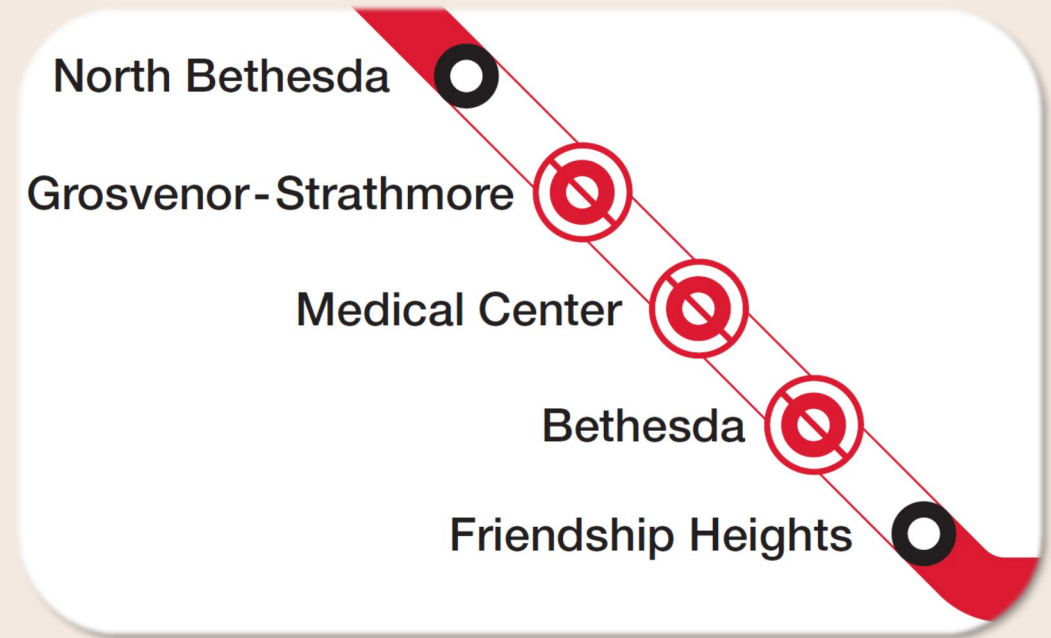




Red Line Summer 2026 Major Construction

July 6 – September 6, 2026:
North Bethesda to Friendship Heights

Riders' Advisory Council Meeting
June 3, 2026



Project Overview

Connecting Bethesda Station to the MTA Purple Line

- Metro is coordinating with the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) to construct a new mezzanine that will connect Metro's **Bethesda** station to **MTA's Purple Line** station.
 - Will provide a new southern access point to Bethesda station.
 - Installation of mezzanine structure and decking, electrical and communications infrastructure, fire safety system upgrades, escalators, elevators, and stairs
- Construction of the mezzanine began in August of 2025 and will continue through Summer 2027, with the full opening of the MTA Purple Line currently set for the end of 2027.



Project Overview

Passenger Facility Investments at Grosvenor-Strathmore

- To reduce the need for additional closures in future months, Metro is investing in infrastructure at **Grosvenor-Strathmore** during this period:
 - Reconstruction of the platform edge with edge lights, granite edge, and improved surface tiles
 - Replacement of platform tiles and expansion joints and dry fire standpipe system
 - Removal & reinstallation of pylons, shelters, & wind screens
 - Replacement of globe lights in the platform level and over the escalators
 - Enhancement of Passenger Information Displays (PIDs)
 - Maintenance of south Grosvenor Aerial Structure (raised railway)
 - Miscellaneous minor concrete & other repairs



Grosvenor Aerial Structure Maintenance

Project Overview

Passenger Facility Investments at Medical Center

- Metro will also take this opportunity to conduct important infrastructure upgrades at **Medical Center**, including:
 - Preventive maintenance of assets from Automatic Fare Collection, Power (multiple divisions), and Communications (Communication and IT)
 - Decommissioning of legacy power infrastructure and installation of new assets, switchgear demolition and installation, and lighting renewal at platform edge and tunnel areas.
 - Additional work may be added and performed during this period.

