

# SafeTrack Plan

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### SafeTrack Overview



SafeTrack is a massive, comprehensive, holistic effort to address safety recommendations and rehabilitate Metrorail system on accelerated basis by expanding **ALL** available maintenance windows

- 3 years worth of work accelerated into approx. 1 year
- Includes expansion of track-work hours on weeknights, weekends, midday hours and during certain rush hours both above ground and in tunnels
- Achieves safety and state of good repair of basic track structure and advances critical NTSB/FTA work
- Includes line segment shutdowns of less than one month
- Uses contractors to augment existing workforce

### SafeTrack: New Right-of-Way Access Plan



SafeTrack reallocates access to tracks for passenger trains and safety work:

- **WEEKNIGHT:** Expand maintenance time by allowing crews to start at 8PM on weeknights (adds 2 hours of productive time nightly)
- MIDDAYS: Conduct certain types of maintenance between AM and PM rush hours 10AM-3PM Mon-Fri
- **WEEKENDS:** Expand weekend maintenance by closing system at **midnight** on Friday and Saturday nights (adds 6 hours/week).
  - Midnight closings will start Friday, June 3. (Last 3 a.m. closing Saturday, May 28.)
- MORATORIUM ON EXTENDED HOURS: Avoid deferring/rescheduling maintenance by placing a one-year moratorium on new requests for early openings or late closings. Will reevaluate once system is in state of good repair.
- **SAFETY SURGES:** Maximize efficiency of work that requires long-duration outages through continuous single tracking or line-segment shutdowns where buses replace trains.

### SafeTrack Surges



- Used when work requires continuous long-duration track outage
- Primarily above ground where longer-duration outages most needed (e.g. tie replacement)
- Using surges makes more resources available to advance underground work on nights/ weekends
- Type of work that cannot be achieved via weekends or "early outs" alone
- Impacts rush hour service many riders will be impacted; encouraged to use alternate travel options if possible
- Shuttle buses will serve closed stations; transit service maintained at all times, although service levels will be reduced significantly
- Will require regional coordination, resources, communication and shared pain

### Mitigation



- Most Safety Surges will have 40 buses dedicated to providing alternate service
- Additional 8-car trains on lines where capacity reduced
- Encourage riders to use alternate travel modes, travel outside rush-hour periods
- Additional customer support staff at selected stations
- Requesting jurisdictional input/support for Safety Surges (e.g. traffic control, parking restrictions, bus support, HOV restrictions, etc.)
- Robust public outreach effort visit <u>wmata.com/safetrack</u> for information
- Requesting OPM/business community support (e.g. telework)
- Strategically positioned extra trains & personnel to respond quickly to issues

## Surge Schedule



1 June 4 - 16	13 days	OR SV	Continuous Single Tracking	Ballston to East Falls Church
2 June 18 - July 3	16 days	OR SV BL	Line Segment Shutdown	Eastern Market to Minnesota Ave/Benning Road
3 July 5 - 11 starts 8PM July 5	7 days	YL BL	Line Segment Shutdown	Reagan National Airport to Braddock Road
4 July 12 - 18	7 days	YL BL	Line Segment Shutdown	Reagan National Airport to Pentagon City
5 July 20 - 31	12 days	OR SV	Continuous Single Tracking	Ballston to East Falls Church
6 August 1 - 7	7 days	RD	Continuous Single Tracking	Takoma to Silver Spring
7 August 9 - 18	10 days	RD	Continuous Single Tracking	Shady Grove to Twinbrook
8 August 20 - September 5	17 days	BL YL	Continuous Single Tracking	Franconia-Springfield to Van Dorn Street
9 September 9 - October 20	42 days	OR	Continuous Single Tracking	Vienna to West Falls Church
10 October 10 - November 1	23 days	RD	Line Segment Shutdown	Fort Totten to NoMa-Gallaudet
11 November 3 - 11 STARTS 10PM NOV. 2	9 days	OR SV	Continuous Single Tracking	East Falls Church to West Falls Church
12 November 12 - December 6	25 days	GR YL	Continuous Single Tracking	Greenbelt to College Park
13 December 7 - 24 EXCEPT AM DEC. 17	18 days	BL	Line Segment Shutdown	Rosslyn to Pentagon
January 2 - 13 &  14 January 23 - February 3 *  STARTS 10PM JAN. 22	24 days	YL BL	Continuous Single Tracking	Braddock Road to Huntington/Van Dorn Street
15 March 6 - 19	14 days	OR SV	Continuous Single Tracking	East Falls Church to West Falls Church

<sup>\*</sup> Note: No track work during Inauguration Week (Jan 15-21)



