



Proposed Metrorail Service Changes

SERVICE FREQUENCY CHANGES

1. Blue, Orange, Silver Lines: More frequent weekday service (Morning, Midday & Evening)

Operate Blue, Orange and Silver Lines every 10 minutes, an improvement from the current 12-minute headway, during the morning, midday, and evening periods on weekdays, to support off peak demand and encourage ridership growth with more frequent all-day service.

2. Red Line: More frequent late-night service

Operate Red Line trains every 7 to 8 minutes, improved from every 10 minutes, during the late night period from 9:30 PM until closing, seven days a week, to boost capacity in both directions for evening travel.

SERVICE PATTERN CHANGES

3. Blue, Orange, Silver Lines: Redistribute peak capacity along the corridor

Redistribute peak capacity by replacing Silver Line peak period short trips* with one additional morning train and one additional afternoon train in the peak ridership direction on each of the Blue, Orange, and Silver Lines for a more balanced and consistent operation.

*FY2026 budgeted service includes additional Silver Line trains operating from Wiehle Ave to Stadium Armory during the busiest morning peak service hour and from Stadium-Armory to Wiehle Ave during the busiest afternoon peak service hour. As of June 22, 2025, the morning trains operated Wiehle – New Carrollton. As of December 21, 2025, the afternoon trains will operate Stadium-Armory to Ashburn. This proposed service change technically eliminates this service pattern.



PROPOSED FY2027 METRORAIL SERVICE LEVELS

Line	Service Pattern	Peak Service <i>Monday - Friday</i>	All Day Service <i>Monday - Friday</i>	Late Night Service <i>Monday - Friday</i>	All Day Service <i>Saturday, Sunday and Holidays</i>	Late Night Service <i>Saturday, Sunday and Holidays</i>
Red	Shady Grove to Glenmont	4 to 5 min	6 min	7 to 8 min	6 min	7 to 8 min
Green	Greenbelt to Branch Ave	6 min	6 min	7 to 8 min	8 min	8 min
Yellow	Huntington to Mt Vernon Sq* / to Greenbelt*	6 min	6 min	7 to 8 min	8 min	8 min
Blue	Franconia-Springfield to Downtown Largo	10 min***	10 min	15 min	12 min	15 min
Orange	Vienna to New Carrollton	10 min***	10 min	15 min	12 min	15 min
Silver	Ashburn to Downtown Largo** / to New Carrollton**	10 min***	10 min	15 min	12 min	15 min

Headway improvements in FY2027 Metrorail service proposal are denoted in bold to differentiate proposed changes from existing service frequencies in the table.

*Yellow Line trains will alternate between terminating at Mt. Vernon Square and Greenbelt, with the anticipation that every other Yellow Line train will operate to Greenbelt instead of terminating at Mt Vernon Sq. Frequency in the Mt. Vernon Square – Greenbelt branch is double that shown in the table.

**Silver Line trains will alternate between terminating at Downtown Largo and New Carrollton, with the anticipation that every other Silver Line train will travel to New Carrollton instead of Downtown Largo. Frequencies in the branches are double those shown in the table.

***Blue, Orange, and Silver line will each have one additional train run during peak service in the peak direction (Largo and New Carrollton bound trains in the AM and Franconia, Vienna, and Ashburn bound trains in the PM), with all trains re-spaced evenly for the hour.



All Day Service: baseline service frequency from opening until 9:30 PM

Peak Service: increased service frequency on weekdays (Monday-Friday) from 7:00 AM to 9:00 AM and 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM.

Late Night Service: service frequency from 9:30 PM to closing.