

Red Line Summer 2026 Major Construction

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:

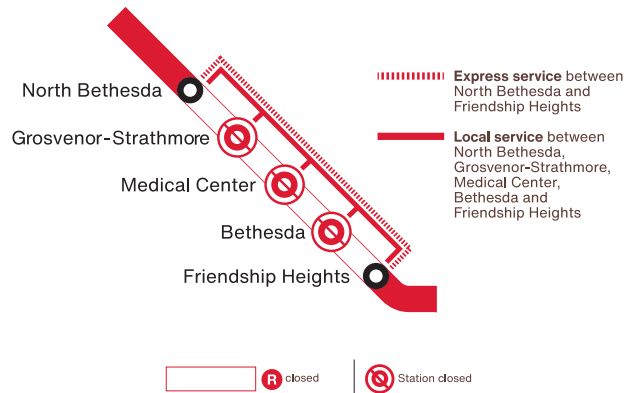
Local Service Between:

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



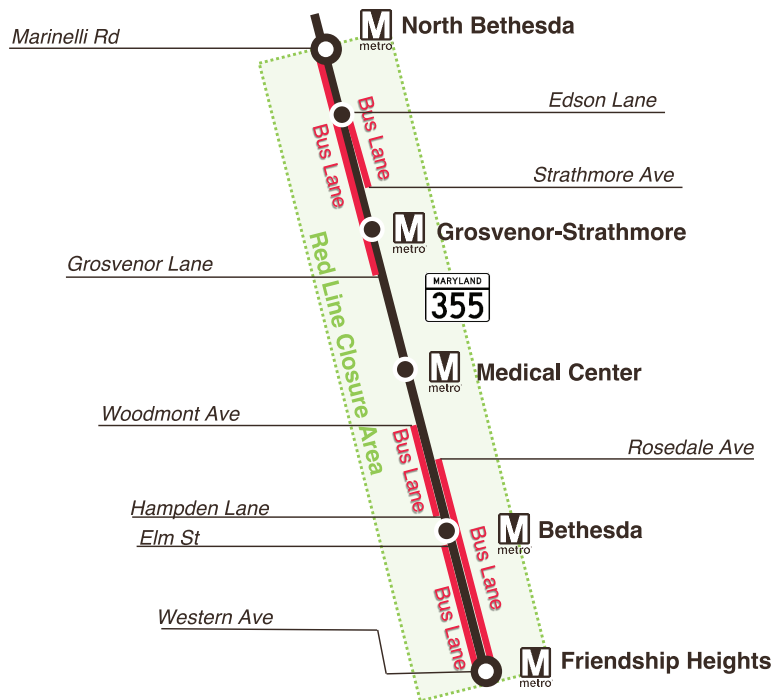
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Travel Time Mitigations

- Metro will provide free local and express shuttle buses to replace trains
 - Beginning in mid-May 2026, the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) will begin installing 8 lane-miles of bus lanes utilizing lane striping and signage at strategic locations along MD 355
 - These lanes will be completed in time for use during the Summer 2026 Major Construction to reduce travel time, decrease vehicle emissions, and increase reliability of shuttle service
 - Evaluation of bus lanes will be conducted to determine if sections of the corridor should be considered for long-term dedicated bus lanes
 - The evaluation will review ridership, bus and vehicle speeds, safety, passenger experience, and community feedback
- Discounted MARC fares at Rockville Station
- Bike improvements: increased bike capacity on some MARC Brunswick Line trains, new secure bike parking facilities at Rockville station, Capital Bikeshare membership promotions for impacted customers
- Encouraging major employment centers to allow flexible hybrid schedules

Dedicated Bus Lane Locations*



*Exact bus lane boundaries subject to change.



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