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PURPLE LINE TRANSIT PROJECT

FEBRUARY 2025

DBE PROGRAM UPDATE

Construction Phase
DBE Participation
(as of January 31, 2024)

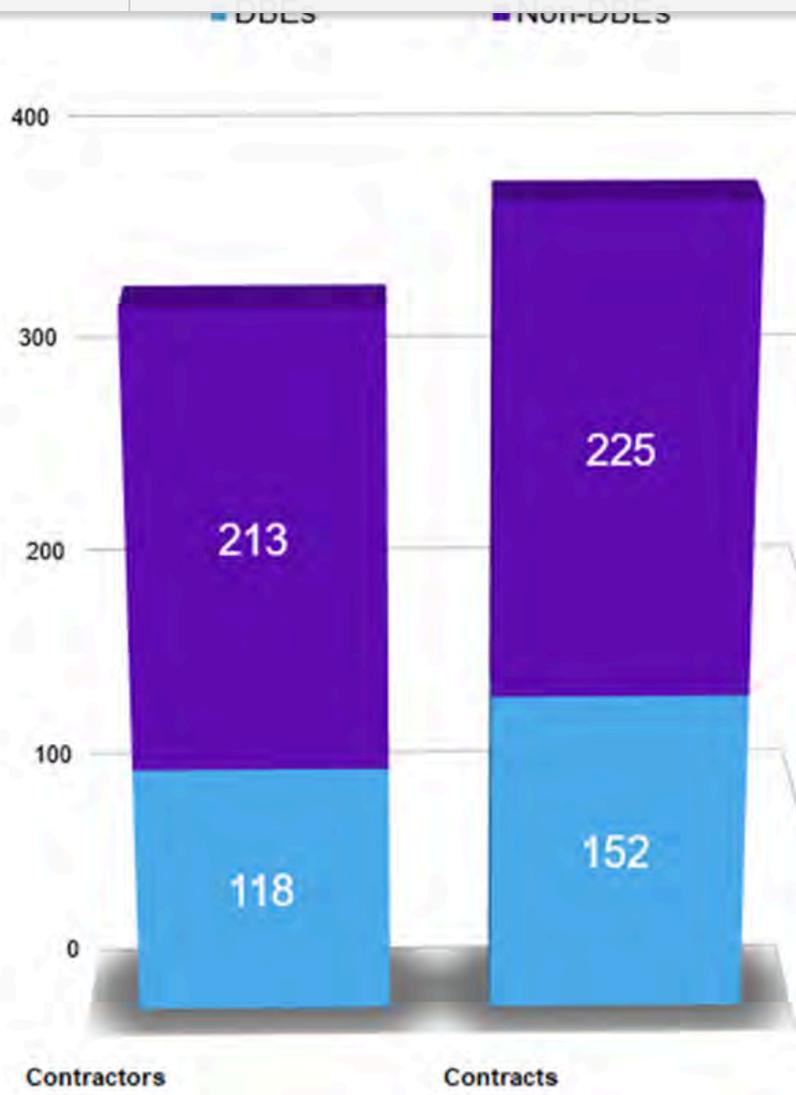
Construction of the [Purple Line Transit Project](#) (Project) is well underway. The Project has a 22% DBE goal for Construction. [Maryland Transit Solutions](#) (MTS) continues to make progress toward Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) participation on the Project. The bar graph below indicates the number of DBE subcontractors, and the number of DBE awarded subcontracts currently on the Project.

Note: Some contractors hold multiple contracts on the Project.

