A photograph of a blue and green articulated bus with 'FLASH' branding, stopped at a traffic light. The bus has 'BLUE SILVER SPRING' on its destination sign and 'MDOT' on its side. The background shows a city street with traffic lights and signs, including one for 'Colesville RD'. A decorative graphic of three curved lines in blue, green, and white is at the top of the image.

MD 355 Flash BRT Central Corridor

May 2025 Public Meeting

Agenda

- ▶ Program Overview
- ▶ The MD 355 Project
- ▶ Roadway & Station Design
- ▶ The Environmental Evaluation Process
- ▶ How to Get Involved



Program Overview

What is Bus Rapid Transit?

Montgomery County's Flash Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) is bus-based transit system that will deliver faster, more reliable, and more frequent transit service. Key components of Flash BRT are shown below.



**Dedicated
Bus Lanes**



**Specialized
Vehicles**



**Enhanced
Stations**



**Transit Signal
Priority**



**Enhanced Pedestrian
and Bicycle Access**

Flash BRT Program Overview

LEGEND

ROUTE IN SERVICE

US 29

ROUTES IN DESIGN

MD 355

VEIRS MILL ROAD

PLANNED ROUTES

NORTH BETHESDA

NEW HAMPSHIRE AVE

GEORGIA AVE

RANDOLPH ROAD

UNIVERSITY BLVD

EXTENSION TO HOWARD COUNTY AND MONTGOMERY COLLEGE TAKOMA PARK

IN-SERVICE STOPS

PLANNED STOPS

METRO STATION

PARK AND RIDE

MARC STATION

FLASH LINES INTERSECT

TWO COLORS DENOTES WHERE TWO ROUTES CONNECT

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The MD 355 Project

Project Purpose & Need

PURPOSE

The project will provide...



New, high quality transit options



More predictable transit arrival times



Faster transit travel time



Shorter wait time at stations

NEED

In order to help...



Support projected growth



Improve on-time performance and provide consistent travel times



Connect people to job centers and new developments



Increase connections and access to regional destinations

The MD 355 Project

- The MD 355 Central service route is being designed.
- The MD 355 North and South service routes will be advanced based on funding availability.

Legend

Future MD 355 BRT North Service Route

Future MD 355 BRT North Station

The Central Corridor

Legend

- MD 355 BRT Service Route
- MD 355 BRT Station
- WMATA Metrorail
- M WMATA Metro Station