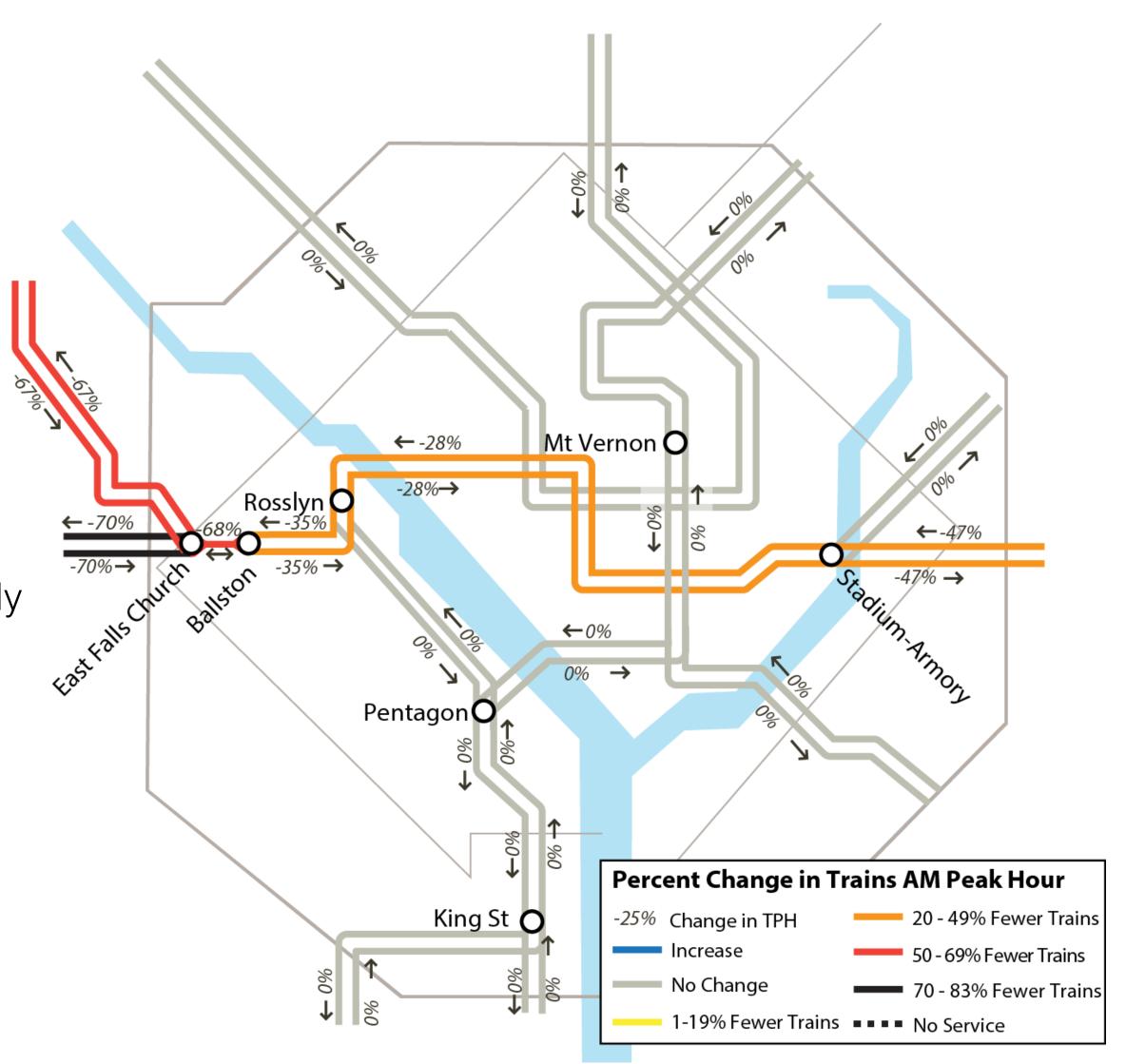
## June 4 - 16 (13 days)



# Continuous single tracking between East Falls Church & Ballston

# REDUCED SERVICE AT MOST SW STATIONS (SEVERELY REDUCED WEST OF BALLSTON)

- Major impact to 73,000 weekday trips
- Orange Line runs **every 18 minutes** to/from stations Vienna Ballston
- Additional Orange Line trains run between Ballston New Carrollton only
- Silver Line trains run every 18 minutes at all times
- Orange and Silver line customers encouraged to consider alternate travel options & avoid traveling during rush hour if possible; expect rush hour trains to be very crowded
- Orange/Silver customers in Virginia may consider using Ballston for more frequent service
- Additional Metrobus trips on selected regular-route services





## June 18 - July 3 (16 days)



### Line segment shutdown between Eastern Market & Minnesota Ave/Benning Road

#### REDUCED SERVICE AT ALL OB SV BD STATIONS

- Major impact to 61,000 weekday trips
- Blue, Orange and Silver line customers encouraged to consider alternate travel options & avoid traveling during rush hour if possible; expect rush hour trains to be very crowded
- Two stations closed: Stadium-Armory & Potomac Ave
- Free shuttle buses run between Eastern Market and Minnesota Ave/ Benning Road with stops at Stadium-Armory and Potomac Ave
- Orange Line runs every 10 minutes outside shutdown zone
- Silver Line runs every 10 minutes outside shutdown zone
- Blue Line runs every 12 minutes between Franconia & Arlington Cemetery only; Yellow Rush+ runs all day, use Yellow Line for service between VA & DC
- No rail or bus service between Arlington Cemetery and Rosslyn; travel via L'Enfant Plaza instead



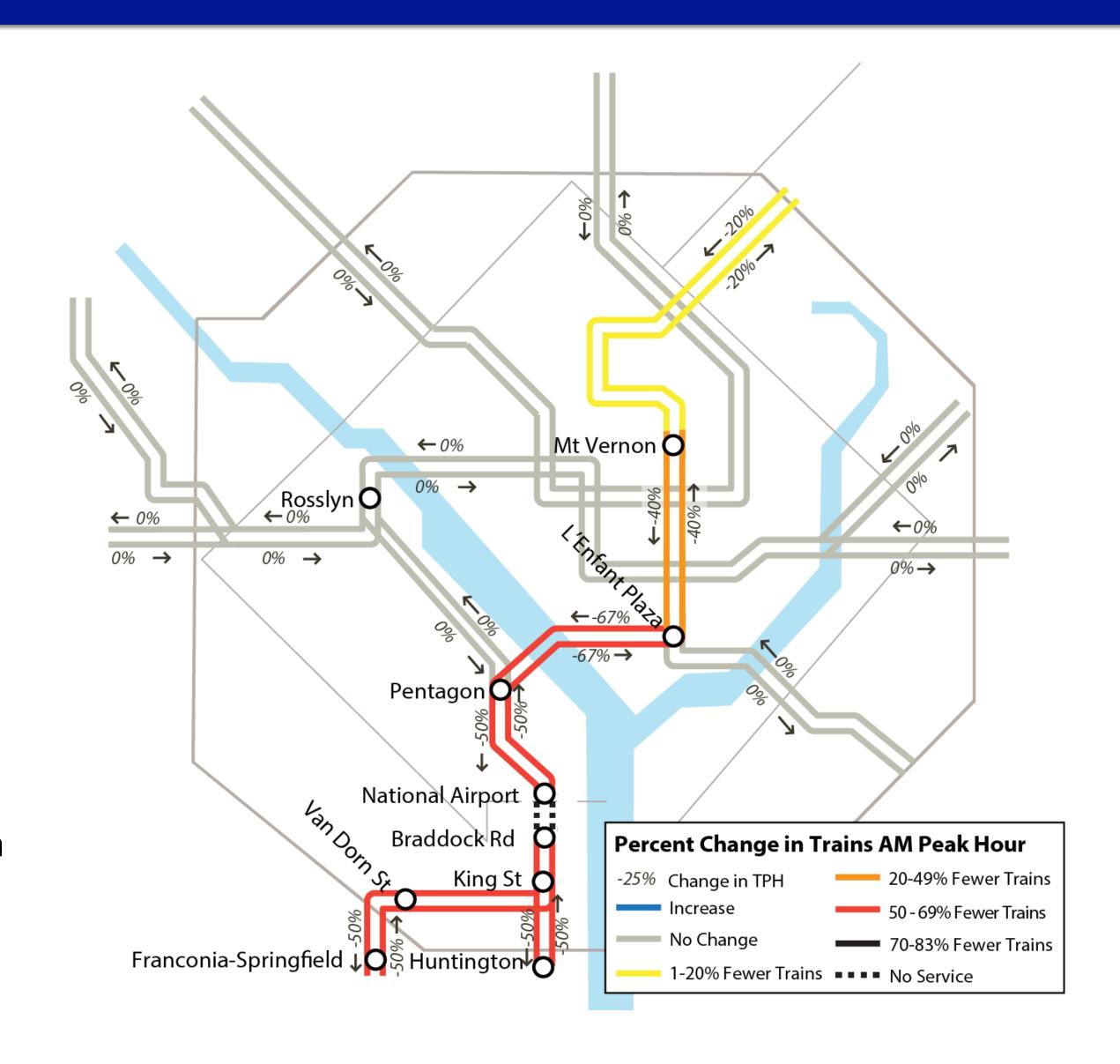
# July 5 - 11 (7 days) STARTS 8PM JULY 5



