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PURPLE LINE TRANSIT PROJECT

SEPTEMBER 2024

DBE PROGRAM UPDATE

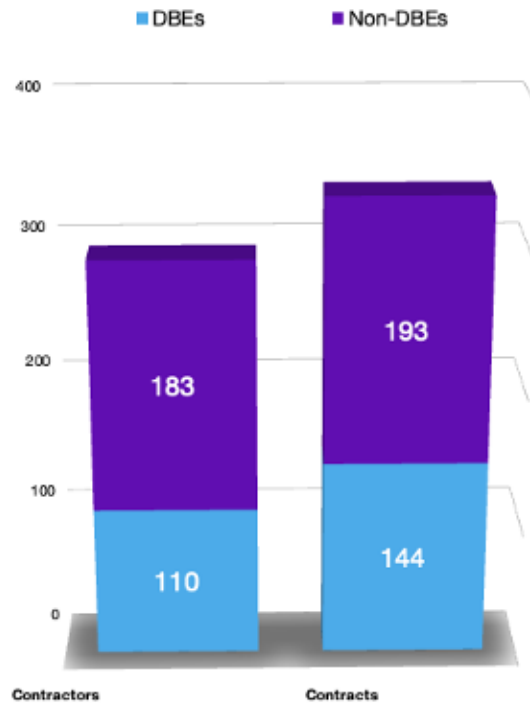
Construction Phase

DBE Participation

(as of August 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



PURPLE LINE ROAD ACCESS ALERT

Sligo Creek Parkway Closure at Wayne Avenue

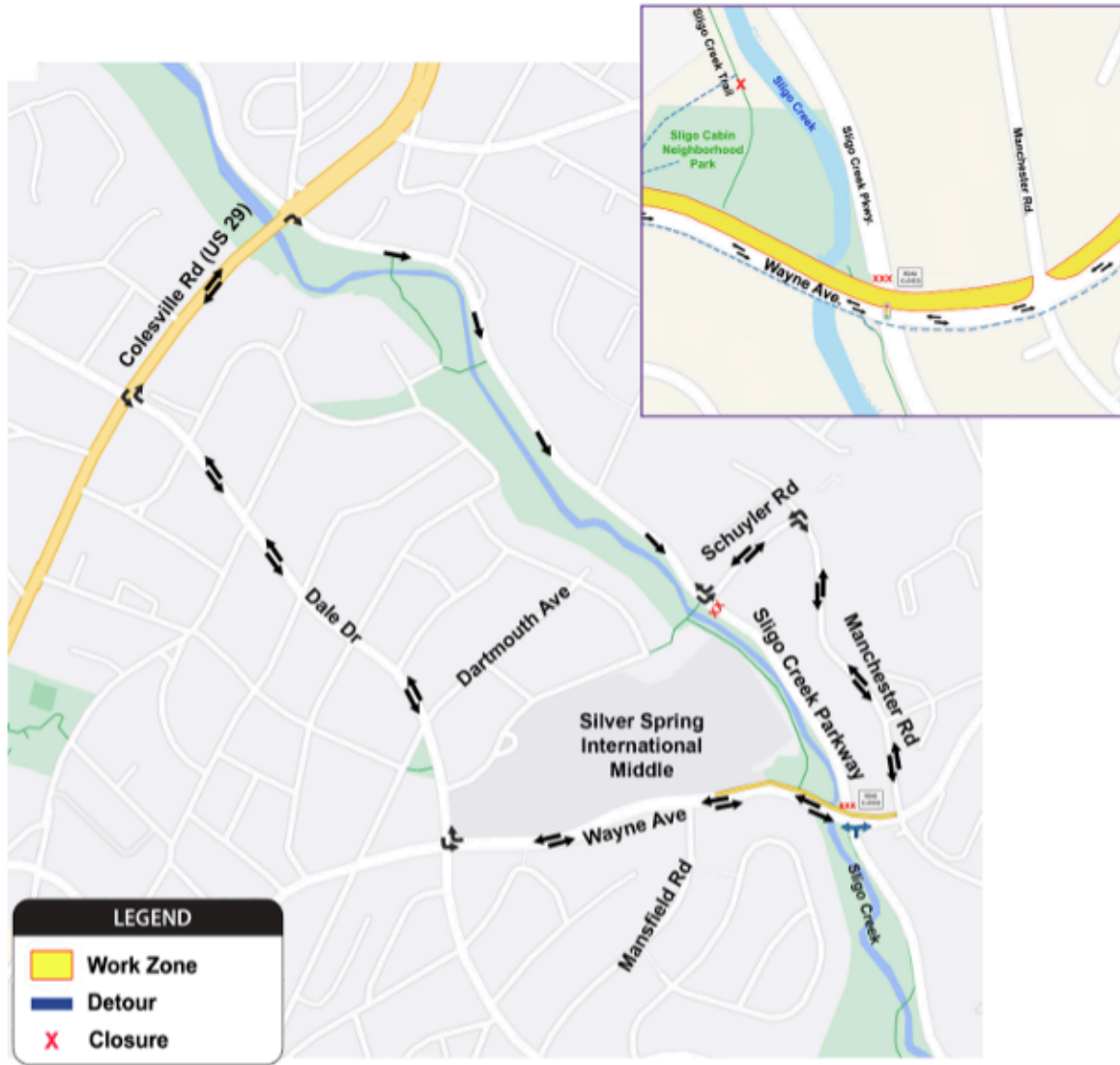


Image Source: [PurplelineMD](https://www.purpleline.org/)

