



# Information Presentation

Commission Meeting: July 12, 2012

**PROJECT**

**Purple Line Light Rail Transit Facility**  
Montgomery County/Prince George's County  
Maryland

**NCPC FILE NUMBER**

6884

**NCPC MAP FILE NUMBER**

n/a

**SUBMITTED BY**

United States Department of Transportation  
Federal Transit Administration

**REVIEW AUTHORITY**

Capper-Cramton Act

**PRESENTER**

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(MTA)

The United States Federal Transit Administration (FTA) has requested to provide the Commission with an informational presentation on the proposed Purple Line light rail transit (LRT) facility. The presentation will provide the Commission with background information in advance of future anticipated NCPC actions on the project, scheduled for Concept review in Fall, 2012; Preliminary review in Spring/Summer, 2013; and Final review in Spring/Summer, 2014. As such, the Commission will learn about the Maryland Transit Administration's (MTA) previous planning efforts for the future transit facility, as well as the project's planned alignment, project team, funding status, project schedule, and community outreach.

The Purple Line project is a proposed 16-mile, regionally-significant, transportation facility that will extend between Bethesda, Maryland (Montgomery County) and New Carrollton, Maryland (Prince George's County), providing direct access to Metrorail, Metrobus, MARC, Amtrak, and local county bus systems. The project's Locally-Preferred Alternative (LPA) will operate mainly within dedicated lanes, serving twenty-one station locations. In particular, the facility will directly serve two federal developments in Silver Spring, Maryland - the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) headquarters building and the Forest Glen Annex (Army). The MTA is managing the project, with the support and close coordination of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC), Maryland State Highway Administration, NCPC, NPS, and local municipalities in the project area. The project is currently undergoing Preliminary Engineering, and is scheduled to undergo final design (2013-2015) and construction between 2016-2020.

## PROJECT TIMELINE

<b>Previous actions</b>	<b>None.</b>
<b>Remaining actions</b> (anticipated)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>– Concept review (Fall, 2012)</li><li>– Preliminary review (Spring/Summer, 2013)</li><li>– Final review (Spring/Summer, 2014)</li></ul>