



COMMUTER CONNECTIONS SAFETRACK WORK GROUP CONFERENCE CALL MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

1:30 p.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

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1. Introductions:

Conference call participants introduced themselves. Participants included:

Larry Filler
Geraldyn Taylor
Travis Johnston

2. The following notes were received after the meeting:

WMATA Review of initial observations from SafeTrack Surge #12 were as follows:

Julie Hershorn reported after the call to Travis Johnston that Surge #12 was very successful and was completed ahead of schedule. Commuters took the work in stride due to all of the previous surges that occurred.

Ms. Hershorn also stated that the WMATA SafeTrack page displays all of the information related to WMATA's efforts for surge #13. A summary of the website information is presented below:

SafeTrack Surge #13 will run from March 4 through April 9. During this time, Blue and Yellow line trains will run less frequently due to a 24/7 work zone between Braddock Rd and Huntington/Van Dorn St stations. All Blue and Yellow line trains will share a single track through the work zone. No Yellow Rush+ trains will operate during Surge #13. Additional Yellow Line trains will operate between Reagan National Airport and Mt Vernon Square only. Blue Line service will return to normal on April 2. Surge #13 will be completed in two phases.

Additionally, Ms. Hershorn stated that Surge 14 is expected to begin around April 15 and continue for about 30 days.

Phase 1 Highlights (March 4 – April 1):

On weekdays:

- Continuous single tracking between Braddock Road & Huntington/Van Dorn Street stations.
- Blue Line trains will run every 24 minutes, even during rush hour. All Blue Line riders should consider alternate travel options.
- No Yellow Rush+ service between Franconia-Springfield and Greenbelt.
- Yellow Line trains will operate every 24 minutes between Huntington and Mt Vernon Square, even during rush hour. All Yellow Line riders south of Reagan National Airport should consider alternate travel options during this time.
- Additional Yellow Line trains will operate between Reagan National Airport and Mt Vernon Square.
- After 10 p.m. all Yellow Line trains will operate between Huntington and Mt Vernon Square every 24 minutes.

PHASE 2 Highlights (April 2 - April 9):

On weekdays:

- Continuous single tracking on the Yellow Line only between King St-Old Town and Huntington stations.
- Yellow Line trains between Huntington and Mt Vernon Square will operate every 24 minutes at all times. All Yellow Line riders should consider alternate travel options.
- Additional Yellow Line trains will operate between Reagan National Airport and Mt Vernon Square.
- No Yellow Rush+ service between Franconia-Springfield and Greenbelt.
- Blue Line service will operate normally (every 12 minutes during rush hour).
- After 10 p.m. all Yellow Line trains will operate between Huntington and Mt Vernon Square every 24 minutes.

3. SafeTrack Surge 13

- a. City of Alexandria Plan

Geralyn Taylor reported that the City of Alexandria was working with City employers to promote telework, Capital Bikeshare carpool/vanpool and alternative forms of transportation for options for surge #13. There will also be additional service on the 11y, 10a and Metroway lines as well free shuttles via Metrobus.

b. Arlington Plan

Larry Filler reported that the County is going to share surge #13 information with employers, residential properties, and facility managers in the area as well as updating a SafeTrack webpage. The County will also promote existing ART 43 and ART 42 lines which serve the affected areas.

c. Commuter Connections Plan:

Travis Johnston stated that geo-targeted messages to employers and employees surrounding the impacted Metrorail stations for Surge #13 will be developed and would be sent to commuters and employers in affected area next week. The messages will also promote the CarpoolNow mobile app. Social media will be used to promote the various alternatives during the surge.

4. Other Business

Next Meeting Date: TBD