slow by car is just not feasible. I know that the purple line would keep my car off the road for my weekly trips to bethesda, and that is only the beginning. As far as good light rail systems, i would suggest looking at Minneapolis/St Paul.

- RECORD #134 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20910
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	THe Purple line should go on Wayne Ave. When I look at the map it is the straightest line.

- RECORD #1487 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	RUNNINGSSG@AOL.COM]
Submission Content/Notes :	The Crescent Trail must be protected in the interest of the environment and any considered purple metro should be underground in order to set up the Bethesda area for future growth!

- RECORD #1557 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20910
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I wish the purple line would connect more areas and that the red line would extend to Olney. I am 100% for major improvements in public transportation, as I grew up in Berlin, a huge area totally accessible everywhere w/two types of rail, street cars and busses.

- RECORD #1573 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20906
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	The ICC has never been and will never be the solution. It won't take long before the congestion on it is like ever other road in the area. It should not be built but you have not listened to the cons of building it. The Purple Line will do more for reducing traffic and pollution and the environmental hazards than the ICC ever will. Build the Purple Line. Forget the ICC.

- RECORD #1584 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20706
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I think the purple line is a great idea. Less cars on the roads and more convenience and access with the purple line.

- RECORD #1601 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20901
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I live right off of wayne and feel that purple line would be a great benefit to all of the surrounding community. I would highly disappointed if plans for the purple line were not followed through.-thank you, aaron jarboe

- RECORD #1607 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20740
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	Make it a rail line - buses already clog up too much street traffic.

- RECORD #1610 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	VA
Zip Code :	22042
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	PLEASE put in a purple line and make it ALL rail. People really need a way to get out to Dulles from downtown DC and frankly, they don't want to take the bus.

- RECORD #1613 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20601
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I think this line should be rail but i would like to see it extended into the Waldorf Area, since alot of people are moving further south.

- RECORD #1638 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20901
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	PLEASE build the light rail line. Nobody will take the bus version -- it's not an improvement.

- RECORD #1639 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20770
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I would prefer if it were a light rail line. I think it's a fantastic idea.

- RECORD #1642 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20910
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	It was poor planning for the Metro to have been built like spokes of a wheel without connection. High speed public transportation is important in an urban environment, and efficiency is key. I am very much in favor of the Purple Line.

- RECORD #1643 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20886
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I like the new purple line. I makes sense instead of having communters take a train into downtown DC just to go from bethesda to silver spring.

- RECORD #1644 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20874
Email Address :	ramzi_aniba@discovery.com
Submission Content/Notes :	in favor of light rail purple line or full rail.

- RECORD #1651 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20815
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	This is a no-brainer. I trust you to do the right thing.

- RECORD #1657 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20877
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I would ride a train while I would not ride a bus - I live near Lake Forest Mall and there seems to be constant trouble with the major transfer point there - I ride Metro everyday and find the train just a better option. Don't forget public perception is a powerful force.

- RECORD #1686 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	21037
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	Please do it! And while you are at it, please put in a line that goes to Anne Arundel County/Annapolis too!!

- RECORD #1718 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20854
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	The light rail option is the only truly viable option for the Purple Line. It is time to act.

- RECORD #1729 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20905
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I believe that Montgomery County needs a light rail, rather than a bus, to connect Silver Spring to Bethesda.

- RECORD #1737 DETAIL

First Name :
Last Name :
Business Name :
Address :
City :
State : MD
Zip Code :
Email Address : NIZTAGIL@COMCAST.NET
Submission Content/Notes : Re: Purple Line DEIS -- No Rail on the Trail!

Dear Governor O'Malley,

MTA Planning Director Ratcliff

County Executive Leggett,

Chairman Hanson,

Council President Andrews,

We live in Chevy Chase just a few blocks from Rock Creek Park and the Capital Crescent Trail. We use the trail often for walking, cycling, and dog walks. It is a wonderful resource for our community and is used by many people from all over the county.

Every week, more than 10,000 hikers and bikers -- of all ages, races, ethnicities, and abilities -- use the Capital Crescent Trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring. The Trail is enjoyed by the elderly, parents pushing strollers, bird watchers, families with small children, casual cyclists, teens going to and from school, athletes in training, and daily commuters. Trail users come from all around the region. .

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

- RECORD #1784 DETAIL

First Name :

Last Name :

Business Name :

Address :

City :

State : MD

Zip Code : 20895

Email Address :

Submission Content/Notes : I know the Purple line is hotly contested. It seems that the light rail is something people are considering. If that is the case then the infrastructure cost is such that this is considered to be a solution for the next 100 years. With such a horizon of use it is short sighted not to go below ground in non industrial areas. This would have less impact on the current bikers and hikers and walkers using the path for commuting, exercise and pleasure. The maintenance cost would be greatly reduced over the long haul, traffic less effected and the public less impacted. If the thought that more would ride a light rail then build it for the future not like we built for the 1800's

- RECORD #1789 DETAIL

First Name :

Last Name :

Business Name :

Address :

City :

State : MD

Zip Code : 20902

Email Address :

Submission Content/Notes : Adding the purple line to the district's Metro is a good idea. Many employees of Walter Reed Army Medical Center take the Red Line to work every morning. Soon Walter Reed employees will move to Bethesda Naval Hospital. For employees residing in Silver Spring and surrounding areas it makes more sense to drive to Bethesda than take the Red Line to save time. The construction of the purple line and having a shorter connection from Silver Spring to Bethesda will be an incentive for employees to travel to their new workplace.

- RECORD #1806 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20740
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I am in favor of the purple line for the impact in will have in environmental conservation, among other matters.