# Line segment shutdown between National Airport & Braddock Road

## REDUCED SERVICE AT ALL TIMES AT MANY STATIONS, PRIMARILY 1 IN VIRGINIA

- Major impact to 50,000 weekday trips
- 50% reduction in rail service south of Pentagon
- Blue Line trains run every 12 minutes
- Yellow Line trains run every 12 minutes
- Blue/Yellow customers encouraged to consider alternate travel options & avoid traveling during rush hour if possible; expect significant crowding on Blue & Yellow line trains
- Free shuttle buses operate via Metroway between Braddock Road, Crystal City and Pentagon City
- Service between DC and Reagan National Airport available via train





## July 12 - 18 (7 days)



# Line segment shutdown between National Airport & Pentagon City

## REDUCED SERVICE AT ALL TIMES AT MANY STATIONS, PRIMARILY IN VIRGINIA

- Major impact to 86,000 weekday trips
- 50% reduction in rail service south of Pentagon
- Blue/Yellow customers encouraged to consider alternate travel options & avoid traveling during rush hour if possible; expect significant crowding on Blue & Yellow line trains
- Shuttle buses operate via Metroway between Braddock Road, Crystal City and Pentagon City
- Reagan National Airport served via shuttle bus to/from Pentagon City
   & Braddock Road
- Blue Line runs every 12 minutes
- Yellow Line runs every 12 minutes
- No Rush+ Yellow trains operating



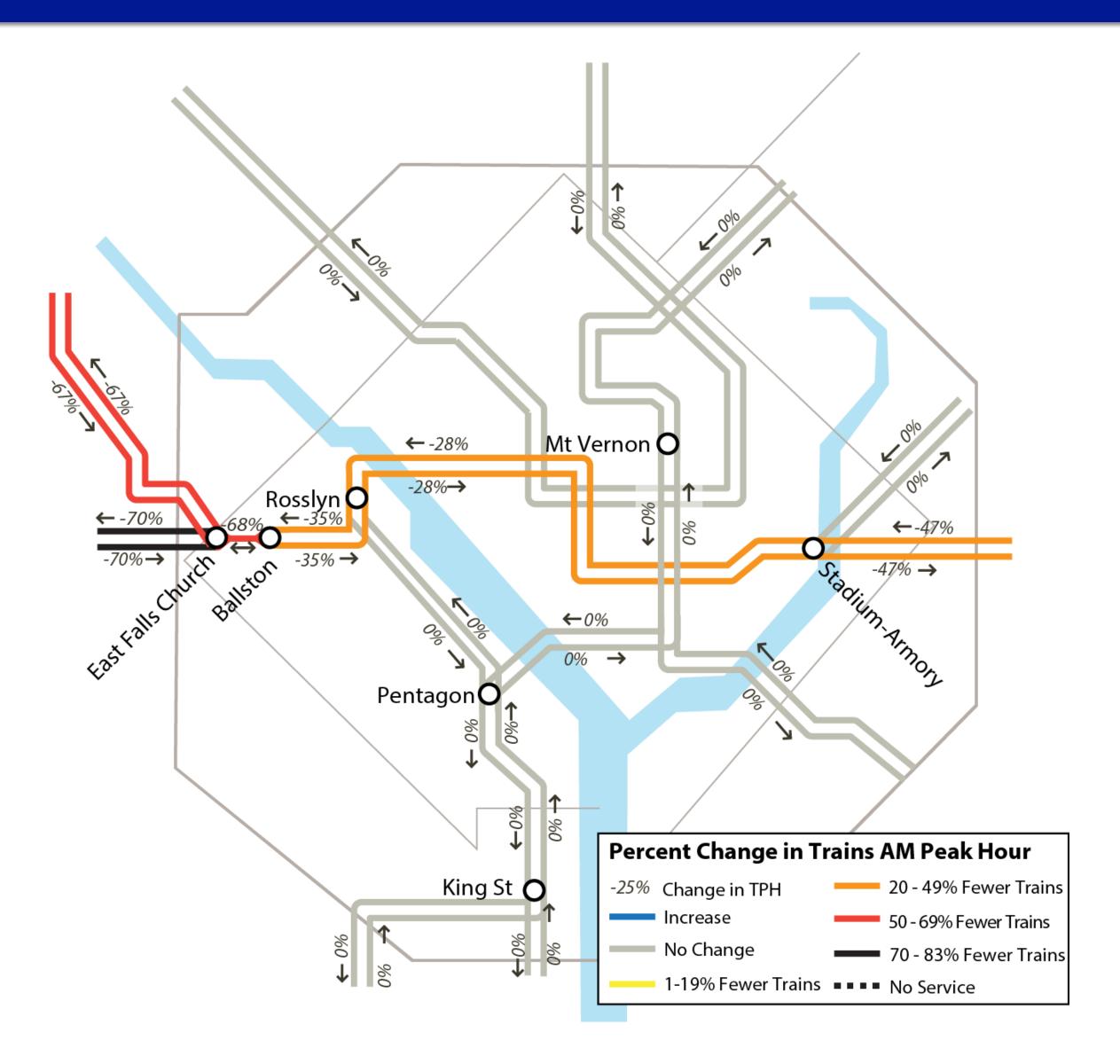
## July 20 - 31 (12 days)