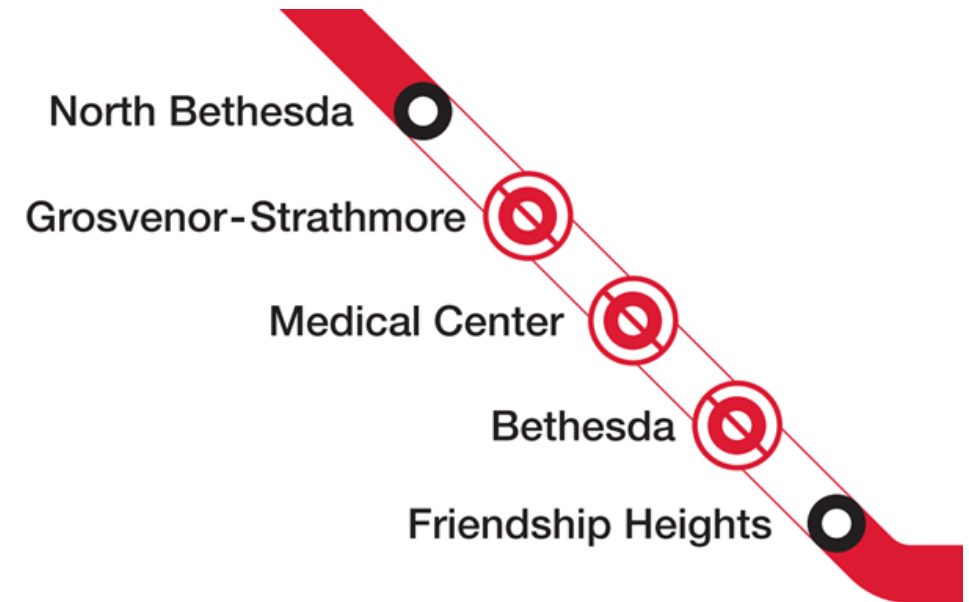


Customer Impacts

Baseline Impact

From July 6-Sept. 6, 2026, there will be no train service between North Bethesda and Friendship Heights

- **Between North Bethesda and Friendship Heights**, trains will be replaced by free shuttle buses, as Grosvenor-Strathmore, Medical Center, and Bethesda stations will be closed for construction.
 - Metro will offer free parking to customers at North Bethesda and Grosvenor-Strathmore stations during this period
- On the rest of the Red Line, trains will operate every 6 minutes during the daytime and every 10 minutes during the late evenings in two separate segments:
 - Shady Grove to North Bethesda
 - Glenmont to Friendship Heights



Key Stakeholders

- **Red Line** and nearby rail and bus customers
- **Jurisdictional Partners:** Montgomery County (MCDOT), State of Maryland (Maryland Department of Transportation)
- **Transit Partners:** RideOn, MTA Commuter Bus, Maryland Area Rail Commuter (MARC) train, Capital Bikeshare
- **Community Stakeholders:** major employers, Transportation Management Districts (TMDs), neighborhood associations, faith communities, etc.