- RECORD #186 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20740
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	The Metro system does a poor job of allowing east-west travel. The purple line would be a tremendous step in allowing people to commute via public transportation and eliminate a large amount of drivers on the beltway. I hope the light rail system can be used to help alleviate the traffic congestion that is omnipresent between my apartment in College Park and Silver Spring, Rockville, and Bethesda. Please keep fighting to serve the residents of Montgomery and PG counties.

- RECORD #1875 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20912
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	Light Rail is so much better for the community and our future. A bus system would be a waste of money!

- RECORD #188 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	22203
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I absolutely support the construction of the purple line. I think a metro-like structure may be the most efficient, but whatever can get done in terms of a mass transit option will be an improvement.

- RECORD #1947 DETAIL

First Name :

Last Name :

Business Name :

Address :

City :

State : MD

Zip Code :

Email Address : TRINGLAND@GMAIL.COM

Submission Content/Notes : Dear Governor O'Malley,

MTA Planning Director Ratcliff

County Executive Leggett,

Chairman Hanson,

Council President Andrews,

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Thank you for your consideration.

- RECORD #2135 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	
Attachments :	Comment Form. Anonymous.pdf (857 kb)

Purple Line

MTA Maryland

Purple Line AA/DEIS Comment Form

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I/We wish to submit the following comments on this project: _____

Please NO. We are being driven crazy with all this construction.

Stop!

- RECORD #2167 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	
Attachments :	Comment Form. M. Berb.pdf (835 kb)

Purple Line

MTA Maryland

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PLEASE PRINT

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

I/We wish to submit the following comments on this project:

would like another copy of spring open-house presentation for comparison of figures of ridership & travel times. Appears as though political activity has elevated BRT to new level of acceptability.

Please send to maryberh@comcast.net (hard copy or web site link where can be found)

- RECORD #2188 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	
Attachments :	Written Comment. PL An Extravagance We Cant Afford.pdf (5 mb)

THE PURPLE LINE...AN EXTRAVAGANCE WE CAN'T AFFORD IN THESE DIFFICULT ECONOMIC TIMES

1. IT DOESN'T SOLVE THE MAIN PROBLEM OF TRAFFIC CONGESTION, AND MAY DELAY OTHER SOLUTIONS THAT WOULD. The Purple Line light rail system doesn't even address the major transportation problem in the Montgomery/ Prince George's area: traffic congestion.

- Studies show, and the State's project manager confirms, the Purple Line is **not intended to reduce traffic congestion**—80% of its riders will come from another form of mass transit, not from cars. **Why would we build a new system that doesn't begin to address our biggest transportation problem?**

- Because the Purple Line will be competing for funds, it is likely to push back the Corridor Cities Transit-way (CCT) that would provide much-needed relief for I-270 congestion. The CCT would serve an area with no public transit and that is expected to grow by some 725,000 in next decade. Thus, **a project that actually could reduce traffic congestion will be delayed** while we build a new system for those already using transit.

2. IT'S NOT COST-EFFECTIVE.

- Light rail is the **most expensive mode** per passenger carried.

- According to state figures, the Purple Line will actually serve approximately 6800 new riders. With a total price tag in the range of $1.8 billion (in 2007 dollars!) that means the **system will cost $265,000.00 per new rider.**

3. IT'S OBSOLETE BEFORE IT STARTS RUNNING.

- **Plans for the Purple Line are already out of date** - they were developed before plans were set for **BRAC**.

- The planned relocation of the Walter Reed Army Medical Center to the National Naval Medical Center in Bethesda in 2011 is projected to generate an estimated **900,000 new car trips per year, but this area will not be served by the Purple Line**.

4. IT'S NOT AS ENVIRONMENTALLY-FRIENDLY AS HAS BEEN REPRESENTED.

- As the Purple Line is not projected to dramatically reduce the number of cars on the road, **it will not significantly reduce vehicle pollution** or improve air quality as originally believed.

- The Purple Line will be built over what is now largely residential and recreational green space, reducing public access to some of the last open space in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties and requiring the **destruction of a minimum of 1000 mature trees**.

- The rail line will have a **major impact on the Capital Crescent Trail**, used by an estimated 10,000 individuals per week. In places the trail is only 33 feet wide and there is no way that walkers, hikers, joggers and cyclists can safely coexist unless the path is widened, requiring the taking of additional land from adjacent green space and existing properties.

- Though the state suggests that the Purple Line and trail users can happily co-exist, the construction phase of the line will actually destroy much of the trail as it is currently configured. And, contrary to popular belief, **funds/plans to re-build are not in the Purple Line project budget but would be the responsibility of Montgomery County**

5. THE PURPLE LINE WILL SEVERELY IMPACT NEIGHBORHOODS ALONG ITS ROUTE

- Serious safety concerns are raised by **high-speed trains traveling on residential streets** alongside homes and yards, adjacent to schoolyards and pedestrian areas.

- According to the DEIS, **neighborhoods along the route will be severely impacted:**

    - 64 intersections along the route will need improvements, such as new turn lanes, **to prevent traffic from worsening** where vehicles will share travel lanes with light rail trains or express buses.
    - As many as **four Montgomery County Schools will lose tracts of land** to the line.
    - Sound walls and panels covering train wheels would be necessary to protect residents in up to **18 "potential annoyance zones" from the screech of metal** train wheels turning sharp corners. Without such protections, noise levels could be severe for residents.

6. IT'S FAR FROM CLEAR THAT THE PURPLE LINE IS THE SMARTEST WAY TO SPEND LIMITED TRANSIT DOLLARS

- The Town of Chevy Chase commissioned an independent study which **found alternatives (including Jones Bridge) are cheaper, faster, and more effective in getting people out of cars**.