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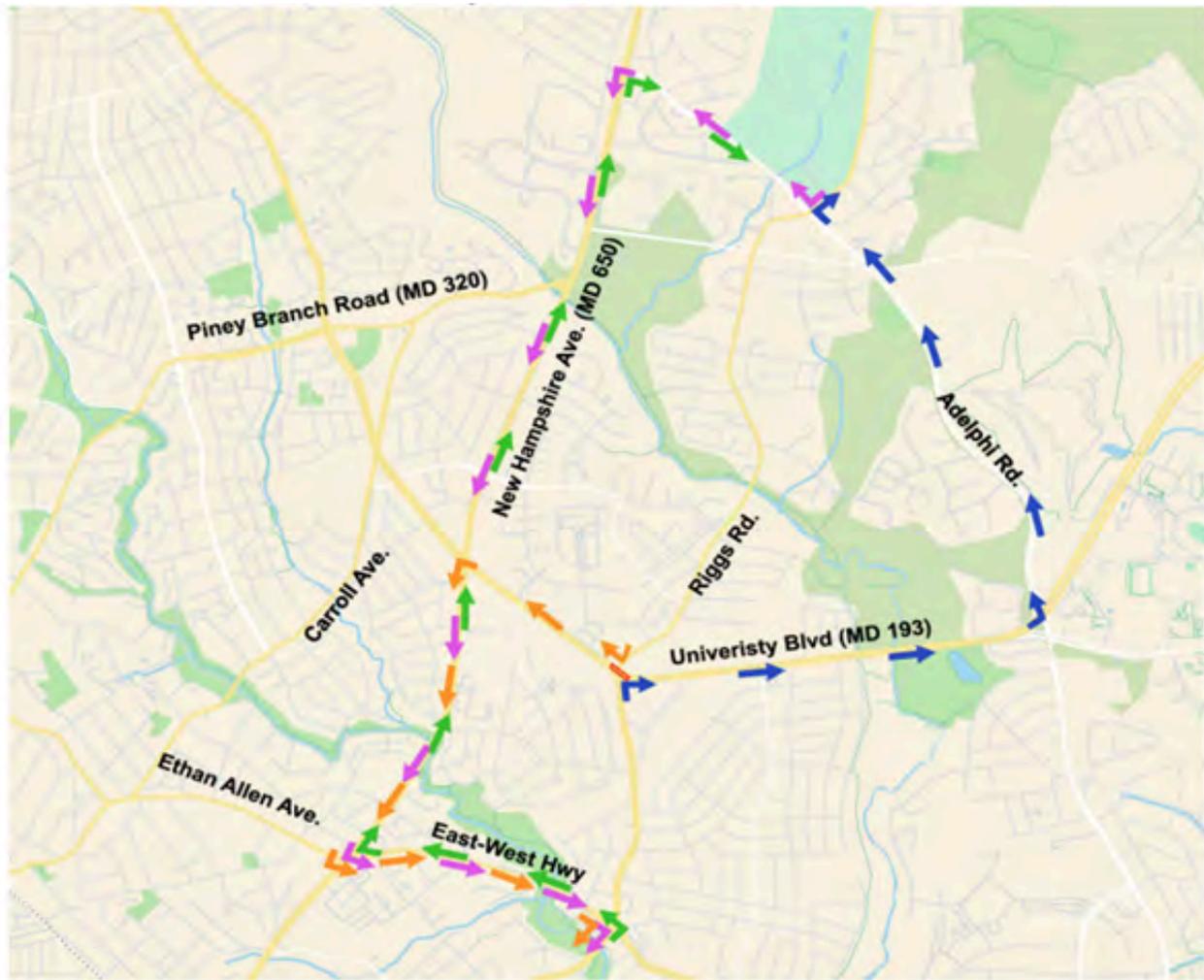


PURPLE LINE PROGRESS UPDATE

University Boulevard
Beginning on or about February 27, 2025



On or about February 27, 2025, Riggs Road will be limited to right turns only at the intersection with University Boulevard (MD 193) for approximately four weeks. Crews will establish a work zone in the center of University Boulevard to facilitate track and utility installation. The pedestrian crossing of University Boulevard will remain at Riggs Road. Additional signage will be in place to direct drivers to use the advanced detour routes to minimize the number of vehicles at the University Boulevard intersection. Please follow on-site signage. Work may occur from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m., weekdays and weekends, as needed.



DETOURS

- Southbound Riggs Road & WB MD 193 Left Turn Detour Route
- Advanced Southbound Riggs Road Detour Route
- Northbound Riggs Road & EB MD 193 Left Turn Detour Route
- Advanced Northbound Riggs Road detour

Please note that weather and unforeseen conditions may impact work schedule. To sign up to receive construction alerts via text message or email visit the website below.

PURPLE LINE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY



Working Around Heavy Equipment

Heavy equipment, such as cranes, and excavators are an essential part of construction work. All nonessential workers should remain outside of the working area of heavy equipment while the machine is in operation. This working area is also known as the “danger zone.” Before working around heavy equipment, you should know the potential hazards and how to avoid them.

Danger Zone:

The working area where contact could result in personal injury or damage during Operations.

