



COMMUTER CONNECTIONS SAFETRACK WORK GROUP CONFERENCE CALL MEETING NOTES

Wednesday, April 4, 2017

10:00 a.m. – 12:00 noon

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

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1. Introductions:

Conference call participants introduced themselves. Participants included:

Thornette Leacock
Gabe Ortiz
Eric Smith
Julie Hershorn
Nicholas Ramfos

2. WMATA Review of initial observations from SafeTrack Surge #13 (March 4 – April 12) and upcoming Surge #14 (April 15 – May 14) – Line Segment Shutdown

Eric Smith stated that April 12th will be the last day of Surge 13th. The Franconia Springfield Pentagon shuttle has been operating well. After the first few days the operations seemed to be running fine. A complete shutdown on Wednesday, April 12th is also planned on the Blue Line for Surge #13. Everything south of National Airport will be shutdown at 9 p.m. There will also be weekend shutdowns from Foggy Bottom to Federal Triangle (April 22 – 23, 29-30, and May 13 and 14th), which will affect the Orange, Blue and Silver Lines. Shuttle buses will be provided through NW DC. On May 27-28 from NoMa Gallaudet to Fort Totten there will be a shutdown on the Red Line to finish the Rhode Island Avenue concrete work.

The original single tracking for Surge #14 has now changed to a complete shutdown from and from April 15 – 29th it will include Greenbelt and College Park stations being closed. Metro will be operating shuttle buses to and from each of the stations. During the 2nd phase from April 30th to May 14th the Greenbelt station will be closed. MARC Commuter Rail will be adding cars to their trains and will make stops at Greenbelt and College Park. They also were discussing having staff selling farecards on

the Metro platform in Greenbelt. Shuttles from UMD will also be added from the campus to Prince George's Plaza which will assist students and staff. Julie Hershorn stated that the Rush Plus Service will not be available during Surge #14. Yellow Line customers from Franconia-Springfield and Van Dorn Street will need to transfer at King St in Old Town.

3. SafeTrack Surge #14 (April 15 – May 14)

a. Prince Georges County Plan

Thornette Leacock stated that the County is still working on outreach activities and she would coordinate with the Employer Outreach staff to assist employers with any questions or concerns.

b. Commuter Connections Plan:

Nicholas Ramfos stated that geo-targeted messages to employers and employees surrounding the impacted Green Line Metrorail stations for Surge #14 will be developed and would be sent to commuters and employers in the affected area next week. The messages will also promote the CarpoolNow mobile app. Social media will be used to promote the various alternatives during the surge.

4. Other Business

Eric Smith stated that the remaining two surges are still being planned. Surge #15 will be from May 17th – June 15th. However, how much of the Orange Line will be shutdown has not been finalized and would include New Carrollton to Minnesota Avenue during the first phase and from Deanwood to New Carrollton during the 2nd phase.

Surge #16 will encompass Shady Grove to Rockville and is tentatively set to occur from June 18th to the 25th. This will also be a complete shutdown. More details to follow.

Next Meeting Date: Sometime in early May TBD.