# Continuous single tracking between East Falls Church & Ballston

#### REDUCED SERVICE AT ALL SY STATIONS

- Major impact to 73,000 weekday trips
- Orange Line every 18 minutes at stations from Vienna Ballston
- Additional Orange Line trains run between Ballston New Carrollton
- Silver Line trains run every 18 minutes
- Expect significant crowding on Orange/Silver line trains
- Orange/Silver customers should consider alternate travel options & avoid traveling during rush-hour periods if possible
- Orange/Silver customers in Virginia may consider using Ballston for more frequent service



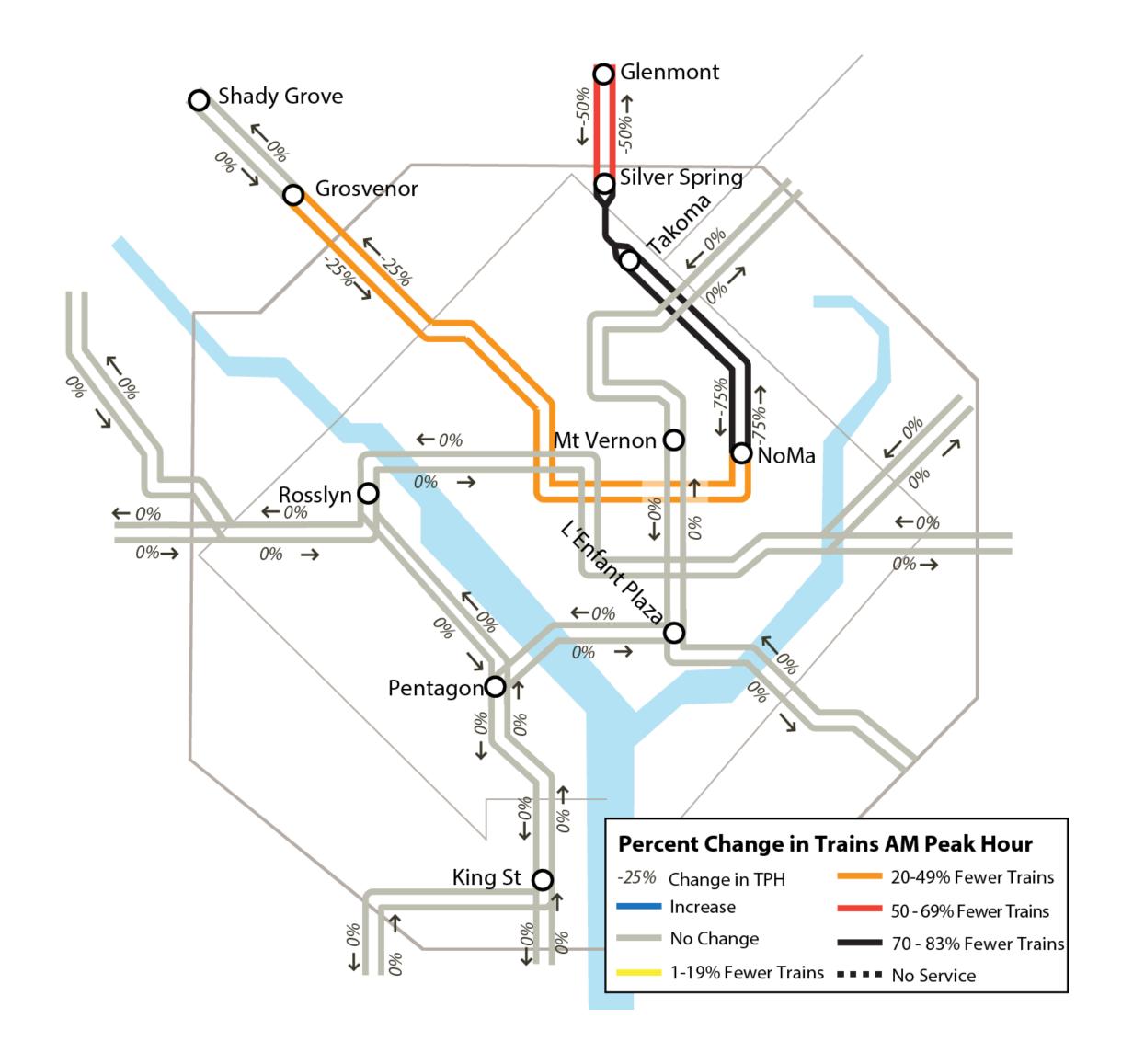
### August 1 - 7 (7 days)



# Continuous single tracking between Takoma & Silver Spring

### REDUCED SERVICE AT MOST ® STATIONS

- Major impact to 94,000 weekday trips
- All Red Line customers should consider alternate travel options & avoid traveling during rush-hour periods if possible
- Red Line trains between Shady Grove to NoMa every 6 minutes
- Red Line trains between Glenmont to Grosvenor every 12 minutes
- Additional bus trips on regular route services:
   S9, 79, 80, 60/62
- Customers traveling between Fort Totten and Downtown DC should use Green Line instead





### August 9 - 18 (10 days)



# Continuous single tracking between Shady Grove & Twinbrook

## REDUCED SERVICE AT SHADY GROVE & ROCKVILLE STATIONS ONLY

- Major impact to 32,200 weekday trips
- Trains serve Shady Grove & Rockville **every 18 minutes** (regularly every 6 minutes during rush hour)
- All other Red Line stations will have near-normal service
- Customers encouraged to avoid Shady Grove and Rockville if possible; use Twinbrook, White Flint or Grosvenor instead
- Buses on standby in the event of a service disruption in the single track zone





