

**WMATA PLATFORM CONSTRUCTION TDM WORK GROUP
MEETING MINUTES**

Wednesday, June 26, 2019

10:30 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

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1. Introductions

Conference call participants introduced themselves. Participants included:

Claudia Pors (ATP)

Leigh Anderson (GWRideConnect)

Matt Cheng (NVTC)

Kristin Clarkson (MWAA)

Marcus Moore (Fairfax County)

Anna Nissinen (Fairfax County)

Gail Ribas (WMATA)

Al Hines (WMATA)

Michael Weinberger (WMATA)

Andre Stafford (WMATA)

Nicholas Ramfos (COG/TPB)

Dan Sheehan (COG/TPB)

2. WMATA Updates on Platform Work

Gail Ribas, WMATA, informed the group of a post-shutdown survey that found 98.5% of respondents were aware of the Metrorail Platform Improvement project. Two-thirds reported having a good understanding of their alternative options that would be available, understood the need for construction, and accepted the length of the shutdown. Periodic construction updates are being posted to www.wmata.com/platforms. The noisiest part of construction is likely over; WMATA did not receive any noise complaints within the last week.

Michael Weinberger, WMATA, and Andre Stafford, WMATA, updated the group on WMATA shuttle ridership. The shuttles are providing rides for approximately 37,000 riders daily. Local bus service has also experienced increased ridership. Additional busses are expected to be added to express service; some may also be added to local service.

WMATA will publish a press release regarding July 4th service and rider advice in the coming days.

WMATA reminded attendees that parking is free at all Metrorail stations that have a public parking option (Huntington, Springfield/Franconia, Van Dorn). Ridesharing is also being encouraged.

3. Outreach Activity Updates

a. City of Alexandria

No representatives from Alexandria attended the call. However, partners did indicate that the Blue Line Shuttle seemed to be operating very well. Alexandria police have been helping direct traffic at the affected stations.

b. Fairfax County

Anna Nissinen, Fairfax County, reported that several commuters have signed up for the +50 SmartTrip card benefit. Supplemental bus service from nearby park and rides are going well. The County is informally promoting slugging.

c. Commuter Connections

Nicholas Ramfos, COG/TPB staff, reported an increase in downloads of Commuter Connections mobile apps since the platform improvement project began. Specific numbers of downloads and new registrants will be available in the Fourth Quarter Report, expected to be published in late July.

d. Other Jurisdictions

Claudia Pors reported that Arlington Transportation Partners continues to promote their employer webinars and direct users to their [landing page](#) that was put together back in April. [Webinar recordings](#) are available.

Next Meeting Date: Wednesday, August 14, 2019 at 10:30 a.m.