



# **Alternative Service Plans during Reconstruction of Orange Line Stations and Silver Line Work in Fairfax County Summer 2020**

Transportation Advisory Commission Meeting  
June 16, 2020

# Phase II of Platform Improvement Project

- Metro announced plans for Phase II on December 11, 2019
- Four Metrorail Stations on the Orange Line / Silver Line will undergo platform reconstruction: Vienna, Dunn Loring, West Falls Church, and East Falls Church
- When completed, all outdoor platform work in Virginia (other than Silver Line stations) will be finished.



# Orange Line Project Overview

- Reconstruction of Metrorail Station platforms to improve safety and accessibility
- First phase was completed in 2019, with six Metrorail Stations successfully reconstructed on the Blue Line / Yellow Line south of the National Airport Metrorail Station
- Also enhancing the customer experience through slip resistant tiles, LED lighting, large digital displays, and new shelters





## Expanded Summer Shutdown

### Beginning Saturday, May 23:

- All stations west of Ballston closed
- Orange Line between Ballston & New Carrollton
- No Silver Line service
- Free shuttle service

#### **OR SV** Free Shuttle Service

Effective: Saturday, May 23, 2020

#### **Orange Line Local**

Service between **Vienna, Dunn Loring, West Falls Church & Ballston-MU**

#### **Orange Line Express**

Direct service between **Vienna & Ballston-MU** (no intermediate stops)

#### **Silver Line Local**

Service between **Wiehle-Reston East, Spring Hill, Tysons Corner & Ballston-MU**

*ADA shuttles provided upon request between impacted stations*



# Expanded Summer Shutdown

- As Metro continues to experience historically low ridership, we have worked with our contractors and regional partners to combine the schedules of two major capital projects in Virginia:
  - **Platform Improvement Project** at four Orange Line stations
  - MWAA's work to connect the new **Silver Line Phase 2** segment with the existing Metrorail network
- Ridership at stations west of Ballston down approximately 95%

# Expanded Summer Shutdown

- This is about two things: **working smarter and working safer.**
- Closing these stations to get the work done will allow us to:
  - Limit the exposure of our frontline staff and contractors
  - Mitigate delays to our capital program
  - Minimize inconvenience to the public when riders return
- We encourage customers to visit [wmata.com/platforms](https://www.wmata.com/platforms) for more information, including shuttle maps and the option to sign up for email updates.



# Other Service Alternatives

## Metrobus

- 1A: Wilson Boulevard - Vienna
- 2A: Washington Boulevard - Dunn Loring
- 2B: Fair Oaks – Dunn Loring
- 3T: Pimmit Hills
- 3Y: Lee Highway - Farragut Square
- 5A: DC - Dulles Airport
- 38B: Ballston - Farragut Square

## Arlington Transit

- 55: East Falls Church - Lee Highway - Rosslyn

## Fairfax Connector

- 401 / 402: Backlick - Gallows Road



# Fairfax Connector Transit Service\*



Route	Number of Trips per Day	Span of Service	Headway (in minutes)	Maximum Number of Buses	From	To
697 (new)	20	5:35 – 9:27 A.M. 3:10 – 7:24 P.M.	20	5	Stringfellow Park-and-Ride Lot	L’Enfant Plaza Area
698	20	5:40 – 8:54 A.M. 3:30 – 6:46 P.M.	20	4	Vienna Metrorail Station	Pentagon
699	26	5:40 – 9:42 A.M. 3:35 – 6:30 P.M.	15	6	Government Center	Downtown Washington, D.C.

\*These commuter services will resume when impacts of COVID-19 are reduced and demand for service resumes.



# Public Outreach Strategies

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- Multiple community meetings and pop-up events
- Local, regional and state agency Public Information Officers, MWCOCG, and WMATA communications
- Regional Transportation Demand Management (TDM) groups engaging in employer and residential outreach efforts
- Visit Fairfax, Fairfax County Economic Development Authority (FCEDA), chambers of commerce, and community organizations
- Informal commuter groups offering ridesharing alternatives
- Fairfax Connector Telephone Information Center (TIC), Fairfax County Commuter Services (FCCS), and other Fairfax County customer service groups/platforms/social media



# Questions and Discussion



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