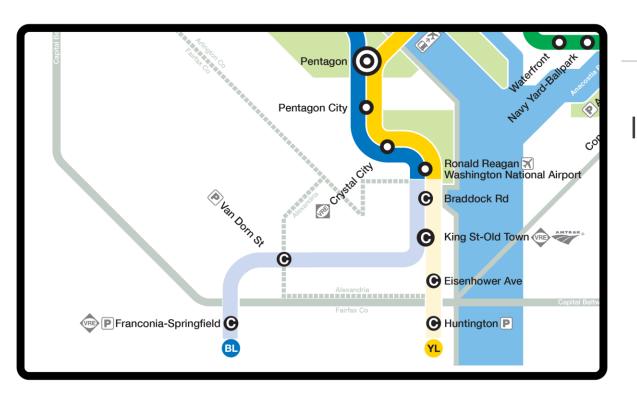






### City Council Update



# What's Happening?

Interest Blue & Yellow line south of National Airport will be shut down May 25 - September 8 for station platform reconstruction and upgrades

### State of Platforms



**Braddock Road Station** 



King St Station



Van Dorn Station



### Why We Are Here

- ☐ Final update before May 25
- Update on mitigation & travel alternatives
  - Temporary traffic impacts
  - Construction Impacts
- Communications & Public Outreach
- Key Remaining Challenges
- Questions



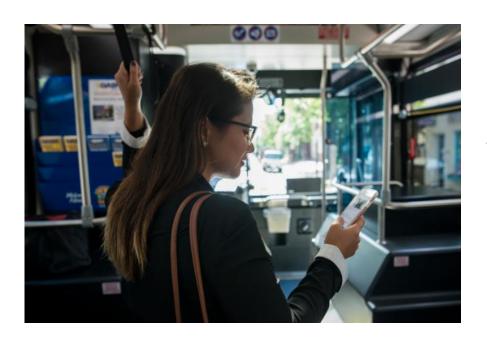


### Platform Improvement Project

### Final Updates

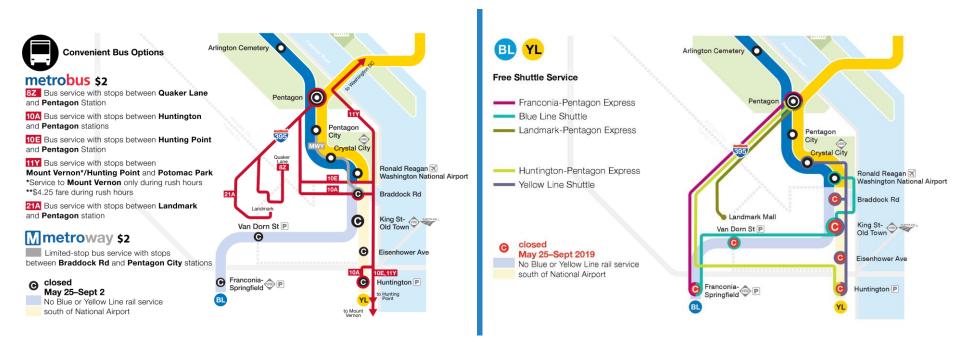


- 1. Travel Alternatives
  - Lessons Learned: May 4-5 "Dry Run"
- 2. Construction: What to expect?
- 3. Trip Planning & Customer Support
- 4. Remaining Challenges



### Travel Alternatives

- Blue/Yellow Line Free Shuttles & Bus Routes
- Temporary Traffic Changes
- City Mitigation Updates



### Bus Routes & Free Shuttles: Add 30 minutes to normal commute!

<sup>\*</sup>Closure from May 25<sup>th</sup> to September 8<sup>th</sup>, maps being revised.

