

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

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# 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

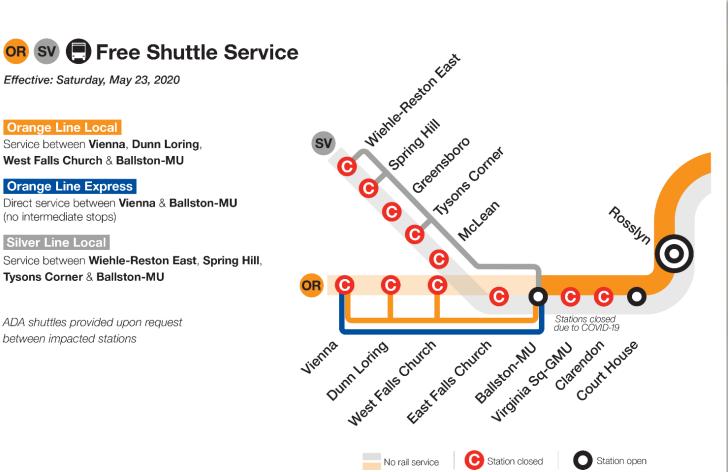




## Expanded Summer Shutdown

### **Beginning Saturday, May 23:**

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



## 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%

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

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

## Public Outreach Strategies



- Multiple community meetings and pop-up events
- Local, regional and state agency Public Information Officers, MWCOG, 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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