Mitigation

Alternate Travel Options

Metro Express and Local Shuttles



MARC, MTA Commuter Buses, & Ride On



Transportation Demand Management



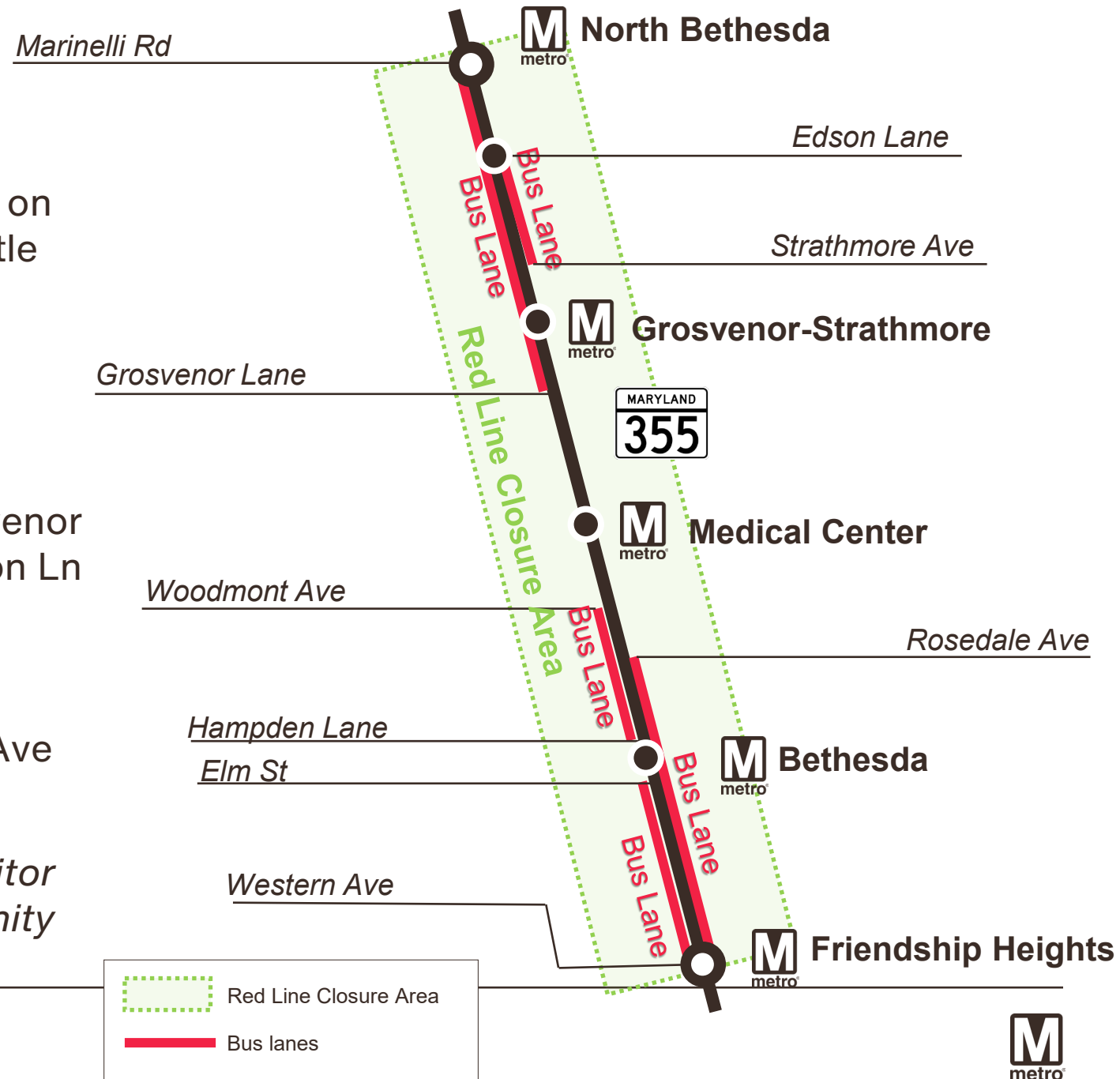
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Dedicated Bus Lanes

- In mid-May, SHA started installing bus lanes on portions of **MD 355** to help support the shuttle service
- Approximately seven and a half (7.5) lane-miles will be in two main segments*:
 - **Northern segment:** Marinelli Rd to Grosvenor Ln southbound; Strathmore Ave to Edson Ln northbound.
 - **Southern segment:** Woodmont Ave to Hampden Ln, Elm St to Western Ave southbound; Western Ave to Rosedale Ave northbound.

**MDOT, Metro, and MCDOT will closely monitor performance of bus lanes and solicit community feedback*

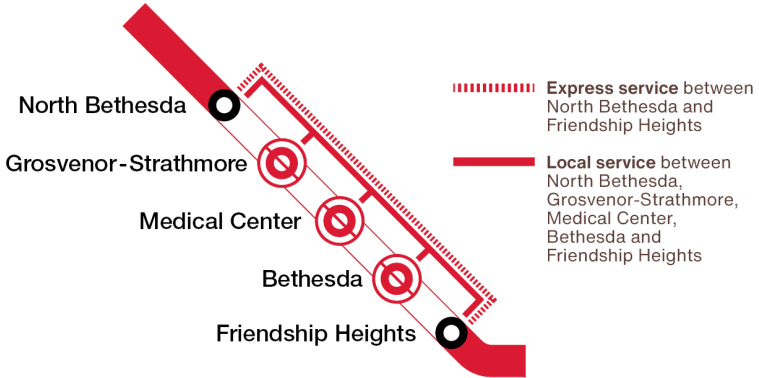


Shuttle Service Planning

- Customers will be provided with free local and express shuttle service that will use the dedicated bus lanes to bypass station closures for the duration of the work.
- A local shuttle will serve North Bethesda, Grosvenor-Strathmore, Medical Center, Bethesda, and Friendship Heights, stopping at each station.
- An express shuttle will provide **direct** service to North Bethesda and Friendship Heights, bypassing intermediate stations.
- **Customers can expect a shuttle every 5-8 minutes.** A “virtual tunnel” will allow customers to transfer from rail to shuttle and back to rail without being double-charged.