On or about September 16, 2024, Sligo Creek Parkway will be closed between Wayne Avenue and Schuyler Road until November 2024. During this closure, Wayne Avenue will be reduced to one travel lane in each direction to allow crews to facilitate track placement and roadway reconstruction. Please follow all on-site signage associated with the detour illustrated below.

PURPLE LINE CONSTRUCTION SAFETY

Construction Safety and Mental Health: A Crucial Connection



Image Source: Maryland Transit Solutions

Construction sites are inherently dangerous environments, with workers exposed to various physical risks such as falls, equipment accidents, and hazardous materials. An often-overlooked aspect of safety in the construction industry is mental health. The pressures and demands associated with construction work such as tight deadlines, physical labor, and, at times, high-stress conditions can significantly impact workers' psychological well-being, making it essential to integrate mental health awareness into safety protocols.

Recognize the Signs

Awareness is the first step towards promoting mental health on construction sites. Key signs that a worker may be struggling with mental health issues include:

- Increased absenteeism
- Changes in mood or behavior
- Decreased productivity
- Withdrawal from team activities

- Substance abuse

Create a Supportive Environment

It is vital for construction companies to foster a culture of openness regarding mental health. This can be achieved by:

1. Training and Awareness
2. Accessible Resources
3. Encourage Breaks
4. Promote Work-Life Balance
5. Build a Support Network

Integrate Mental Health into Safety Programs

- Regular mental health check-ins as part of safety meetings.
- Train supervisors to recognize and respond to mental health concerns.
- Implement safety protocols that acknowledge the mental health aspect of overall safety.

A safe construction site is not just one free from accidents, but also one that actively supports the mental health of its workers.

PURPLE LINE RECOGNIZES HISPANIC HERITAGE

Celebrating Hispanic Heritage in the Construction Industry



Image Source: Maryland Transit Solutions

Celebrating Culture and Community

Hispanic Heritage Month, celebrated from September 15 to October 15, is an opportunity to honor the contributions of Hispanic individuals in construction and beyond. Promoting Hispanic culture in construction includes recognizing traditional building techniques, celebrating local craftsmanship, and integrating cultural elements into design and architecture. This celebration not only honors the past but also paves the way for a more inclusive future for the industry.

Historical Contributions

The influence of Hispanic individuals in construction dates back centuries. From the Spanish colonial period, where skilled artisans and laborers built enduring structures in the Americas, to the present day, Hispanic workers have played a crucial role in shaping American infrastructure. Today, they constitute a significant portion of the workforce, particularly in trades such as carpentry, plumbing, electrical work, and masonry.

Workforce Statistics

According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics, Hispanic workers make up nearly 30% of the construction workforce. This trend reflects not only the increasing population of Hispanic individuals in the U.S. but also their important contributions to various construction projects across the nation. Their skills and dedication have proven

essential in the completion of residential, commercial, and public construction projects.

Noteworthy Achievements

Many Hispanic-owned construction companies have emerged, innovating and contributing to the economy while fostering community ties. These businesses are vital in providing jobs, improving local infrastructure, and mentoring the next generation of workers.

Hispanic heritage is essential for fostering a more equitable and innovative environment. Celebrating Hispanic contributions is not just about recognition; it's about building a more inclusive world for everyone.

PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES

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](#)

PROCUREMENT OPPORTUNITIES



TBD Scopes for Award

Scope	NAICS Code(s)	NOI	Status
Onsite Welding Services	238190	08/16/2024	Currently Bidding
Rebar Installation at Bethesda Station	238120	08/16/2024	Currently Bidding
Certified Nutrient Management Consultant	541380	09/03/2024	Currently Bidding

Non-DBE Scopes for Rebidding

Scope	NAICS Code(s)	NOI	Anticipated Timeline
Crane Rental & Services	238990; 532412	TBD	Q4 - 2024
Engineering Consultant	541330	TBD	Q4 - 2024
Rail Drilling	TBD	TBD	Q4 - 2024

Image Source: [PurpleLineMD](#)

A complete list of all current and previously awarded procurement opportunities can also be found on the [MTS Project website](#).

CONTACT

If you have any questions about the DBE Program, please email us at opportunities@mtsjv.com.

The Purple Line is a 16-mile light rail system that will extend from Bethesda in Montgomery County to New Carrollton in Prince George's County. It will provide a direct connection to the Metrorail Red, Green and Orange Lines at Bethesda, Silver Spring, College Park and New Carrollton. The Purple Line will also connect to MARC, Amtrak and local bus services.

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