Heavy Equipment Danger Zone: Unless it is essential for the task, all personnel should stay away from all sides of heavy equipment while it is in use.

Danger zones include (but are not limited to):

- Blind spots and/or areas of limited visibility
- Rotating machinery
- Swing radius
- Travel path
- Under suspended or overhead loads
- Overhead hazards i.e., overhead utility lines, and overhead piping/cable trays, etc.)
- Working over or around existing underground facilities
- Proximity of moving equipment.

When working near heavy equipment, remember these important safety points:

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1. Only qualified and authorized personnel are permitted to operate heavy equipment.

2. Always stay alert.

3. Establish communication before starting work—hand signals, whistles, radios, air horn, audible alarm, or other means of effective jobsite communication. The spotter must maintain a line of site or communication with the equipment operator.

4. Anyone entering the danger zone must first establish communication, preferably eye contact, With the operator.

5. Prevent unauthorized workers or bystanders from entering a danger zone. When appropriate, Install barricades and signs around the danger zone.

6. The use of cell phones and other communication devices is prohibited except for job-required or emergency situations.

7. Wear high- visibility clothing and other appropriate personal protective equipment.

8. Watch for shifting or unstable loads and working surfaces.

9. NO RIDERS. Only equipment that is designed to carry multiple people shall have more than one occupant.

PURPLE LINE UPCOMING DBE EVENTS & TRAININGS



DCAP

Vendor Connection Day

**Reagan Natl Airport -
Historic Terminal Lobby**

11.00AM

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COMMUNITY BUSINESS EVENTS & TRAININGS

2025 Events							
Event Name	Date	Address	Time	Purpose	Sponsors	Event Contact Name	
DCAP Vendor Connection Day	2/19/2025	Reagan National Airports Historic Terminal	11:00 AM -2:00 PM	Exclusive matchmaking event connecting DCAP institutions with local, minority-owned businesses	DC Community Anchor Partnership	pberkaw@cnhed.org	
MBE Night In Annapolis	2/20/2025	The Westin Annapolis - 100 Westgate Circle Annapolis, MD 21401	5PM - 9PM	Contract opportunities, key panel discussions, and networking & MBE resources		herman@mbeanapolis.com	
How To Write An Awesome Capability Statement	2/25/2025	Online	10:00 AM - 11:15 AM	Learn the key elements of a capability statement and why more than one capability statement may be needed for a company		dianemcf@umd.edu	
Innovation Station Business Incubator (ISBI) Open House & Networking Event	2/28/2025	PGC EDC - 1801 McCormick Drive, Suite 350, Largo, MD 20774	10:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Networking reception & open house showcasing ISBI and other local companies and their innovative product and service offerings.	-	-	
Maryland Contractor Summit	3/7/2025	Bethesda North Marriott Hotel & Conference Center - 5701 Marinelli Rd, Rockville MD 20852	9:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Top industry leaders and innovators come together for a day of cutting-edge insights, invaluable connections, & hands-on strategies to grow business during challenging times.	Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Montgomery County	contractorsummit@hccms.org	
Metro DCHCA Gala 2025	3/26/2025	Smithsonian American Art Museum & National Portrait Gallery, 8th & G St. NW	7:00 PM	Presentations by local leaders in the construction field. Time & space are set for establishing business opportunities and making important connections.	Metro D.C Hispanic Contractors Association	events@dchispaniccontractors.com	
CelebrASIAN 2025	6/3/2025-6/5/2025	101 MGM National Ave Oxon Hill MD 20745	7:00 AM - 5:30 PM	Largest Business & Procurement Conference	AMPCUS, Nationwide, Wells Fargo, Vdart	-	