Free Shuttle Service

Effective July 6 - Sept. 6 | Shuttles available during Metro Rail operating hours



Shuttle Service Planning

Service Plan: July 6-Sept. 6, 2026

Local Shuttle

Stations Served	(5) North Bethesda, Grosvenor-Strathmore, Medical Center, Bethesda, and Friendship Heights.
Average Trip Time Between Stations	10 minutes
Service Span	During Metro Rail Hours

Express Shuttle

Stations Served	(2) North Bethesda, Friendship Heights
Average Trip Time Between Stations	26 minutes
Service Span	During Metro Rail Hours



North Bethesda



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Shuttle Stop

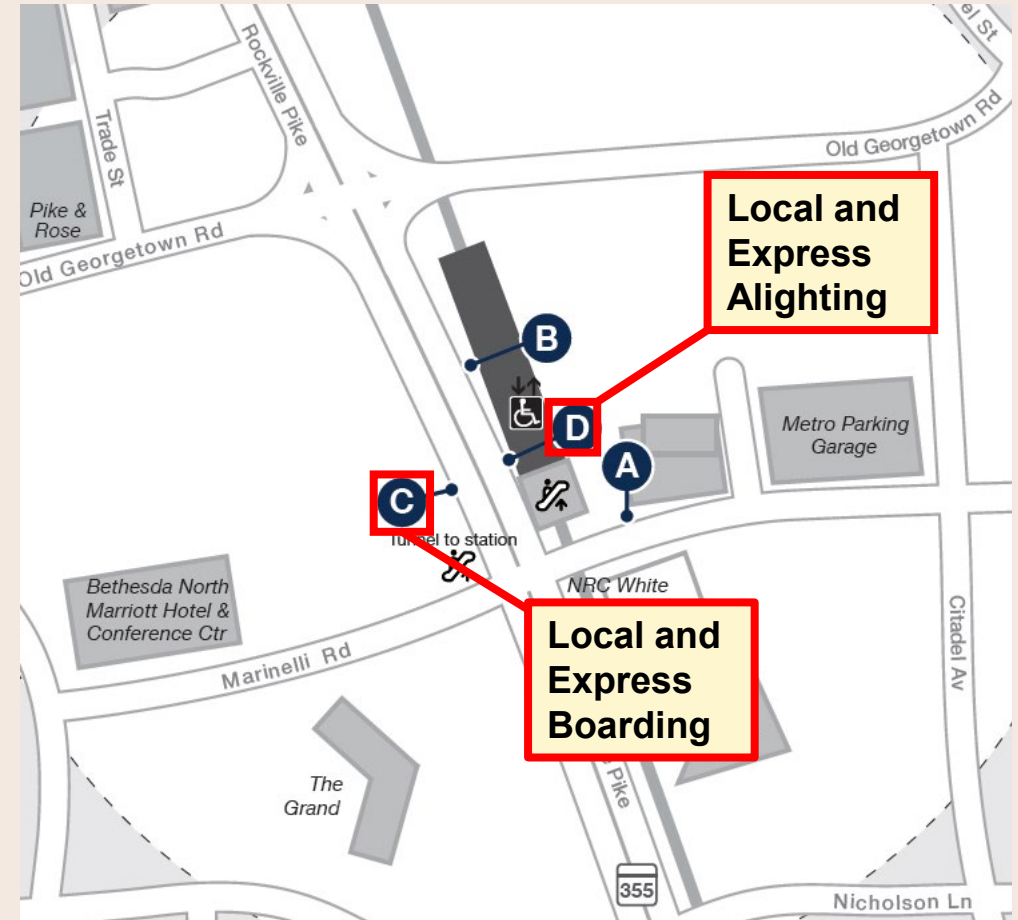
- Alighting: Bus Bay D (Reg ID #2005527)
- Boarding: Bus Bay C (RideOn ID #25610)
 - Express boarding front of Bus Bay C
 - Local boarding behind Express