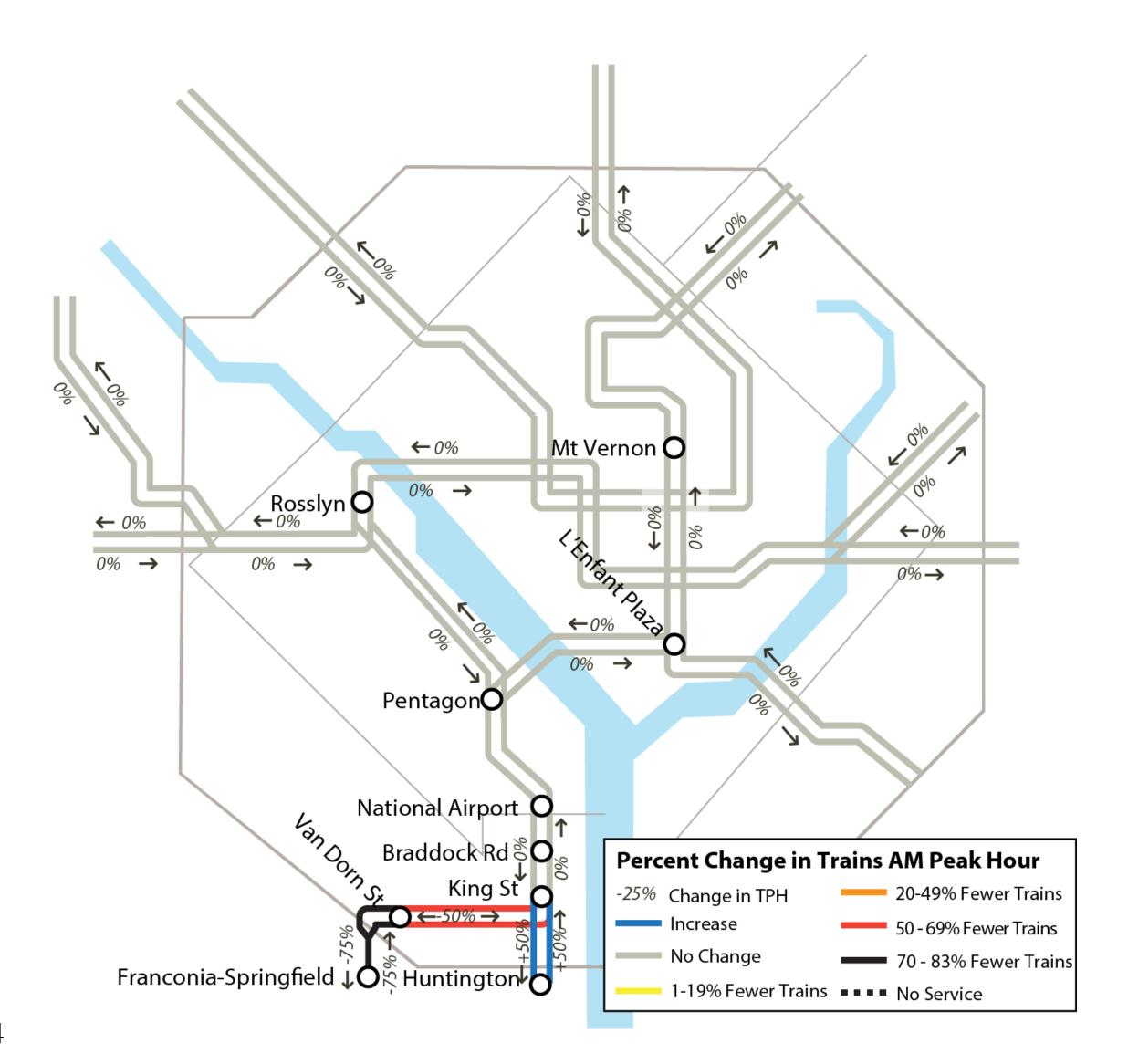
### August 20 - September 5 (17 days)



# Continuous single tracking between Franconia-Springfield & Van Dorn St

#### REDUCED SERVICE AT FRANCONIA-SPRINGFIELD & VAN DORN ST ONLY

- Major impact to 18,000 weekday trips
- Blue Line trains from Franconia every 24 minutes
- Blue Line trains from Van Dorn Street every 12 minutes
- All other Blue Line stations will have near-normal service
- No Rush+ Yellow Line
- Some trains will run to/from Huntington instead
- Riders who use Franconia-Springfield or Van Dorn St stations should consider alternates, especially during rush hour; expect significant crowding on trains from Franconia
- Express bus shuttles will be available during rush hour between Franconia-Springfield and Pentagon via 395HOV