- By looking at best practices in other communities, it seems clear there are alternatives that can effectively move more people at a lower cost per rider and with less impact on green space and existing residential neighborhoods.

7. HOW WILL WE PAY FOR IT?

- Less expensive and more efficient alternatives such as the Jones Bridge are more likely to achieve federal funding.

- In the October 18, 2008 *Washington Post*, **State officials admitted they will have trouble paying for the Purple Line**.

- According to the state, its measure for cost-effectiveness -- a key consideration for securing critical federal money -- **barely meets federal eligibility standards.** (Washington Post, October 18)

- RECORD #2457 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	THOMASH2850@AOL.COM
Submission Content/Notes :	Thousands of Hikers, Bikers, Runners and just plain walkers, like me and my family, enjoy the trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring as one of the few safe and still green areas around here to enjoy these activities. The Trail is cherished by all those that use it. The Purple Line will only bring more pollution, environmental blight, and the inevitable problems that come with over-urbanization. Please use good common sense to SAVE THE TRAIL!!!

- RECORD #2635 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	DBEHLER@COMCAST.NET

Submission Content/Notes : To: Governor O'Malley and Diane Ratcliff, Director of Planning, MTA-MD

My wife and I strongly urge you to support construction of the Purple Line light rail transit project to serve Prince Georges' and Montgomery Counties and the Washington Metro region. We believe it is the best option to help us meet our future transportation challenges.

We face these dire threats:

· our damaging reliance on foreign oil pollutes and degrades the environment and weakens our economy, and hence, our national security;

· the inherent wastefulness of our automotive culture and;

· the dangerous and accelerating adverse impacts of Global Warming caused by our overconsumption of fossil fuels.

We need to vastly improve the energy efficiency our nation's transportation system. Starting in the Wash DC metro area, this means we must commit to greater use of mass transit, and to do so, we need to develop our mass transit systems.

Building the Purple Line will reduce overall pollution and better serve the environment, reduce our dependency on foreign oil, invest in and increase the productivity of our national and regional economy, and ultimately help us improve our national security.

If we are to escape the inherent wastefulness of our automotive culture, we need the mass transit alternatives to enable us to do so.

If we are to take the problems of Global Warming seriously - - we need to do something constructive about it - - then let us begin here with approval of the Purple Line project.

In terms of a more localized perspective, I strongly urge adoption of the Purple Line as a High Investment Light Rail Transit project.

Such a choice would operate with a lower annual increase in operating subsidies and lower annual O&M costs than other light rail options, attract the most ridership and thereby lessen automotive traffic, and provide riders with the best service. This option will optimize our public investment.

As for the "not in my backyard" syndrome, it’s understandable, and for some lamentable. I’m sorry, I’ve been "built up on" too, and I understand those concerns.

But we must serve the public objective to do the greatest good for the greatest number.

The NIMBYism of the Chevy Chase golf club, however, I can not support. The public Right of Way exists to serve the public good, not for your golf game and country club pursuits. With the Purple Line, you will continue to enjoy those things, and you can afford to sacrifice just a little for everyone else. (With a slightly smaller golf course, you may find your golf scores actually improve.)

I fully support the Purple Line design that would retain and widen the existing Capital Crescent bike trail, and interconnect with an improved network of bike routes.

I also fully support a Purple Line design that enhances pedestrian safety and encourages walking as a growing form of public transit.

As for Silver Spring, most folks support mass transit and the Purple Line. But there will be some adverse impacts to our neighborhoods if the Medium Investment light rail option is selected with a route through downtown and Wayne Avenue.

If that option is selected, I urge you to adopt the best pedestrian and bicycle safety measures and improvements into the Purple Line design.

And I urge you to go further to incorporate these additional mitigation features into the design:

1. Rehabilitation of the recreational track at Sligo Creek Elementary school with an all weather, padded surface.

2. Rehabilitation of the athletic field at Sligo Creek Elementary school by installing durable, artificial turf.

3. Systematically improve bike lanes and surfaces in the area.

We need to look beyond mass transit and encourage walking, running, and biking as part of the Purple Line solution. And I believe we can come up with cost sharing strategies to accomplish them:

· By fixing the track, we will provide citizens with a vital, accessible, and safe resource for their walking and running exercise.

· By fixing the athletic field, we will encourage soccer as a "carry over" sport for all ages by providing a safe, accessible, and durable resource.

· By improving the bike lanes and surfaces, we will increase bike commuting use.

All these mitigation features will enhance the community and yield long term benefits by bolstering alternative transit strategies to the culture of the automobile. And people from the community can be joined there by people using the Purple Line.

To conclude, the Purple Line will connect diverse communities throughout its length, provide cultural and economic opportunities for the people, and bring us together in a way that helps both the region and the planet.

Thank you.

- RECORD #2830 DETAIL

First Name :

Last Name :

Business Name :

Address :

City :

State : MD

Zip Code :

Email Address : LMACKELL@COMCAST.NET

Submission Content/Notes : Dear Governor O'Malley, MTA Planning Director Ratcliff, County Executive Leggett, Chairman Hanson, Council President Andrews,

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Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A Capital Crescent Trail fan

- RECORD #284 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20738
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	i want the purple Line!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

- RECORD #2960 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	This line will give people an alternative to driving on the most congested part of the Beltway. I frequently have to go to Bethesda from P.G. County and it can take more than 1.5 hrs to drive. I also love to bike and would like to see the Capital Crescent Trail extended. More Rails & Trails!
Attachments :	Deitemyer_grace_and_I support_This line will.pdf (56 kb)

Purple Line Comment Form

Please complete this form and return it to:
Diane Ratcliff, MTA Office of Planning
6 St. Paul Street, 9th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202

I support building the Purple Line as light rail.