Bus Relocations

- Relocate Ride On 5, 26, 46, 101 to Rear of Bus Bay C
- Relocate Ride On 42 and 81 to Bay B

Layover and Staging

- TBD



 Layover Locations

Grosvenor-Strathmore



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Shuttle Stop

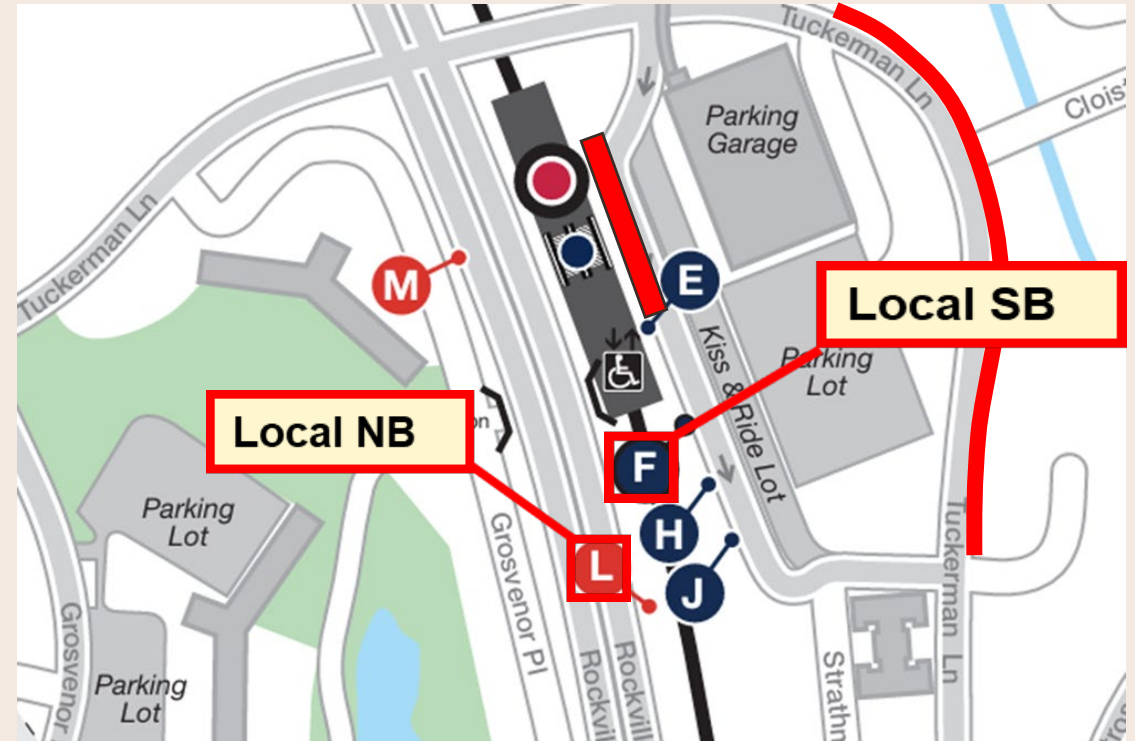
- Local (Northbound) – Bus Bay L (RideOn ID #25524)
- Local (Southbound) – Bus Bay F (Reg ID #2000417)

Bus Relocations

- None

Layover and Staging

- Bus Bays A-D, H-J and Tuckerman Lane



Medical Center



July 6 – September 6, 2026

Shuttle Stop

- Local (Northbound) – NB Rockville Pike + Wood Rd (Reg ID #2005196)
- Local (Southbound) – SB Rockville Pike + South Dr (Reg ID #2000208)

Bus Service Relocations

- None

Layover and Staging

- None



Bethesda



July 6 – September 6, 2026

Shuttle Stop

- Local (Northbound) – NB Wisconsin Ave + East-West Hwy (TEMPORARY STOP)
- Local (Southbound) – SB Wisconsin Ave + Montgomery Ave (TEMPORARY STOP)

Bus Relocations

- None

Layover and Staging

- None



Friendship Heights **RD**

July 6 – September 6, 2026

Shuttle Stops

- Local/Express Boarding - TEMPORARY STOP NB at 5300 Block of Wisconsin Avenue NW
- Local/Express Alighting – Bus Stop Reg ID # 2000013 at Western Avenue and 44th Street NW

