Planning for 2022-23 Metrorail Impacts: Yellow Line Tunnel/Bridge & Potomac Yard Projects

City Council Legislative Meeting May 24, 2022

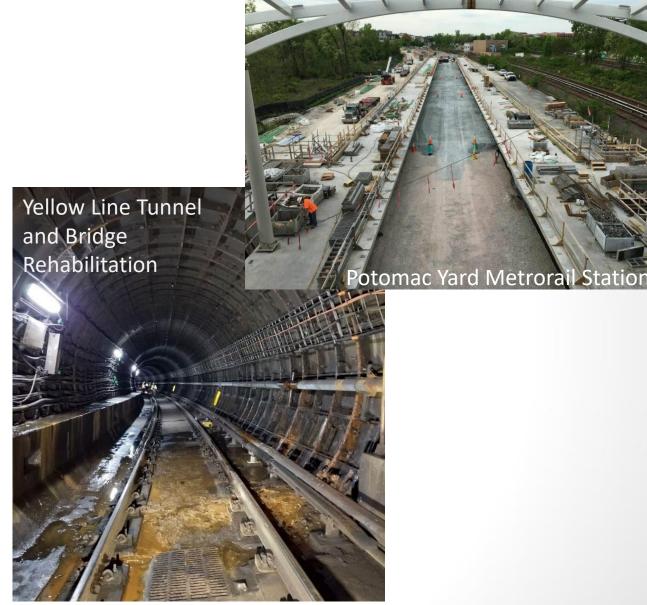






Background

- March 2021: Metro previews plan
- March 2022: Metro announces details of major capital investments for 2022-23
- Potomac Yard Station (Sept. 10- Oct. 22)
 - Six-week shutdown of rail service south of National Airport Station for "cutover"
- Yellow Line Tunnel and Bridge Rehab (Sept. 10-Spring 2023)
 - No Yellow Line service between Pentagon and L'Enfant Plaza Stations



Connecting Potomac Yard to Mainline: Cutover

- What: Connect new station to existing system
 - Complete shutdown of all stations south of National Airport
- When: 6 weeks, Sept. 10 October 22
- Why:
 - Earthwork required to create lower grade needed for new track installation/alignment
 - Testing of all systems from National Airport to Braddock Road stations
 - Access to turnouts at National Airport and Braddock Road stations



Potomac Yard Station, looking North - as of February 2022

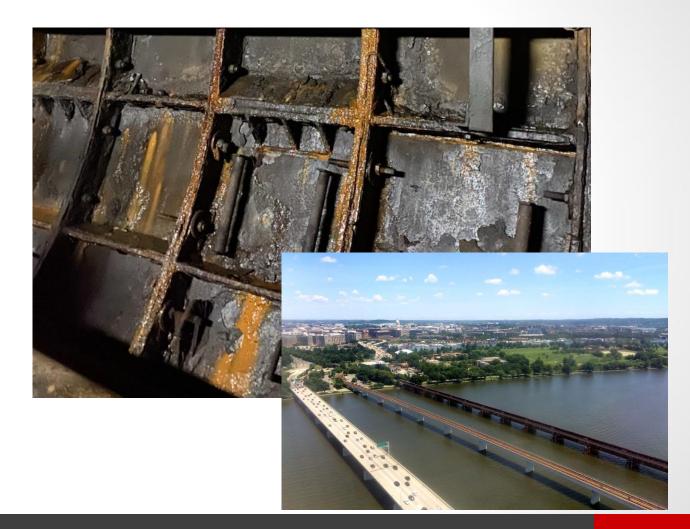
Yellow Line Tunnel and Bridge Rehabilitation

Scope of Work:

- Repair steel lined sections of the tunnel to extend effective life a minimum of 50 years
- Curtain grouting of steel lined tunnel
- Crack repair in concrete lined tunnel sections
- Bridge bearing & expansion joint replacement
- Dry standpipe replacement

Construction Duration

- 8-month continuous shutdown of the Yellow Line between Pentagon and L'Enfant Plaza
- Stations remain open
- September 10, 2022 through Spring 2023



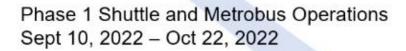
Rail, Shuttle & Bus Service (Sept. 10 – Oct. 22, 2022)

• RAIL: No rail service south of National Airport

- Trains departing Airport frequently
- Due to Yellow Line Tunnel/Bridge project (starting concurrently), all trains will operate via the Blue Line
- Two Blue Line services will operate
 - Airport to Largo Center (regular BL)
 - Airport to New Carrollton (replaces Yellow line)
- If 7000-series trains remain out of service, trains will operate less frequently

• BUS:

- Free Yellow Line Replacement Shuttles Local and Express
- Free Blue Line Replacement Shuttles Local and Express
- Free Downtown Connection Shuttles
- Free Airport Connector Shuttle
- Weekday Metrobus Alternatives





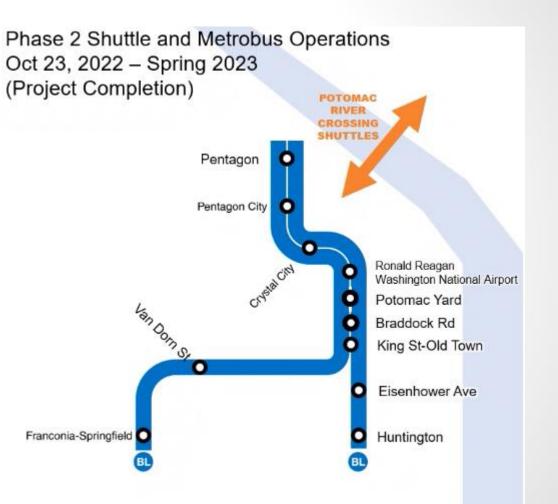
Rail, Shuttle & Bus (Oct. 23, 2022 – Spring 2023)

RAIL: No Yellow Line service

- Additional Blue Line trains operate from Huntington to New Carrollton
 - ~15 minutes extra travel time from Pentagon to L'Enfant Plaza
- All stations open
- Normal Blue, Orange & Silver Lines
- If 7000-series trains remain out of service, trains will operate less frequently

• BUS:

- Free downtown connection shuttles
- Weekday Metrobus alternatives



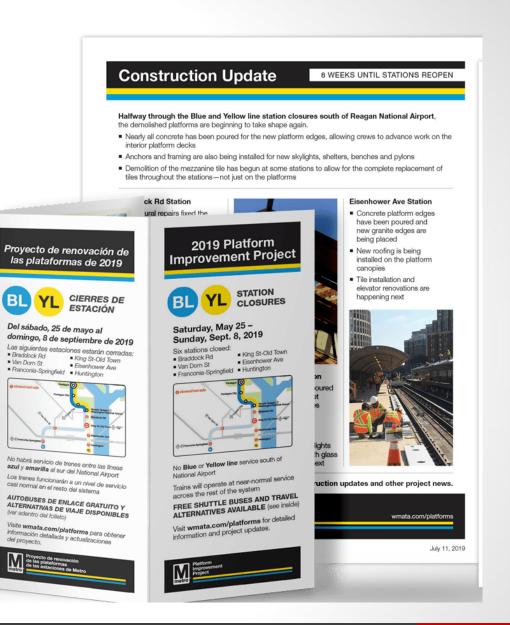
Communications and Outreach Timeline

- 3 months before closures (early June)
 - Announce detailed service alternatives travel alternatives map, web page launch
- 2 months before closures (July)
 - Community/stakeholder outreach HOA/business outreach, stakeholder coordination
- 1 month before closures (early August)
 - Reminders about upcoming service changes paid media and digital
- 2 weeks before (late August)
 - In-person customer notification street teams, in-station signage
- **During shutdown** (September '22 Spring '23)
 - Customer service & project updates street teams, blog posts, e-blasts

City's Mitigation Principles

• TIME matters:

- We understand the need to maintain infrastructure. A shared goal should be to provide safe service & minimize delays.
- CHOICE matters:
 - Mitigation should include frequent and direct buses/shuttles and enhanced Blue Line service
 - The City will support other multi-modal options
- COST matters:
 - WMATA should provide low or no-cost options to mitigate transit delays



Primary City Considerations for Metro

• CHOICE:

- Restore 11Y service
- Consider additional bus service as needed

• TIME:

- Provide frequent service on the 11Y
- Aim for 6-minute headways on Blue Line

• COST:

- Provide fare-free service on 11Y
- Consider additional bus service as needed



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City Mitigation Plan: Choice + Time + Cost

- Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation will provide 80% of costs for City mitigation efforts
- Emphasizes programs that can be implemented quickly and alongside existing programs
 - Transit Alternatives (VRE, direct shuttles)
 - Traffic Mitigation (HOV lane conversion)
 - Alternative Transportation (bike classes, Capital Bikeshare, Water Taxi)
 - Bus Bridge Assistance (Roadway engineering, APD)
 - Community and Employer Outreach (marketing)
- Total City cost up to ~\$120,000

Next Steps

- Continue regional coordination meetings
 - Monthly stakeholder meeting
 - Monthly service planning meeting
 - Monthly PIO communications meeting
- Release final mitigation plan in June
- Coordinate regionally on customer communication

Questions & Discussion