More comments:

Grace A Deitemyer

Name Grace A. Deitemyer
Address 342 W Edmonston Dr
City Rockville State MD Zip 20852

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Rockville, MD 20852

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Baltimore, MD
21202

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I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

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- RECORD #2963 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I Support the Purple Line Because it will be good for east-west transport. I would use it constantly rather than drive.
Attachments :	Annon Cards_It will be good for east_because its been 22 years.pdf (51 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

It will be great for east west transport. I would use it constantly rather than drive

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

because it's been 22 years that I've been waiting for a way to get across Montgomery + Prince George counties by public transportation! I support environmentally friendly options - less pollution, less time consuming and I am additionally very excited about a completed Capital Crescent Trail!! Please make my dream a reality.

- RECORD #2964 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I support the Purple Line Because its been 22 years that I've been waiting for a way to get across Montgomery and Prince Georges counties by public transportation! I support environmentally friendly options, less pollution, less time consuming and I am additionally very excited about a completed Capital Crescent Trail!! Please make my dream a reality.
Attachments :	Annon Cards_It will be good for east_because its been 22 years.pdf (51 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

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I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

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because it's been 22 years that I've been waiting for a way to get across Montgomery + Prince George counties by public transportation! I support environmentally friendly options - less pollution, less time consuming and I am additionally very excited about a completed Capital Crescent Trail!! Please make my dream a reality.

- RECORD #2965 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I support the Purple Line because... Looking forward to a faster more economical way to use public transportation to commute from New Carrollton/Lanham area to get to NIH. This is a great proposal.
Attachments :	Annon Card_Looking forward.pdf (30 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line — Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

Looking forward to a faster more economical way to use public transportation to commute from New Carrollton/Landau area to get to NIH. This is a great proposal

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- RECORD #2966 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I support the Purple Line Because.... A way to work and Shopping :)
Attachments :	Annon Cards_A way to work_I commute everyday.pdf (48 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

A way to work
And
Shopping :)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

I commute every day from Greenbelt to Friendship Heights. The last thing we need is one more car on the Beltway.

- RECORD #2967 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I support the Purple Line Because I commute everyday from Greenbelt to Friendship Heights. The last thing we need is one more car on the Beltway.
Attachments :	Annon Cards_A way to work_I commute everyday.pdf (48 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

A way to work
And
Shopping :)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

I commute every day from Greenbelt to Friendship Heights. The last thing we need is one more car on the Beltway.

- RECORD #2969 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I support the Purple Line Because the Purple Line is good for the capital Crescent Trail -- it will extend the trail to downtown Silver Spring and create safe crossings for our kids!!!
Attachments :	Wagithuku,Donya_The Purple Line is good.pdf (44 kb)

Donya Wagithuku
1215 East-West Hgw
Silver Spring, MD 2

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Purple Line Comment Form

Please complete this form and return it to:
Diane Ratcliff, MTA Office of Planning
6 St. Paul Street, 9th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202

I support building the Purple Line as light rail.

More comments:

Name Donya Wagithuku
Address 1215 East-West Hgwy, #712
City Silver Spring State MD Zip 20910

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line — Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

The Purple Line is good for the Capital Crescent Trail - it will extend the trail to downtown Silver Spring and create safe crossings for our kids!!!

- RECORD #2986 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I Support the Purple Line Because.... Faster Commute. I live in Riverdale Park but work in Bethesda. It takes 1 hr and 45 min to get to work so the Purple Line would be my commuter dream come true!
Attachments :	Annon Cards_Faster Commute_Good for env.pdf (54 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line — Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

Faster Commute

I live in Riverdale park but work in Bethesda. I 7 takes 1hr & 45 min to get to work so The purple line would be my commuter dream come true!

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line — Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

- It'll be good for environment.
- It comes on time more than buses and cars.

I love trains more than buses and cars.

I hope Metro System will be improved more.

- RECORD #2987 DETAIL

First Name :

Last Name :

Business Name :

Address :

City :

State : MD

Zip Code :

Email Address :

Submission Content/Notes : I support the Purple Line Because...
- It'll be good for environment
- It comes on time more than buses and cars.
- I love trains more than buses and cars.
- I hope Metro system will be improved more.

Attachments : Annon Cards_Faster Commute_Good for env.pdf (54 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line — Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

Faster Commute

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I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line — Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

- It'll be good for environment.
- It comes on time more than buses and cars.

I love trains more than buses and cars.

I hope Metro System will be improved more.

- RECORD #2995 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I support the Purple Line because it is totally insane that if you live on the Green Line route, you literally have to go all the way downtown just to get an Orange Line to New Carrollton station. And thats totally nuts.
Attachments :	Annon Cards_ I support_Stanek,Jason.pdf (55 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

I support the Purple Line Because it is totally insane that if you Live on the GreenLine route, You literally have to go All the Way downtown just to get an OrangeLine to NewCarrollton station. And thats totally NUTS.

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda | Silver Spring | Long Branch | Takoma/Langley | College Park | New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

Ms. Ratcliff — Marylanders want to reduce their reliance on Automobiles. Let's save the environment and reduce traffic congestion by building the Purple Line in the near future.

