



WMATA
SafeTrack Program:
Expected Impacts
& City Response Plan

June 14, 2016

SafeTrack is a Year-Long Event

Start planning alternate travel options now:

1. Stay informed
2. Make a plan
3. Keep calm and carry on





SafeTrack Overview

- 15 safety surges from June 2016 to May 2017
- Service ends at midnight nightly
- No track work on Independence Day, Presidential Inauguration, and Cherry Blossom Festival
- Ongoing regional impact, six surges directly affect Alexandria (June, July, Aug./Sept., Dec. and Jan./Feb.)
- Surge #2: June 18 – July 3. Not in Alexandria but will result in No BLUE LINE rail or bus service between Arlington Cemetery and Rosslyn Metrorail stations
- Direct Impact to Alexandria travelers:
 - **Surge #3:** July 5-11, Blue and Yellow Line Segment Shutdown, between National Airport and Braddock Road
 - **Surge #4:** July 12-18, Blue and Yellow Line Segment Shutdown, between Pentagon City and National Airport

What to Expect



- Traffic impacts
- Bus and rail crowding
- Rail riders affected:
 - Surge 2: 61,000
 - Surge 3: 50,000
 - Surge 4: 86,000
- Low-income riders more impacted
- Mount Vernon Trail: 31% increase in bike ridership, Surge 1

Surge #3: Airport to Braddock Road

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July 5 - 11 (7 days)

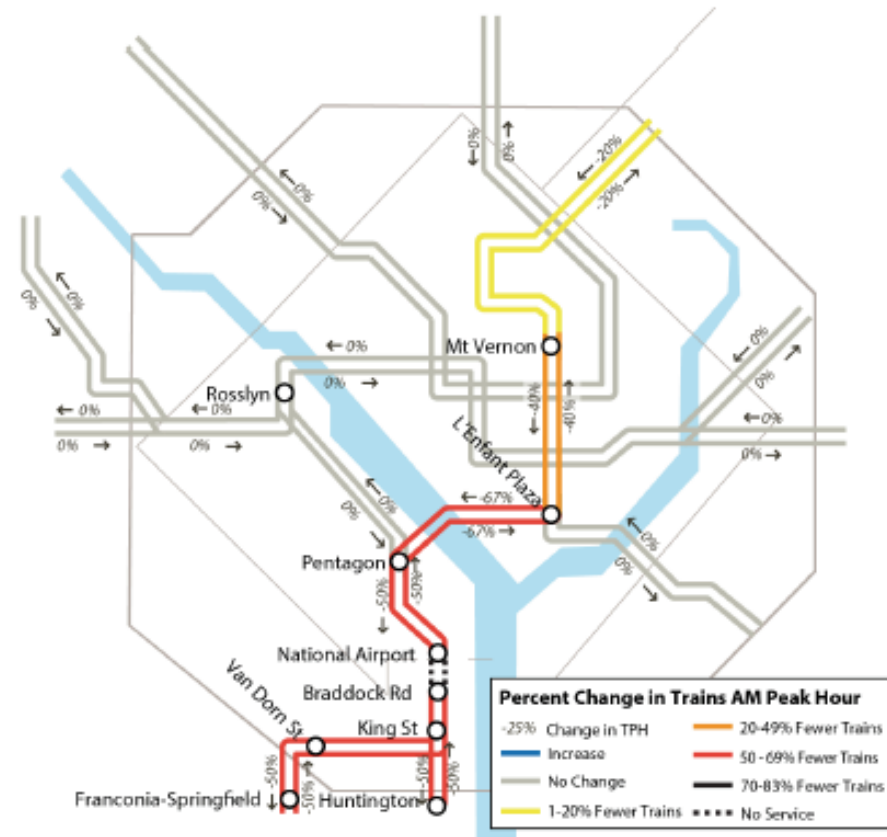
STARTS 8PM JULY 5



Line segment shutdown between National Airport & Braddock Road

REDUCED SERVICE AT ALL TIMES AT MANY STATIONS, PRIMARILY 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

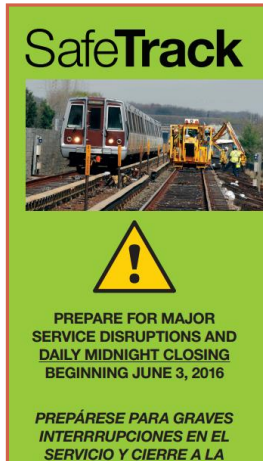


City's Response Plan: Surge 3 and 4

- Communications
- Alternate transportation options
- Traffic & incident management



Communications: Surge 3 and 4



- Online
 - alexandriava.gov/safetrack
 - wmata.com/safetrack
 - social media, eNews
 - videos
 - Commuter Connections
- Street teams
 - ambassadors at Braddock Road station
- Signs and brochures
 - surge-specific plans & maps
- Media
- Collaboration:
 - employer outreach
 - retail partners
 - Visit Alexandria



Alternate Travel Options: Surges 3 and 4

- Free high-frequency express shuttle between Braddock Road Metrorail Station and Pentagon City Metrorail Station
- Free and increased frequency service on Metroway
- Free shuttle from Braddock Road Metro Station to National airport
- Free DASH AT3, AT4 adjusted schedules, start earlier, operate in midday and evenings
- Increase number of trips on MetroBus 10A/B & 11Y
- VRE



Alternate Travel Options: Surges 3 and 4



- Outreach to employers, businesses, and retailers on teleworking and flexing schedules
- City of Alexandria requiring Alternative Work Schedule Plans for City Departments
- Adding four new Capital Bikeshare stations citywide
- Additional bikeshare capacity at the Braddock Road Metrorail station
- Capital Bikeshare single trip for \$2
- Morning "bike trains" starting at the Braddock Road and Pentagon City Metrorail Stations
- New carsharing and taxi areas at the Braddock Road Metrorail Station, Zimride

Traffic & Incident Management : Surge 3 and 4



- Temporary roadway and parking changes at Braddock Road Station, including bus only areas around station
- Variable message signs
- Additional traffic cameras, up-staffing for signal techs
- Real-time monitoring in traffic management center
- Traffic enforcement at key intersections
- Adjusting traffic signal timing
- Construction and paving project schedules adjusted





Questions / Discussion

THANK YOU!