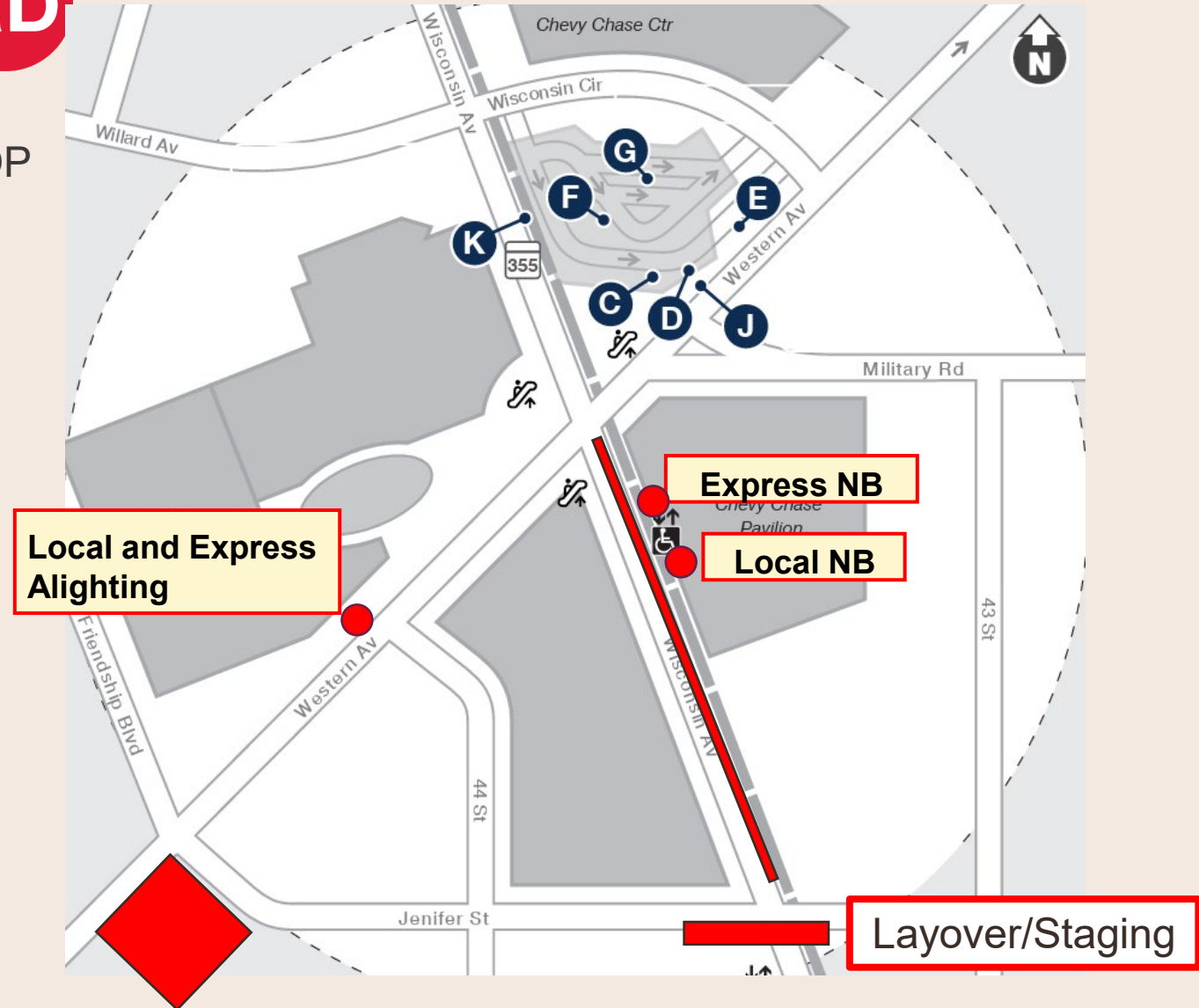
Bus Service Relocations

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Layover/Staging

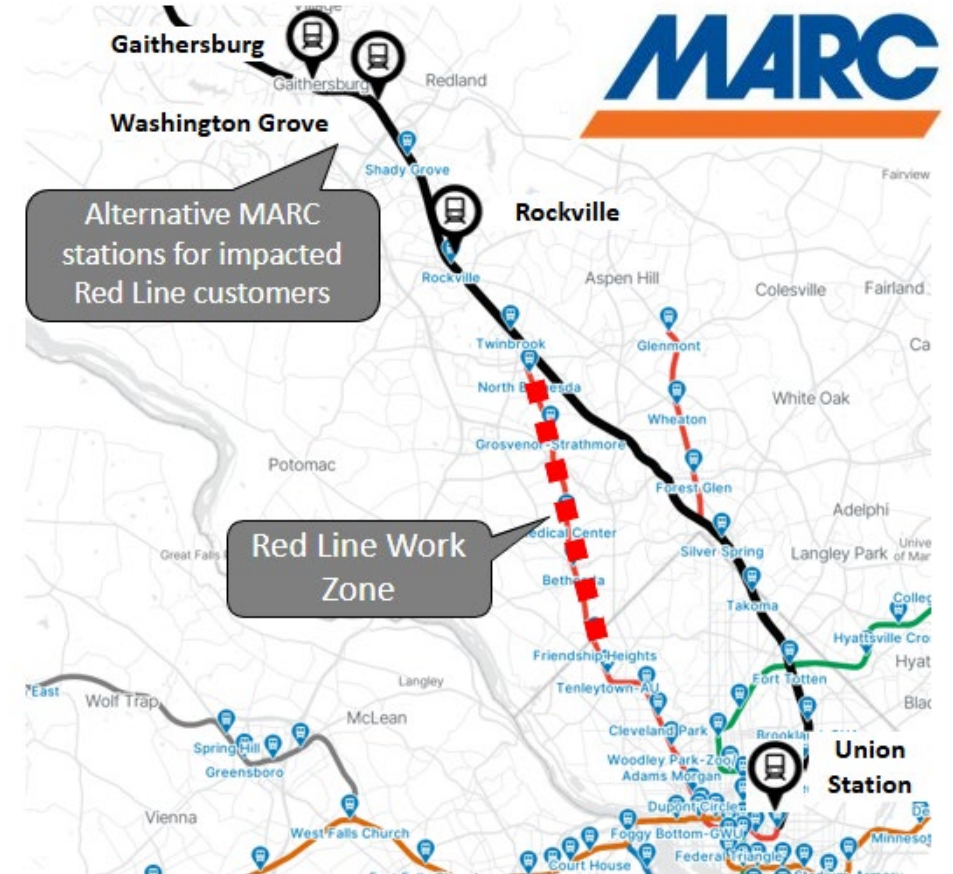
- NB on 5300 block of Wisconsin Avenue

Meal Breaks assigned at this location – Lord & Taylor WMATA lot



Travel Alternatives for Customers

- Metro's free shuttle buses
- Existing Ride On and Metro Bus routes will continue to operate as scheduled
- People may consider using the existing routes to access the eastern side of the Red Line or MARC Commuter Rail
- MARC train will provide reduced fares from Rockville station for customers headed to D.C. (Union Station)
 - All fares from Rockville and Garret Park to Silver Spring and Union Station will be half price from July 6 to September 4 (*September 5-6 is a weekend when the Brunswick Line does not operate*).



Reducing Traffic Volume on Roads

- **Biking**
 - Identify/sign routes connecting North Bethesda to D.C.
 - Increased bike capacity on some MARC Brunswick line trains
 - New secure bike and ride facilities at Rockville station
 - Capital Bikeshare
 - Operates 77 bikeshare stations in Montgomery County
 - Membership promotions for impacted customers
- Encouraging businesses to consider expanding telework/hybrid schedule options and carpool coordination
- Exploring additional Park and Ride opportunities. Free parking at North Bethesda and Grosvenor-Strathmore



Community Engagement



Community Engagement

Metro and its partners are executing a large-scale customer awareness plan for the major construction using best practices

- Website (project page, press releases, service advisories) - wmata.com/summer2026
- In-person outreach
- Community meeting(s)
- Notification and wayfinding signage (physical and digital)
- Social media and paid advertisements
- Stakeholder email updates
- Handouts and collateral materials

The screenshot shows the Metro website's project page for "Summer 2026 Red Line Major Construction". The page includes a navigation bar with "Ride", "Pay", "News", and "Help" options. The main heading is "Summer 2026 Red Line Major Construction". Below the heading, there is a summary of the construction work, including the closure of four stations (Bethesda, Grosvenor-Strathmore, Medical Center, and North Bethesda) from July to September 2026. The page also features a "Status" section indicating "Scheduled" work, a list of "Impacted Stations" with icons for each, and a "Project resources" section with a "Maps" link. A "Service advisory" box provides more details about the impacts and shuttle service.