Central Corridor Service Patterns

Legend

Orange Route

Milestone to Shady Grove

Green Route

Germantown Transit Center to Shady Grove

Navy Route

Lakeforest Transit Center to Rockville Metro Station

MD 355 BRT Station

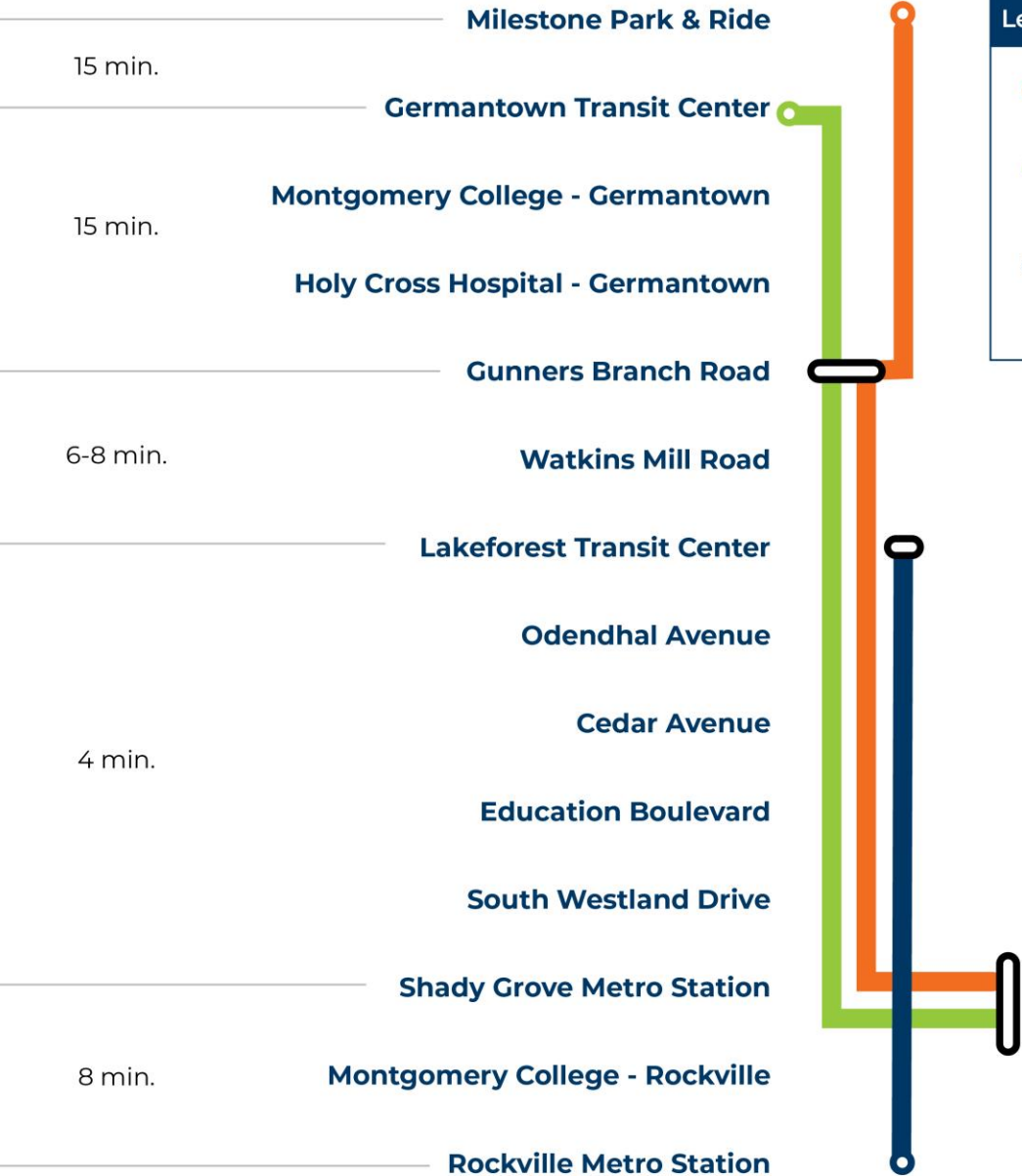
WMATA Metrorail

WMATA Metro Station



Central Corridor Proposed Service Frequency

Bus Arrives Every:



Legend

- Flash - Milestone Park & Ride to Shady Grove
- Flash - Germantown Transit Center to Shady Grove
- Flash - Lakeforest Transit Center to Rockville Metro Station

Project Timeline



Project Funding

MCDOT is working collaboratively with local municipalities to secure Federal Transit Administration (FTA) funding. These funds:



Are competitive and receive applications from many agencies



Need a strong justification for the project



Require a local commitment to fund the project

Transit projects are assessed based on two types of criteria:

Project Justification

- Mobility Improvements
- Cost Effectiveness
- Environmental Benefits
- Congestion Relief
- Economic Development
- Land Use

Local Financial Commitment

- Current Financial Condition
- Commitment of Funds
- Reliability/Capacity

Roadway & Station Design

Proposed Roadway Treatments



Curbside Bus Lanes



Mixed Traffic



Reversible Center Running Bus Lane



Station Design



Flash BRT stations are designed to consider:

Ease of Use

- Branding/Recognition
- Wayfinding
- Accessibility
- Informational Displays
- Amenities

Experience & Comfort

- Aesthetics
- Safety
- Off-Board Ticketing
- Weather Protection

Local Context

- Size & Scale
- Transfer Considerations

The Environmental Evaluation Process

The Environmental Review Process

- ▶ National Environmental Policy (NEPA) evaluation
- ▶ Section 106 – consideration of historic resources
- ▶ Section 4(f) – consideration of park & recreation lands, wildlife refuges and historic sites



NEPA Considerations



Land Use



Socio-Economics and Neighborhoods



Cultural Resources



Visual Character



Noise



Air Quality



Water Resources



Terrestrial Resources



Contaminated Materials



Indirect and Cumulative Effects



Construction Impacts

Avoiding Impacts

- ▶ The Environmental Review Process identifies potential impacts
 - Parks
 - Historic resources
 - Community services
 - Property
- ▶ We are adjusting the design to minimize, avoid, or mitigate impacts where possible

How to Get Involved

Apply to Join the Corridor Advisory Committee

Applications are being accepted through June 30.



Submit the Application Form Today!

To apply, either fill out the provided form and hand it to a project team member today, visit the project website or access the adjacent QR code to complete the form online.

Your Feedback Matters!

Please leave a comment by June 20 using the methods below:



Use the Comment Box

Fill out the provided form and drop it in the comment box.



Visit the Project Website

montgomerycountymd.gov/dot-dte/projects/MD355BRT



Email the Project Team at

md355brt@montgomerycountymd.gov



Thank You!