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JASON STANEK
3109 RIVR BEND CT. D202
LAUREL, MD 20724

Sincerely,

Jason Stanek
Riverdale, Maryland

- RECORD #3215 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I Support the Purple Line Because..... Last week I was in Silver Spring and I had to go all the way downtown in order to go to New Carrollton. This would make commuting to work for many easier and reduce time.
Attachments :	Comment Cards. Nanette Dobrosky_Annon Card.pdf (65 kb)

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Diane Ratcliff, MTA Office of Planning
6 St. Paul Street, 9th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202

I support building the Purple Line as light rail.

More comments: I believe that the Purple Line will relieve traffic.

Name Nanette Dobrosky

Address 806 McLendon Dr.

City Frederick State MD Zip 21702

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda Silver Spring Long Branch Takoma/Langley College Park New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

Last week I was in Silver Spring and I had to go all the way down town in order to go to New Carrollton.
This would make commuting to work for many easier and reduce time.

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- RECORD #3218 DETAIL

First Name :

Last Name :

Business Name :

Address :

City :

State : MD

Zip Code :

Email Address :

Submission Content/Notes : I Support the Purple Line Because....

- Good for local economy
- Will help PG residents get to jobs in Mont. county
- Will increase RE values in Col Pk and Riverdal
- More taxes for state

Attachments : Annon Cards_Good for local_I support PL bc.pdf (128 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

- Good for local economy
- Will help PG residents get to jobs in Mont. county
- Will increase RE. values in Col Pk and Riverdale more taxes for state

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I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

I support the Purple Line because I believe it will benefit a lot of people. I just hope that construction of the Purple Line does not entail eminent domain over homeowner's property.

- RECORD #3219 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I support the Purple Line because I believe it will benefit a lot of people. I just hope that construction of the Purple Line does not entail eminent domain over homeowner's property.
Attachments :	Annon Cards_Good for local_I support PL bc.pdf (128 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

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- Will help PG residents get to jobs in Mont. county
- Will increase RE. values in Col Pk and Riverdale more taxes for state

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I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

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- RECORD #3220 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I Support the Purple Line Because.... Relieve traffic congestion.
Attachments :	Annon Card_Relieve traffic.pdf (53 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

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Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

Relieve traffic congestion.

- RECORD #3222 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I Support the Purple Line Because.... The purple line just makes sense. It will allow prompt and inexpensive public transport between the Maryland suburbs around DC. It will also relieve traffic congestion at UMD and Rte 1. Because it avoids busing from the Green Line a mile away and open up quick public transit to many in the area west and southeast of College Park, the general student welfare will improve for all who don't happen to live on campus. Plus it provides a quick public transit route where one now must drive on the congested Beltway.
Attachments :	Comment Cards. CJ Brown_PL just makes sense.pdf (143 kb)

I enthusiastically support this vision of a Purple Line:

1. A generally at-grade light rail line that is primarily on its own right of way;

2. Excellent service linking Bethesda, Silver Spring, College Park & New Carrollton Metro Stations with stops in Chevy Chase, Long Branch, Langley Park, University of MD, Riverdale Park & other communities;

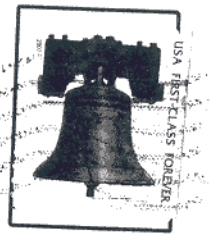
3. Completion of the Capital Crescent hiker-biker trail alongside the transit line on the Georgetown Branch railroad right of way between Bethesda & Silver Spring, and pedestrian upgrades elsewhere in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties;

4. A community and environmentally-friendly design that mitigates negative impacts in a cost-effective manner without impeding speedy implementation of the project.

Name: C.V. Brown

Address: 4404 Kinnoun Rd

City: Lanham MD 20706



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ATTN: Diane Ratcliff
MTA Director of Planning
6 St. Paul Street, 9th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

Purple Line — Greener Future

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- RECORD #3223 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I Support the Purple Line Because.... - Our area is fast approaching gridlock and the Purple Line will do a lot to alleviate it. We can't wait to increase our public transportation. - The Purple Line, as currently laid out, would take quite a few cars off the DC Beltway.
Attachments :	Annon Cards_Our area is_I would use.pdf (129 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

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- The Purple Line, as currently laid out, would take quite a few cars off the DC Beltway.

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I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

I would use the purple line in my daily commute and it would reduce the need for campus-wide bus service for UM.

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- RECORD #3224 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I Support the Purple Line Because.... I would use the Purple Line in my daily commute and it would reduce the need for campus-wide bus service for UM.
Attachments :	Annon Cards_Our area is_I would use.pdf (129 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

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mail 1/10/09

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

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mail 1/13/09

- RECORD #3225 DETAIL

First Name :

Last Name :

Business Name :

Address :

City :

State : MD

Zip Code :

Email Address :

Submission Content/Notes : I would Support the Purple Line Because....

1) This Metro Line is overdue. The State and County Administration should give priority to public transportation.
2) It saves time to go to College Park (example) and reduces the chance to get back problems --- improves health status.
3) Reserve allocation in this respect will create more job in the public sector of course metro administration and maintenance capacity should be improved.

Please call me if you have any questions.
(w) 301-405-7431
(c) 202-256-3108

Attachments : Annon Cards_The Metro line_Why Purple Line.pdf (157 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

(1) This metro line is overdue. The State and County administration should give priority to public transportation

(2) It saves time to go to College Park (example) and reduces the chance to get back problem. — improves health status.

(3) Resource allocation in this respect will create more jobs in the public sector. Of course metro administration and maintainance capacity should be improved.

Please call me if you have any question.

(W) 301-405-7431 (C) 202 256 3106

Thanks.

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I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

Why Purple line?

Because it shouldn't take an hour to get from Bethesda to Silver Spring.

Because it will alleviate Beltway traffic.