The diagram titled "Free Shuttle Service" illustrates the Red Line route during the construction period from July 6 to September 7. It shows the stations from North Bethesda to Friendship Heights. A legend indicates that express service will be provided between North Bethesda and Friendship Heights, while local service will be provided between North Bethesda, Grosvenor-Strathmore, Medical Center, Bethesda, and Friendship Heights. The diagram also shows that the stations between Grosvenor-Strathmore and Bethesda are closed. A legend at the bottom identifies the symbols for "R closed" and "Station closed".

Stakeholder Outreach

Agency partners have conducted targeted engagements with employers located along the corridor

- Joint Transportation Management District (TMD) and Montgomery County Council T&E Committee briefings took place in March
- Work with Bethesda Urban Partnership, TMDs, Commuter Services, Regional Service Center, Chamber, Federal installations and others to share information, promote travel alternatives, and answer questions
- Preparing graphics and customer information focused on parking

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Effective July 6-Sept. 6



Stations Closed: Grosvenor–Strathmore, Medical Center, and Bethesda

No Red Line train service between North Bethesda and Friendship Heights. Stations will be closed and inaccessible during this time.

Free Shuttle Bus Service

Free shuttle buses will replace trains during the closure:

Local Service Between:

North Bethesda → Grosvenor–Strathmore →
Medical Center → Bethesda → Friendship Heights

Express Service Between:

North Bethesda ↔ Friendship Heights

Shuttle buses will run every 5-8 minutes during Metro Rail operating hours.



About this Improvement Project

In coordination with the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA), Metro is advancing critical infrastructure improvements on the Red Line.

This work includes:

- Construction of a new mezzanine at Bethesda to connect Metro Rail with the future Purple Line
- Rehabilitation of the Grosvenor–Strathmore platform
- Replacement of aerial structural components near Grosvenor–Strathmore and Medical Center stations

Other project benefits include:

- A simpler, more direct transfer between Metro Rail and the Purple Line
- Improved safety and reliability of station infrastructure
- Upgraded station conditions, including lighting, drainage, and platform improvements
- Continued investment in long-term system performance



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Frequently Asked Questions

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Where can I find more information about the project?

wmata.com/summer2026

How long will this construction last?

Work will begin on July 6 through September 6, with service resuming on September 7, 2026.

How frequent will the shuttle buses run?

Shuttle buses will run every 5-8 minutes during Metro Rail operating hours.

Which stations will be closed?

Grosvenor-Strathmore, Medical Center, and Bethesda stations will be closed during this time.

Will parking remain open at the closed stations?

Free parking will be available at North Bethesda and Grosvenor-Strathmore stations during the construction.

Will the shuttle buses and bus stops be accessible to people with disabilities?

Yes, all shuttle buses (standard Metrobus and coach buses) will be ADA-accessible. Please ask a staff member at a shuttle bus stop for further assistance.

Does Metro allow strollers and how should they be stored on shuttles/buses?

Strollers are permitted on buses. Customers may be asked to store them in the coach bus's storage compartment or collapse them while riding on a Metrobus.

Next Steps

Customer Awareness and Notifications

- Continued community and business outreach
- 1-month pre-notification signage
- 2 weeks in-person notification and signage
- Wayfinding and relocation signage night before construction


Digital Signage

Service Changes


Monday, July 6 - Sunday, Sept. 6

No rail service between North Bethesda and Friendship Heights

Stations closed:
Grosvenor-Strathmore, Medical Center and Bethesda
Free shuttle bus service provided



More information:
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Cambios en el servicio

Lunes, 6 de julio - domingo, 6 de septiembre

No habrá servicio ferroviario entre North Bethesda y Friendship Heights

Estaciones cerradas:
Grosvenor-Strathmore, Medical Center y Bethesda
Se ofrece servicio de autobús gratuito de transferencia




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Bilingual Brochure

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No **R service between North Bethesda and Friendship Heights**

Stations closed:
Grosvenor-Strathmore, Medical Center and Bethesda


Monday, July 6 - Sunday, Sept. 6

No habrá servicio de la **R entre North Bethesda y Friendship Heights**

Estaciones cerradas:
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