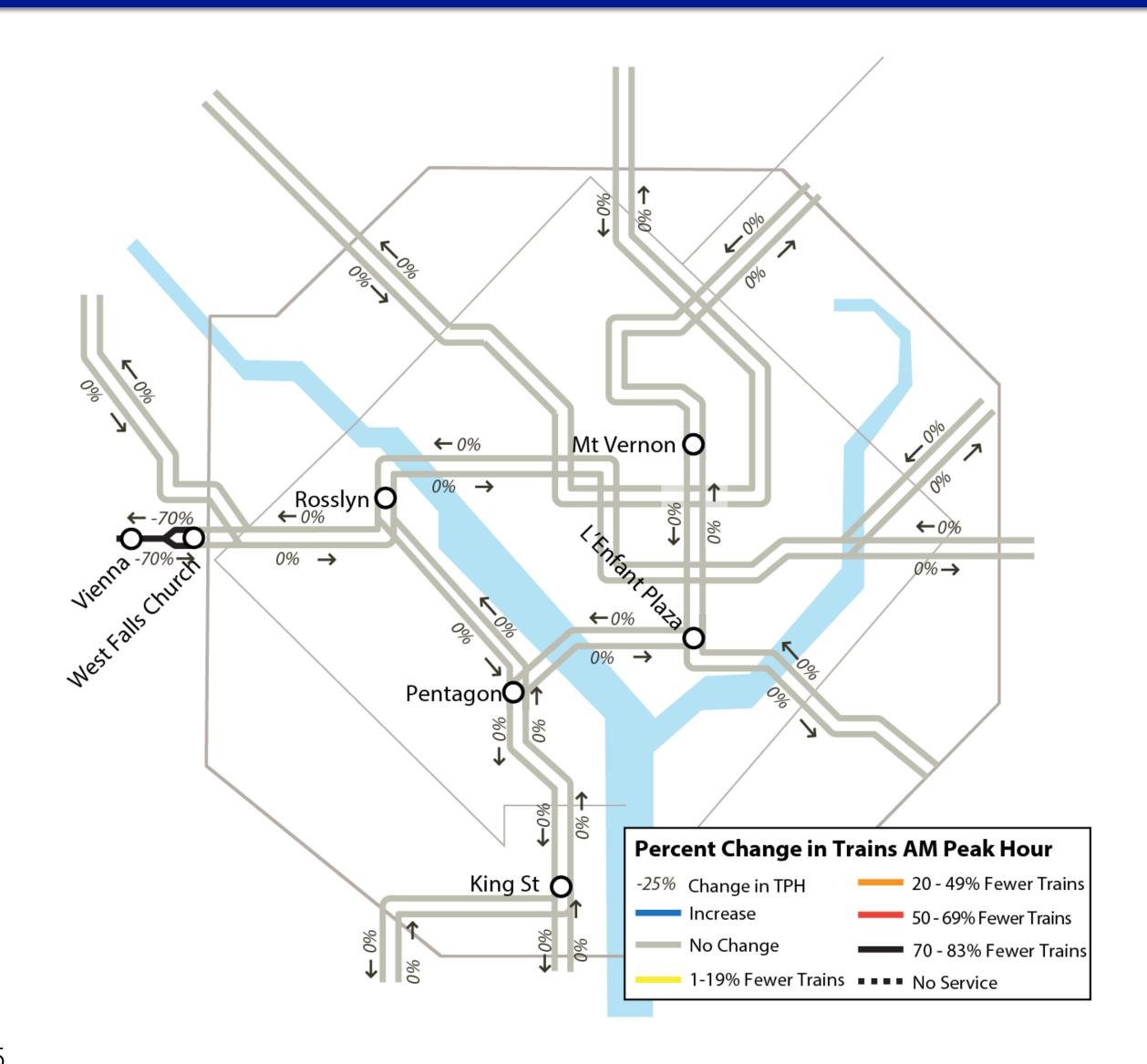
### September 9 - October 20 (42 days)



# Continuous single tracking between Vienna & West Falls Church

## REDUCED SERVICE AT VIENNA & DUNN LORING STATIONS ONLY

- Major impact to 30,000 weekday trips
- At Vienna & Dunn Loring, Orange Line trains **every 18 minutes** (regularly every 6 minutes during rush hour)
- Normal service levels at other Orange Line stations
- Expect trains to/from Vienna to be extremely crowded
- Customers who normally use Vienna or Dunn Loring should consider alternate boarding locations or use other travel options



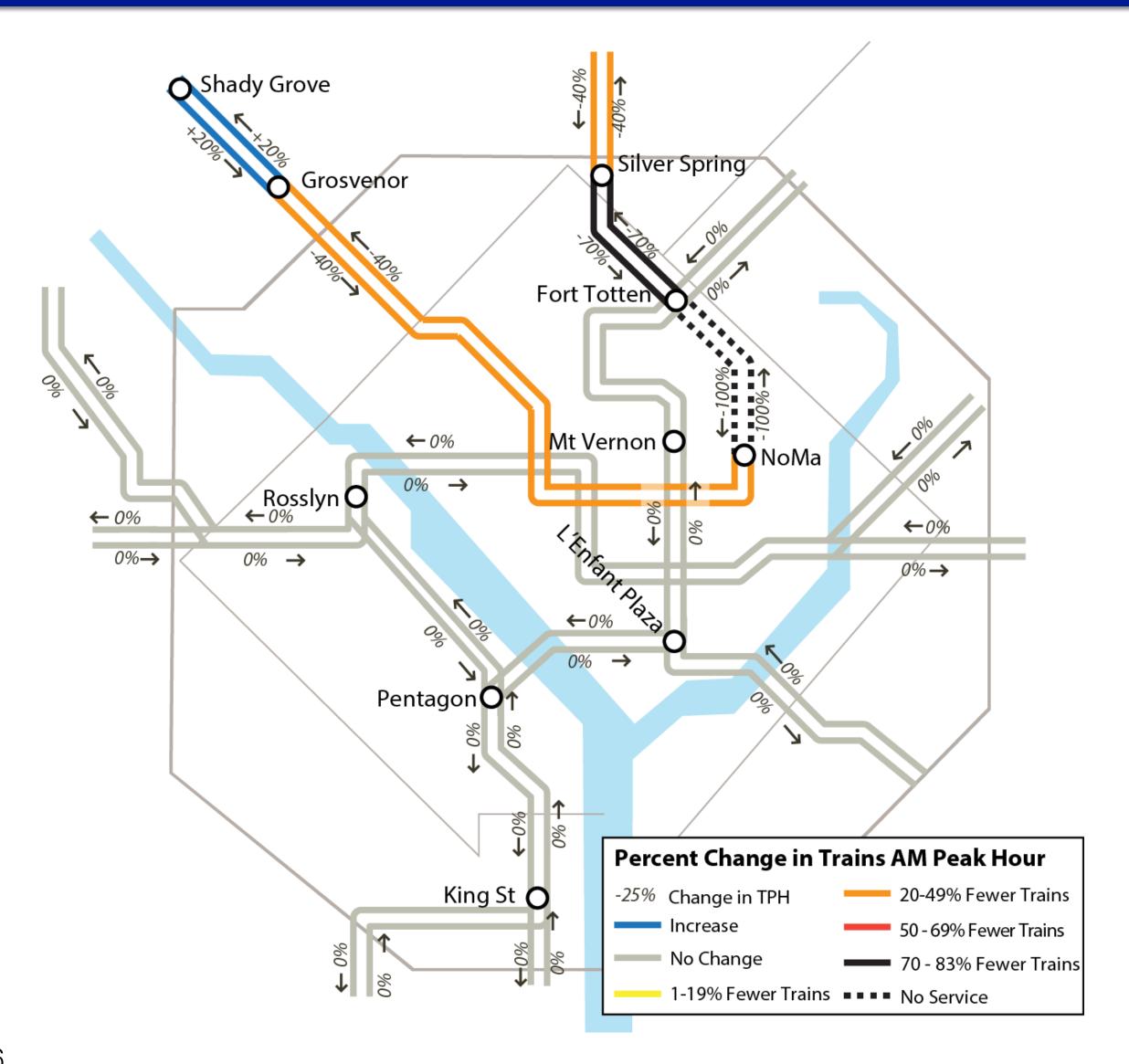
### October 10 - November 1 (23 days)