Because mass transit is the responsible thing to do.

- RECORD #3226 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I Support the Purple Line Because.... Why Purple Line? Because it shouldn't take an hour to get from Bethesda to Silver Spring. Because it will alleviated Beltway traffic. Because mass transit is the responsible thing to do.
Attachments :	Annon Cards_The Metro line_Why Purple Line.pdf (157 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

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(2) It saves time to go to College Park (example) and reduces the chance to get back problem. — improves health status.

(3) Resource allocation in this respect will create more jobs in the public sector. Of course metro administration and maintainance capacity should be improved.

Please call me if you have any question.

(W) 301-405-7431 (C) 202 256 3106

Thanks.

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I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda · Silver Spring · Long Branch · Takoma/Langley · College Park · New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

Why Purple line?

Because it shouldn't take an hour to get from Bethesda to Silver Spring.

Because it will alleviate Beltway traffic.

Because mass transit is the responsible thing to do.

- RECORD #3227 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I Support the Purple Line Because.... Better route for commuting from New Carrollton to Bethesda. Better route from Silver Spring to Bethesda! More employment opportunities.
Attachments :	Annon Card_Better Route.pdf (101 kb)

I enthusiastically support this vi
of a Purple Line:

1. A generally at-grade light rail line that is pri
on its own right of way;

2. Excellent service linking Bethesda, Silver S
College Park & New Carrollton Metro Statior
stops in Chevy Chase, Long Branch, Langle
University of MD, Riverdale Park & other communi-
ties;

3. Completion of the Capital Crescent hiker-biker trail alongside the transit line on the Georgetown Branch railroad right of way between Bethesda & Silver Spring, and pedestrian upgrades elsewhere in Prince George's and Montgomery Counties;

4. A community and environmentally-friendly design that mitigates negative impacts in a cost-effective manner without impeding speedy implementation of the project.

Name: Shemeka K. Eldridge

Address: 416 E Woodlake Court

City: Glen Burnie State: MD Zip: 21061

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Purple Line DEIS Comment
ATTN: Diane Ratcliff
MTA Director of Planning
6 St. Paul Street, 9th Floor
Baltimore, MD 21202

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I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda Silver Spring Long Branch Takoma/Langley College Park New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

Better route for commuting from New Carrollton to Bethesda. Better route from Silver Spring to Bethesda! More employment opportunities.

- RECORD #3233 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I Support the Purple Line Because.... It is the right thing to do!
Attachments :	Annon Card_It is the right.pdf (39 kb)

I Support the Purple Line Because....

Bethesda Silver Spring Long Branch Takoma/Langley College Park New Carrollton

Purple Line Greener Future

Use the space below to describe why you support the Purple Line.

it is the right thing to do!

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PROJECT DEVELOPMENT

- RECORD #323 DETAIL

First Name :

Last Name :

Business Name :

Address :

City :

State : MD

Zip Code :

Email Address : ACTIVISTEMAIL56@GMAIL.COM

Submission Content/Notes : To Whom It May Concern,
The purple line is a necessary public transportation line for people commuting along the northern reaches of the metro system. I also support running the purple line underground through the most congested part of Silver Spring. Although it may cost a good deal of money up front, the money saved over the long run in terms of decreased traffic congestion and decreased pollution will benefit the involved communities immensely. It is abhorrent to me to think that the interests of a county club can override the needs of so many people who would be helped by the purple line. Please consider carefully the benefits of the purple line and support its development.
Thank you,
A Concerned Resident

- RECORD #3253 DETAIL

First Name :

Last Name :

Business Name :

Address :

City :

State : UT

Zip Code : 84102

Email Address :

Submission Content/Notes : I went to University of Maryland and would have loved to have the planned purple line in when I was there. There are so many great places to go around Washington, but it's a pain to have to go into the middle to transfer and go back out. I am also extremely interested in the project lengthening the Capital Cresent Trail. We would take the metro to the beginning and ride into Alexandria with the Trail Club at U of M on a regular basis.
Also, I now live in Salt Lake City, and the light rail we have is wonderful. All the students take it into the University here, which opens up more places for students to live. People take it from thier suburban homes into the city, so parking is hardly ever a problem. Salt Lake is even planning on building a new Trax line. It's great!!!

- RECORD #3278 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20902
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I like it

- RECORD #3282 DETAIL

First Name :

Last Name :

Business Name :

Address :

City :

State : MD

Zip Code : 20901

Email Address : marlanky@gmail.com

Submission Content/Notes : Has MTA considered the implications such as weather affects on the rail (snow, ice, and fallen trees), inflexible routes, and collisions with cars?

There are also the impacts of the overhead lines and rails on the neighborhood. Rail lines have historically determined social and political boundaries. So hopefully someone as considered this for everybody's benefit and not just the majority.

In general, it's a little disappointing that the decision was for the light rail option and I suspect that the majority who do support the light rail do not ride buses and use public transportation as their main mode of travel. Most buses and their drivers are usually timely, safe, clean, and flexible in schedule changes. And recently Metro buses ability to quickly mobilise to accommodate the surge in patronage due to yesterday's train derailment is evidence of the strength of having a Bus Line over a LRS.

Essentially, at the end of the day the questions are: what happens if the LRS gets derailed or somehow breaks down? What happens if MTA needs to expand the LRS system? How will the carbon footprint of the permanent infrastructure be mitigated?

I'm just curious as to if the above items have been considered.