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Supportive Services: Name	Website	Services Provided
Bowie Business Innovation Center	www.BowieBIC.com	Business accelerator and expert network serving socially and economically disadvantaged businesses. Educate businesses on becoming bankable. Equip businesses to pursue government contracts; and elevate business performance in all areas during rapid growth and expansion.
Center for Entrepreneurial Development	www.pgcc.edu/go/CED	Innovative capacity building curriculum will prepare local entrepreneurs to take full advantage of business opportunities in Prince George's County
Department of Permitting, Inspection, and Enforcement (DPIE)	http://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/1024/Permitting-Inspections-and-Enforcement	Coordinating and enforcing standards that control what goes on before, during, and after construction.
Office of the County Executive	https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/procurement/business-highway/certification-compliance-system	To transform the quality of life for residents, visitors and businesses by providing excellent services that achieve high levels of customer satisfaction through integrity, accountability, and convenience.
Prince George's Community Federal Credit Union	www.princegeorgesfcu.org/business	Business Deposits & Business Loans
Prince George's County Business Resource Coalition	https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/my-business-resources	Collaboratively pursue economic and community development initiatives that enhance, empower, and encourage opportunities and positive economic growth, and increase awareness about tools and opportunities that build the capacity of business community.
Prince George's County Council	https://www.pgccouncil.us	All legislative powers of the county are vested in the County Council.
Prince George's County Council MBE Compliance Manager	https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/procurement/business-highway/certification-compliance-system	Advocate for and promote policies/regulations to improve opportunities for MES's, county-based, and county-located businesses; and to establish a strong support presence in the business community.
Prince George's County Economic Development Corporation	www.pgcedc.com	Attract, retain, expand businesses, create high-quality jobs, and expand the commercial tax base of Prince George's County.
Prince George's County Supplier Development & Diversity Division	https://www.princegeorgescountymd.gov/departments-offices/services/supplier-relations	Stimulate a vibrant and sustainable, inclusive and diverse supplier program by advocating for Strategic Sourcing; facilitating Business Development, and ensuring business Diversity and Inclusion
Prince George's Financial Services Corporation	www.fscfirst.com	Flexible, risk-tolerant alternative funding source that provides innovative and creative financing solutions and loan administration services that benefit small and emerging businesses.

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NOTICE OF INTEREST

Responses Due:

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Maryland Transit Solutions (MTS) is seeking qualified certified Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) subcontractors to perform the following scope of work on the Purple Line Project:

SCOPE OF WORK

ROAD SIGNS (PACKAGE G-43) (NAICS: 339950 Traffic Signs)

- Furnish & Install Signs along LRT alignment and roadway (Montgomery County, Prince George's County, and additionally inside WMATA properties (College Park & New Carrollton) and University of Maryland (UMD))
- Shop Drawing submittal & approval as required
- Fabrication of all elements required for the installation of the signs (including embeds where required)
- Complete execution of foundation and installation of signs per Phase requirement) to be coordinated with each segment)
- All labor, equipment, permanent and consumable materials (concrete, rebar, ...), small tools, ... required to perform the work
- Lift/Pick plan as required for installation of heavy signs
- Tentative schedule for shop drawings, fabrication & installation to be submitted along with the quote
- WMATA badging required for ALL personnel onsite
- General Contractor will furnish ONLY
- Any MOT necessary for completion of work
- Survey and Quality Control

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For more information, follow the attached link:

<https://marylandtransitsolutions.com/>

MTS sends Notices of Interest (NOIs) to **ALL** MDOT DBE Certified firms for each contract opportunity available on the Project.

Please click below to register as an interested vendor for future procurement opportunities:

[Subcontractor Registration](#)

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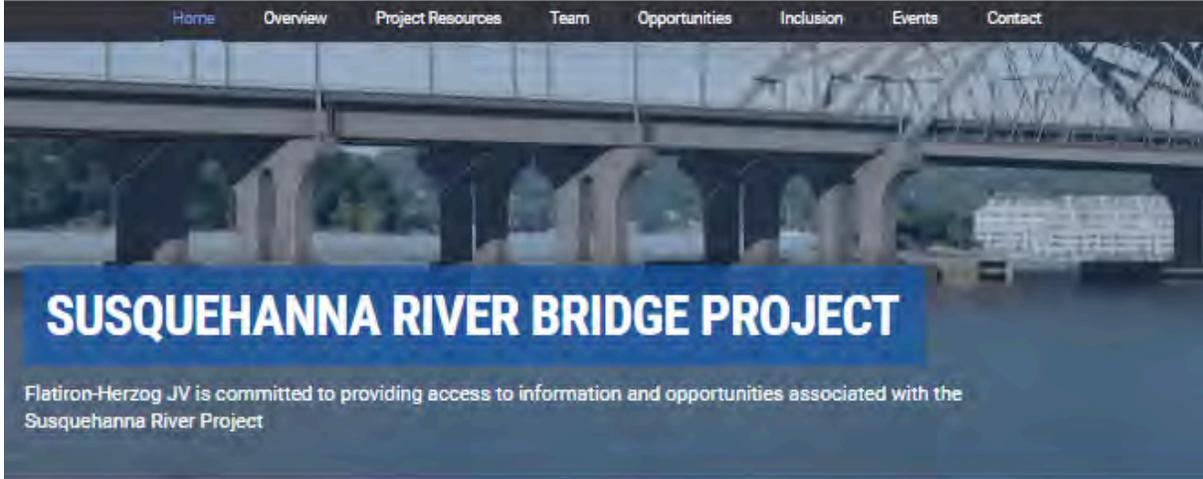
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SUSQUEHANNA RIVER BRIDGE PROJECT