# Line segment shutdown between NoMa & Fort Totten

#### REDUCED SERVICE AT MOST ® STATIONS

- Major impact to 108,000 weekday trips
- Red Line trains will run in two segments:
  - Shady Grove Noma every 5 minutes
  - Glenmont Fort Totten every 10 minutes
- Two stations closed: Brookland-CUA & Rhode Island Ave
- Less frequent Red Line service; expect crowding on all trains
- Green Line provides alternate path for thru travel between Fort Totten and Gallery Place
- Red Line customers should consider alternate travel options & avoid traveling during rush-hour periods if possible; expect trains to be extremely crowded

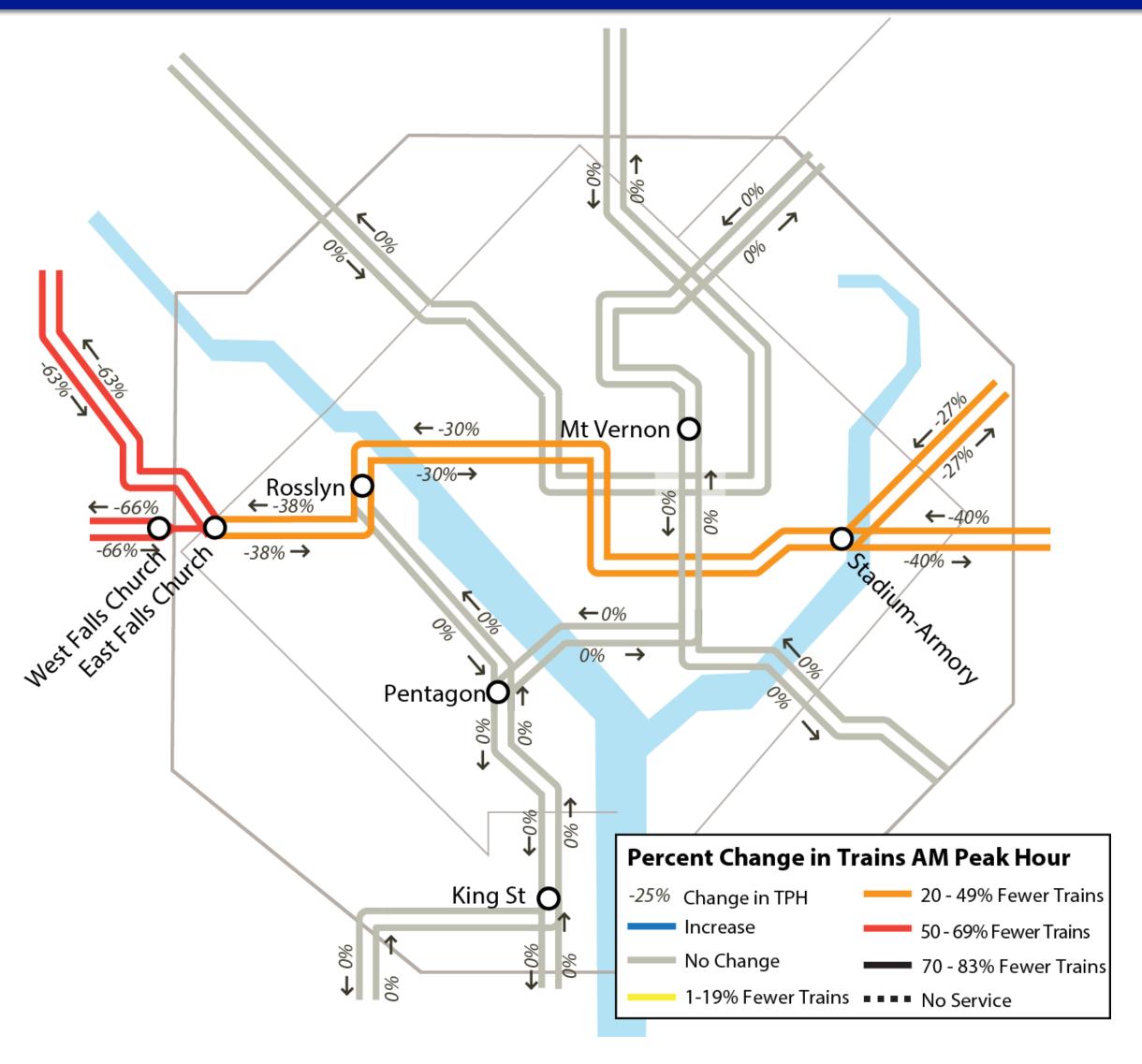




# Continuous single tracking between West Falls Church & East Falls Church

### REDUCED SERVICE AT ALL SY STATIONS

- Major impact to **65,000** weekday trips
- Orange Line trains run every 16 minutes between Vienna & New Carrollton
- Additional Orange Line trains run East Falls Church New Carrollton
- Silver Line trains run every 16 minutes
- Expect crowding on Orange/Silver line trains
- Orange/Silver customers should consider alternate travel options & travel outside of rush-hour periods if possible



## November 12 - December 6 (25 days)



# Continuous single tracking between Greenbelt & College Park

NOTE: On weekends, single tracking will be extended between Prince George's Plaza and Greenbelt

#### REDUCED SERVICE AT GREENBELT STATION ONLY

- Major impact to 12,400 weekday trips
- Green Line trains to/from Greenbelt will run **every 12 minutes** during rush hours (regularly every 6 minutes)
- No Rush+ Yellow Line service to/from Greenbelt
- Near-normal service levels at all other stations
- Greenbelt customers encouraged to use New Carrollton or College Park as alternates during this time
- Buses on standby in the event of a service disruption in the single track zone