- RECORD #3283 DETAIL

First Name :	Carlos
Last Name :	Abinader
Business Name :	
Address :	2345
City :	New Carrollton
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20785
Email Address :	boytailor@hotmail.com
Submission Content/Notes :	I have not discolsed my' information here, but the correct e-mail is provided below.My question is that any transport service has not yet considered the "29 route", and your project doesnt cover it. if you may start any transport from Silverspring to Colombia, via Burtonsville and Scaggsvile from Morning to evening, you will be the only transport service in this route. if you study Commuter 915 & 929, they are not available in the morning from Silver Spring to Columbia and from Columbia to Silver Spring in the evening, instead, they do in the other way (from Columbia to DC in the morning and Dc to Colombia in the evening).pls get back to me by email.

- RECORD #3287 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20912
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	1) The PDF files do not load -- apparently a problem with your site. 2) Why does the site still show multiple alternatives, when the Governor announced that one had been selected?

- RECORD #329 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	mbah@huronconsultinggroup.com
Submission Content/Notes :	I support the PL ---------- Sent from my BlackBerry Wireless Handheld

- RECORD #33 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20910
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	today's story in the post says the purple line's ridership would be 47,000 a year. that translates into 133.5 peope per day. Is that correct?

- RECORD #3317 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20814
Email Address :	ezra.greenberg@gmail.com
Submission Content/Notes :	The schedule states that we expect to receive permission from the FTA for the preliminary energineering study in 2010. Is there an update on when that will happen?

- RECORD #3332 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20871
Email Address :	ronnie@yamik.com
Submission Content/Notes :	Can I assume that the cost will be paid for by those who will use it or benefit from it through either fares or a development district tax for local residents? I do not think the residents of Clarksburg, MD should be paying for this. Do you agree?

- RECORD #3363 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	21045
Email Address :	qasidam3@yahoo.com
Submission Content/Notes :	Greetings, I am a student at the University of Maryland. My classmates and I are assigned to conduct a cost analysis of the total project. If possible, I would like to receive a breakdown of the costs affiliated with the project as well as the source of funding. Is the project state funded, federally funded, or funded through specific agencies?

- RECORD #3383 DETAIL

First Name :	A
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20910
Email Address :	greenbridge114@yahoo.com
Submission Content/Notes :	It's a question, please - I live along the Wayne Avenue stretch of the Purple Line. Question: Will the Purple Line trains REALLY be the nice sleek quiet ones that are shown on the homepage of the PurpleLineMD site? And NOT the large ancient heavy trains that are called "Light Rail" in Baltimore? I have seen fabulous, fabulous light rail systems at work in, e.g., Strasbourg France, and Dublin Ireland. The trains are MODERN, not the horrendous dirty noisy heavy trains that you have in Baltimore. So please, sir, my question is: Are you truly going to give us the nice inoffensive actually terrific MODERN trains that show on the Purple Line home page? This is a really serious question. And I truly thank you for giving it some attention.

- RECORD #411 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20901
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I live in Silver Spring and strongly support the Purple Line. The inability to travel from the different ends of the red line makes commuting extremely difficult.

- RECORD #417 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20852
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	build purple line now. i know many students and professors who live in montgomery county and commute to college park every day. most of them continue to use cars but they tell me that they would definitely switch to metro if it was on the purple line.

- RECORD #423 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20832
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	BUILD IT NOW BEFORE IT IS TOO LATE !!

- RECORD #437 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20852
Email Address :	brpathak@gmail.com
Submission Content/Notes :	I live in North Bethesda and thus do not have "ruin my neighborhood" concerns many other MoCo areas have. However, i do understand their concern, as it is true metro increases property values but if the greenline is any example it also increases crime. What i do not understand is my spend billions when you could simply improve the bus system? It would not affect the enviroment and would also be cheaper for both counties in hard economic times.

- RECORD #438 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	15213
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	Please include the Purple Line. People at the university and people living at the university would greatly appreciate it. Otherwise, Northwest takes a half an hour longer to get it.

- RECORD #446 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20855
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	please build it----we need this so much.

- RECORD #570 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20817
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	Take the long-term view and run the purple line like most of Metro in a tunnel. It would be more expensive in the short run, but visionary for long-term development, infrastructure, etc. and would avoid most of the debate about impacting the Capital Crescent trail. Considering all the money that is being spent lately by the federal government, this would be a worthwhile public works investment! Imagine where Manhattan would be if it relied only on surface transportation. Don't squander the opportunity to do it right the first time. Tunneling needs to be put on the table regardless of the cost.

- RECORD #615 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20878
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	The purple line light rail is a great idea. Congestion on the beltway needs to be eased and this will help.

- RECORD #627 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	SONGYUNBJ@YAHOO.COM
Submission Content/Notes :	We need purple line!!!

- RECORD #690 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20814
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	Yes the Purple line is definitely needed.

- RECORD #738 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20814
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I support the Purple Line, specifically in its Heavy Investment, Light Rail configuration. I urge you to proceed with this method of construction to ensure that the Maryland portion of the greater DC area continues to grow responsibly and environmentally-friendly in the coming years.

- RECORD #752 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20912
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	More mass transit, more trains, higher gas tax. More people using mass transit, more locally produced stuff, less traffic, less pollution. It's not rocket science. Every other developing country has been pushing this agenda for years (perhaps excepting locally produced stuff).

- RECORD #765 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20878
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	Please support the purple line initiative to help reduce traffic congestion.

- RECORD #766 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20814
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	Dear Mr. Madden, I saw the proposed purple line map at a metro stop today and shouted with joy at the the thought. Making this happen is my #1 issue as a resident of Maryland and I hope it is yours as well.