### **Transit**

- Now <u>five</u> express and local shuttles to reliably meet demand
- □300 operators, 154 buses
- ■\*New\* Landmark Mall to Pentagon shuttle to address service for private shuttles
- ☐ King Street Trolley 7 am to 10:30 pm weekdays
- □ DASH AT3/AT4 increased peak service to Pentagon
  - ■Mobile fare \$1









## Temporary Traffic Changes

- Focus on transit but accept that more vehicles will be on our streets
- HOV-3 on Wash Street & other temporary changes to improve capacity of street grid
- Real time signal adjustments using traffic cameras
- Transit signal priority for Metroway and Metrobus
- Traffic sensor expansion
- Incident management, police presence & enforcement

### Five FREE Shuttles Replace Rail Service





#### Free Shuttle Service

Franconia-Pentagon Express

Blue Line Shuttle

Landmark-Pentagon Express

Huntington-Pentagon Express

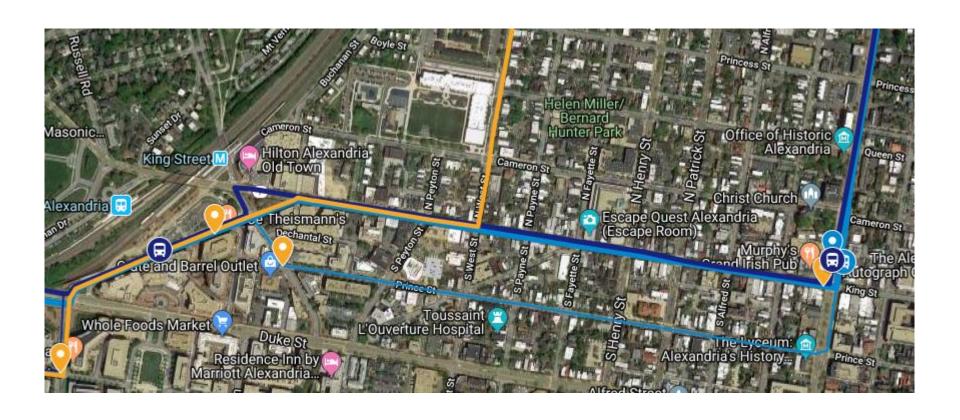
Yellow Line Shuttle

o closed May 25-Sept 2019

No Blue or Yellow Line rail service south of National Airport



### Shuttles - Old Town Detail











### Alternative Transportation

- Water Taxi Service (between Alexandria and The Wharf)
  - Approx. trip time 30 mins
  - 7, 7:35, 8:20 and 8:55 am
  - All day, last depart= 8:45 pm weekdays
- Landmark Mall car & vanpool
- New Ridehailing options
- Bicycle wayfinding & CaBi operational enhancements

## May 4-5 "Dry Run"

- Live "test" of shuttles & construction
- Many positives & lessons learned
- 3. No <u>major</u> issues found signs, communication, incident response
- No significant complaints on noise or buses



### **Construction & Staffing Key Points**

- WMATA: "Aggressive but achievable" schedule
  - Original contract schedule had two weeks of contingency built in; additional work at Braddock Road will consume that planned contingency
- ■Work will be 24/7
  - ~700 people per shift
  - Each station/site is self-sufficient
  - Two shifts per 24-hour period



### Construction

- Focus Areas:
  - Noise (saw-cutting & jackhammering)
  - Construction worker parking
  - Dust & haul routes
- Pre-Construction Open House
- Public Contact
  - WMATA Customer Relations: 202-637-7000
  - Weekdays 8:30 am- 5 pm
  - Or a 24/7 option at: <a href="http://wmata.custhelp.com/">http://wmata.custhelp.com/</a>
  - Issues related to project will be flagged for faster response





### **Trip Planning & Customer Support**

- ☐ Station-specific information & trip planning assistance at wmata.com/platforms
- Trip planning assistance for <u>city residents</u> at **703.746.3274** (weekdays, 7 am to 7 pm)
- ☐ City customer call center (**746-HELP**) staffed 7 am to 7 pm weekdays (May 28 to June 7)
- ■Now: Customer notification street teams at stations
- ☐ May 25- June 6: Customer service street teams (40+ total) including bilingual (Spanish/Amharic) staff





### Next Steps & Remaining Challenges

- ☐ Incident Command structure to monitor traffic conditions
  - City Emergency Operations Center on standby
- Communication & Emergency Response
  - WMATA Mobile Command
  - Coordination with Airport, VDOT, NPS
- Transit marketing campaign post shutdown



### Thank you

## Questions?