Amtrak is entering a new era of intercity passenger rail investment supported by the federal Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). Advancing megaprojects like the Susquehanna River Bridge Project will ensure continued connectivity along the Northeast Corridor (NEC) and enable plans for expanding rail service in the region and across the nation.

The Susquehanna River Rail Bridge is a vital piece of infrastructure serving the NEC, which is the most heavily used passenger rail line in the U.S.—both in terms of ridership and service frequency. This Project will improve rail connectivity along the NEC by replacing the aging two-track moveable bridge with two new fixed bridges (four tracks total) over the Susquehanna River between the City of Havre de Grace in Harford County, Maryland and the Town of Perryville in Cecil County, Maryland. Amtrak kicked off pre-construction activities in Summer 2024 and plans to break ground on this critical project in the second half of 2025.

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“CELEBRATING BLACK EXCELLENCE IN DESIGN, ARCHITECTURE, AND CONSTRUCTION IN TRANSPORTATION”

February marks Black History Month, a time to honor the profound contributions of Black individuals in various fields. Among these contributions, the influence of Black professionals in design, architecture, and construction, particularly in transportation projects—has shaped the infrastructure of our communities and cities. This article highlights key figures and milestones that underscore the importance of diversity and innovation in shaping our physical environments.

Historical Context

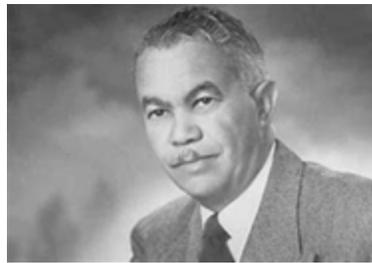
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Historically, the involvement of Black individuals in design and construction has often been

overlooked. From the African influence on early American architecture to the modern-day contributions in large-scale transportation projects, Black professionals have played a critical role. Their work has not only advanced infrastructure but also pushed for social change and equity within these industries.

Pioneering Figures in Transportation Design

Paul R. Williams (1894-1980)



Known as the "Architect to the Stars," Paul Williams was the first Black member of the American Institute of Architects. His design work included the iconic Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) terminal, showcasing his ability to blend functionality with aesthetic appeal.

Norma Merrick Sklarek (1926-2012)



As one of the first Black women to become a registered architect in the U.S., Sklarek made significant strides in architecture and project management. She participated in the design of major transit facilities, including the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and the San Bernardino International Airport.

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Black architects and engineers have not only contributed to the aesthetic design of transportation structures but have also focused on sustainability and technological advancements. For example:

- **The East Side Access Project in New York City:** Black professionals played crucial roles in the planning and execution phases, ensuring the project met the needs of diverse populations while reducing travel times.
- **Light Rail Developments:** Projects like the Los Angeles Crenshaw Line have seen substantial input from Black planners and engineers, making strides in urban transit accessibility and connectivity for underserved areas.

Current Trends and Future Directions

In recent years, the conversation about diversity in design and construction has expanded. Organizations like the National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) and initiatives focused on hiring Black designers in transportation projects are on the rise. These efforts aim to create more inclusive environments and encourage the next generation of Black professionals in these fields.

- **Women in Transportation:** The rise of women in Black-led organizations, such as the Black Women in Transport Network, is changing the landscape and creating opportunities for mentorship and growth.
- **Emphasis on Community Engagement:** Modern projects increasingly focus on engaging local communities in the design process, ensuring that transportation solutions meet the needs of those who use them.

Conclusion

As we celebrate Black History Month, it is crucial to recognize and honor the contributions of Black professionals in design, architecture, and construction within the transportation sector. Their legacy is woven into the fabric of our cities and communities. By acknowledging their achievements and supporting diverse talent in these fields, we can ensure a more equitable and innovative future.

Black History Month Events

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