



Takoma Park City Council Meeting – June 27, 2018 Agenda Item 1

Presentation

Update on Purple Line Construction

Recommended Council Action

None, presentation only.

Context with Key Issues

The City of Takoma Park has been actively involved in the development of the Purple Line, a 16-mile light rail line that will extend from Bethesda in Montgomery County to New Carrollton in Prince George's County, since it was first proposed as part of the 1996-2002 Maryland Capital Beltway Study. City Council Resolutions 2000-38, 2003-4, 2003-53, 2004-46, and 2008-86 supported light rail transit along the Purple Line route, and urged the State to pursue and dedicate funding. City Council Resolution 2013-64 continued the Council's support for the project, urging the Maryland Transit Administration to implement its Business Impact Minimization Plan, and encouraging Montgomery and Prince George's Counties to implement housing affordability strategies around the Purple Line stations.

Construction has begun on the Purple Line. Michael D. Madden, Purple Line Deputy Project Director, Maryland Transit Administration, will present an update to Council.

Council Priority

A Livable Community for All and an Environmentally Sustainable Community

Environmental Impact of Action

The environmental, transportation, and economic development benefits documented in the Final Environmental Impact Statement are recognized and supported by the City of Takoma Park (Resolution 2013-64).

Fiscal Impact of Action

None – discussion only.

Racial Equity Impact of Action

The Purple Line stations closest to Takoma Park will be located in the Long Branch area (near Ward 5) and in the Takoma-Langley Park area (near Ward 6). The racial make-up of Ward 5 is 27.6% White, 43.4% Black, and 18.6% Hispanic. The racial make-up of Ward 6 is 18.5% White, 39.6% Black, and 28.9% Hispanic.

Attachments and Links

Purple Line: <http://www.purplelinemd.com/construction/>