## December 7 - 24 (18 days)

EXCEPT MORNING OF SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

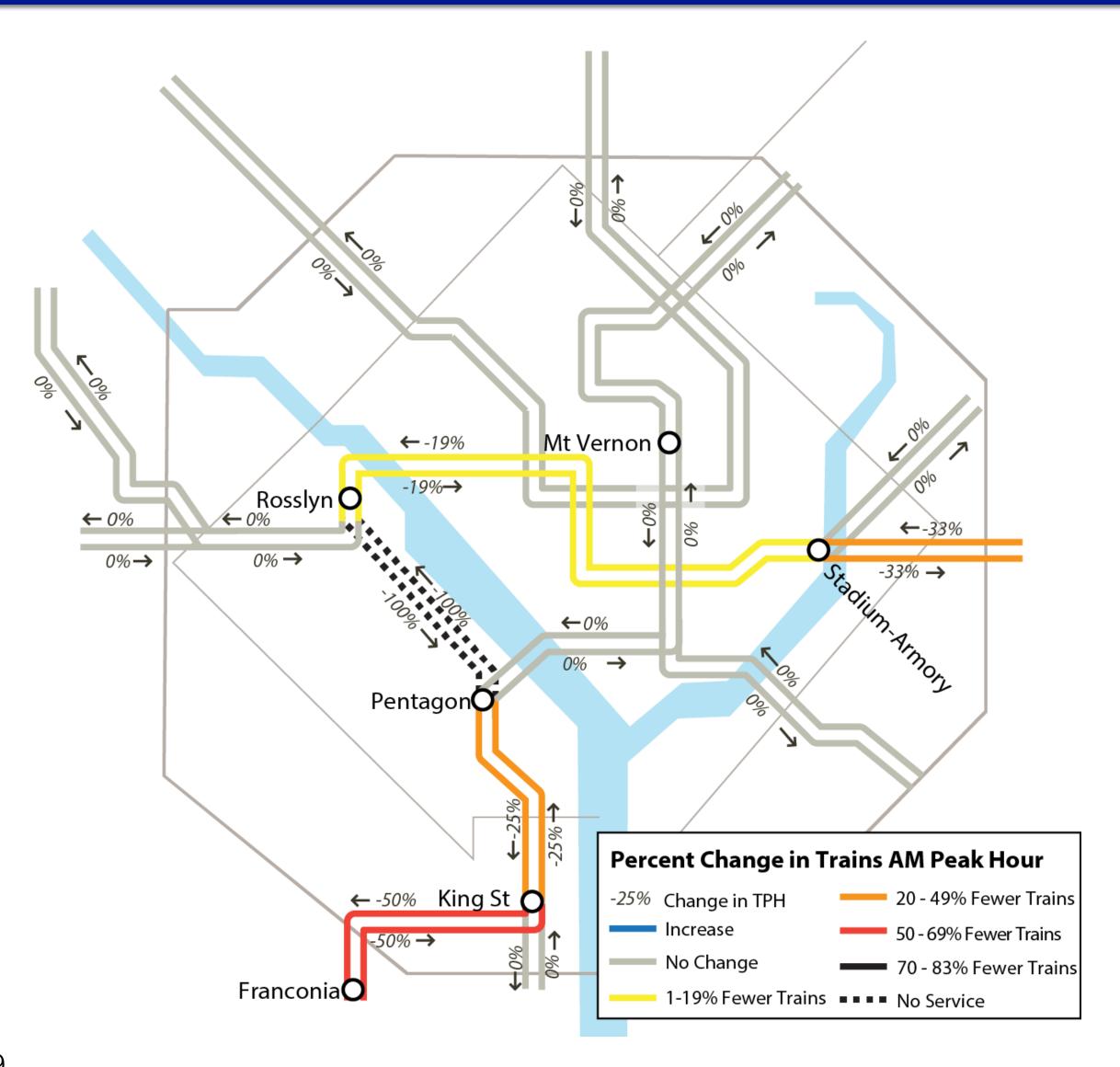


# Line segment shutdown between Pentagon & Rosslyn

#### REDUCED SERVICE AT ALL BD STATIONS

NOTE: Blue Line service will run on Saturday, Dec. 17 for Wreaths Across America at Arlington National Cemetery

- Major impact to 12,000 weekday trips
- No Blue Line service running
- Yellow Line Rush+ will run all day between Franconia-Springfield & Mt Vernon Square
- One station closed: Arlington Cemetery
- Free shuttle buses will operate:
  - between Pentagon & Rosslyn
  - between Arlington Cemetery & Pentagon
- Expect crowding on all Yellow Line trains between DC & Virginia
- Blue Line customers should consider alternate travel options during this time





## January 2 - 13 & January 23 - February 3 (24 days) STARTS 10PM JANUARY 22



Continuous single tracking between Braddock Rd & Huntington/Van Dorn Street

## REDUCED SERVICE AT ALL WEB STATIONS NORMAL SERVICE JAN. 14-22 FOR INAUGURATION

- Major impact to 50,000 weekday trips
- Blue Line runs **every 18 minutes** between Franconia & Largo
- Shuttle train runs Huntington King Street only
- Yellow Line every 6 minutes between
   Reagan National Airport & Mt Vernon Square only
- Major reduction in service at all Blue/Yellow stations south of Reagan National Airport; expect severe crowding on trains
- All Blue/Yellow customers should consider alternate travel options & travel outside of rush-hour periods if possible; expect significant crowding on all Blue/Yellow trains



### March 6 - 19 (14 days)



# Continuous single tracking between West Falls Church & East Falls Church

#### REDUCED SERVICE AT ALL STATIONS

- Major impact to 65,000 weekday trips
- Orange Line trains every 16 minutes Vienna-New Carrollton
- Additional Orange Line trains East Falls Church-New Carrollton
- Silver Line every 16 minutes
- Expect significant crowding on Orange/Silver line trains
- Orange/Silver customers should consider alternate travel options & avoid traveling during rush-hour periods if possible
- Orange/Silver customers in Virginia may consider using East Falls Church or Ballston for more frequent service