- RECORD #772 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20910
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I am in full support of the light rail option for the Purple Line. This could be the most significant infrastructural decision we make in the region for the next 50 years. It is crucial we make the right choice. Please back this investment in the future of our mass transit system. Thank you.

- RECORD #801 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	DC
Zip Code :	20009
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I support building an at-grade light rail Purple Line, on its own right-of-way for most of the route, and completing the Capital Crescent trail alongside the route between Bethesda and Silver Spring.

- RECORD #822 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	VA
Zip Code :	22203
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	Build the train and not the buses!!! It's an investment in your future!!!!! What would DC look like today if we had just built bus lanes instead of Metrorail??

- RECORD #824 DETAIL

First Name :

Last Name :

Business Name :

Address :

City :

State : MD

Zip Code : 21701

Email Address :

Submission Content/Notes : please do the right thing and build light rail, not BRT.

what if the metro were just BRT? do you think it would have had the same impact? the same long-term financial efficiency?

now is not the time to be short-sighted.

- RECORD #87 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20853
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	Is the Purple Line meant to get people out of cars into mass transit or out of buses and onto trolleys?

- RECORD #881 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	Laurel
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20708
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I definitely think that LRT is a much better method transit vices BRT. Besides the buses are not eco-friendly nor will they suffice for the steady increase in ridership in the metrol

- RECORD #883 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	DC
Zip Code :	20002
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I support the purple line. It is the kind of investment in sustainable infrastructure that will continue to payoff in boosts to economic activity and lifestyle for decades to come. With the infrastructure stimulus packages that will likely be put towards a project like this, this is a unique opportunity to undertake a such a rewarding project with so little risk.

- RECORD #884 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20815
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	I support building an at-grade light rail Purple Line, on its own right-of-way for most of the route, and completing the Capital Crescent trail alongside the route between Bethesda and Silver Spring.

- RECORD #930 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	APASCAL2003@YAHOO.COM

Submission Content/Notes : Dear Governor O'Malley,
MTA Planning Director Ratcliff,
County Executive Leggett,
Chairman Hanson,
Council President Andrews

I live in East Bethesda and use the Trail on a daily basis for family walks to downtown Bethesda, for jogging, running and just walks to clear my mind.

This trail makes Bethesda a unique place to live and visit because of the green corridor and the quality of life it provides.

The Trail was the main reason I chose to buy a property in this particular neighborhood. If the Trail is replaced by a light transit rail, I will most likely move from the area. It is also predictable that the immediate presence of the train will lead to a drop in the market value of adjacent properties.

I am not alone in my strong support for the Trail. Every week, more than 10,000 hikers and bikers -- of all ages, races, ethnicities, and abilities -- use the Capital Crescent Trail between Bethesda and Silver Spring. The Trail is enjoyed by the elderly, parents pushing strollers, bird watchers, families with small children, casual cyclists, teens going to and from school, athletes in training, and daily commuters. Trail users come from all around the region.

The Trail is revered for its tranquility, safety, and natural beauty.

And yet, the recent Purple Line Environmental Impact Statement confirms that the Purple Line between Bethesda and Silver Spring will:

Permanently remove all the surrounding trees and tree canopy -- 17 acres of trees

Convert our Trail into a dangerously narrow bike lane along a transitway
Run trains about 10' from trail users -- passing every three minutes in both directions

Permanently close the Tunnel for trail use or put the trail above the trains in the Tunnel
Park trains next to Giffords Ice Cream and Landmark Theater while awaiting maintenance
Great urban areas have great parks. This irreplaceable forest and continuous natural Trail provide rare and outstanding recreational opportunities that cannot be replicated anywhere else. Please use your wisdom, vision and courage to put transit elsewhere and to preserve the Capital Crescent Trail as this region's "Central Park" -- so that we, and generations to come, will be able to enjoy this natural resource, regardless of the growth and development that takes place around us.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Your Name and Address

- RECORD #95 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	20815
Email Address :	
Submission Content/Notes :	can you tell me when the environmental impact statement will be out and where/when public meetings will be held on the eis? thank you

- RECORD #952 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	IJAYBO2@VERIZON.NET
Submission Content/Notes :	I live on Farmington Court and use the Crescent Trail regularly. I am against the Purple Line following the Crescent Trail, as it will destroy our local environment. Your study is so flawed you should be ashamed of your selves!

- RECORD #956 DETAIL

First Name :

Last Name :

Business Name :

Address :

City :

State : MD

Zip Code : 20815

Email Address :

Submission Content/Notes : I am writing in opposition to the Purple Line. Instead of investing in this, when the county is in financial trouble, lets update the existing services that already travel on the E/W route. The planned route through the walking trail to Bethesda is bizarre. People are using the best alternative to cars on that trail already i.e. walking or biking! Another grave concern is the increase in crime that will accompany the building of the Purple Line. We are already experiencing an increase in crime in the neighborhood communities off of East West Highway near Silver Spring, and this will surely make it worse. For a real life example, look to Baltimore County where crime has increased signficantly in suburban shopping areas since metro has expanded from the city into the county.

- RECORD #991 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	REAVERY@COMCAST.NET
Submission Content/Notes :	I believe that the Purple Line is vitally needed. Just a glance at the metro map shows that all of the lines are radial; there are no circumferential lines. Much, if not most, of the metro riders ultimately want to travel circumferentially. The utility of the mass transportation would be vastly improved if this option were offered.

- RECORD #996 DETAIL

First Name :	
Last Name :	
Business Name :	
Address :	
City :	
State :	MD
Zip Code :	
Email Address :	HCOR@LOC.GOV
Submission Content/Notes :	We need the purpline...it would be extremely helpful to us. Please Please we need this purple line..