

Holiday Celebrations with the Silver Line

December brings tidings of joy, goodwill toward men and a host of celebrations across the Washington, D.C. area. The Silver Line is here to offer more accessibility and less stress as you plan your holiday travels.

To visit the North Pole, take the Silver Line to Tysons Corner Station so your kids can drop off their wish lists to Santa Claus at Tysons Corner Center. Located on the south side of the station, this all-in-one stop is ideal for gift shopping and family-friendly activities.

Or instead you could travel further into Washington, D.C. to

Federal Triangle Station. This Silver Line stop is within walking distance of the annual lighting ceremony of the National Chanukah Menorah on the Ellipse.

In the future, Phase 2 of the Silver Line will take you to Reston Town Center Station. Holiday travelers will have access to unique retail venues, dining ventures and the annual Reston Holiday Parade.

Upon completion, Phase 2 will also stop at Dulles International

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Capital Rail Constructors team members Paul Jones, Don Garrow, Gilberto Melendez and Leslie Pereira pose with their box drop-off. (Courtesy of CRC)

Annual Thanksgiving Donation Drive a Success

The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project (DCMP) in conjunction with Capital Rail Constructors (CRC) hosted our 4th Annual Thanksgiving Meal Donation Drive. Each year our project team puts together family “dinner” boxes with ingredients for a full Thanksgiving feast including a \$25 gift card to purchase a turkey or a ham. These meals are distributed to local families in need by Loudoun Hunger Relief and Reston Interfaith (Cornerstones).

This year we provided meals to an astounding **181** families across Northern Virginia! The DCMP office donated **67** boxes and the rest came from CRC. Thanks to our team effort the holiday spirit was alive and strong this season.



Jill Hubbard poses with our stacks of Thanksgiving meals. (Courtesy Dusty Smith, DCMP)

Dulles Station Taking Shape, Power Energized Near Innovation Station

Progress continues on construction of the more than 11-mile segment of Phase 2 of the Silver Line from the Wiehle-Reston East Station westward through Dulles Airport and on to Ashburn in eastern Loudoun County.

Pedestrian bridges providing access to the stations from the sides of the Dulles Toll Road/Dulles International Airport Access Highway corridor are in place at most stations. Electricity has been turned on to some parts of the system. Construction access has been secured to almost all needed areas. All six Phase 2 stations are up. Parking garages are coming along, track is being laid, and support facilities and train control rooms and traction power substations, which will ensure a continuous flow of power to the trains, are visible.

Such is the good news recently shared by project officials with Federal Transit Administration officials and leaders of local governments who are partners in the project being built by the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. The project will be turned over to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority when it is completed, and that agency will operate it as part of the region’s mass transit system.

Already clearly visible atop the aerial guideway structure is the Dulles Airport Station. Work continues on the other five stations—Reston Town Center, Herndon, Innovation Center,

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Meet the Staff: Thomas Crone

The Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project has named Thomas Crone as the Director of Program Operations.

In addition to his various job duties, Crone is responsible for coordination among all project safety groups, Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT), Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), county authorities, and other stakeholders. Crone is rising to the challenge with much enthusiasm.

"I'm enjoying it, because it's very rewarding to me," remarked Crone. "My career goals when I first went to school would have been to work on a major project."



Thomas Crone

Before accepting the Director of Program Operations position, Crone continued with WMATA for nearly 27 years rising through the ranks from Project Coordinator to Senior Program Manager. From 2000 to 2007, Crone even worked on Phase 1 of the Silver Line from the Metro side of the tracks. Joining the team on Phase 2 is just one more opportunity for him to propel the progress of the rail line forward.

Crone's passion for construction has followed him throughout his career. It is this passion that has helped promote better transportation for the local community by bringing the Silver Line from Tysons out to Loudoun County.

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Airport for any holiday travelers visiting family and friends. With a direct connection to the airport, the Silver Line will help to decrease traffic congestion and ease your worries during the busiest time of the year. The Dulles Airport Station will open at the same time as all Phase 2 stations. Until then, travelers can ride the Silver Line Express Bus between Wiehle-Reston East Station and Dulles' Terminal for \$5.00 each way.

'Tis the season to let the Silver Line transport you and your family from your front door to your holiday destination.



Pictured above is a chilly blast from the past showing Dulles Airport Station covered in snow in January 2016. (Courtesy David Cline, Capital Rail Constructors)

Fairfax Building Garages at Herndon, Innovation Station

Fairfax County is building two new parking garages that will provide access for commuters at the Herndon Station and at the Innovation Center Station.

Construction of the Herndon garage is more than 50 percent complete. It is being built near an existing county garage which has served as the Herndon Park and Ride lot for Fairfax Connector buses. The two garages will be connected by a bridge for pedestrians and vehicles.

The new garage is expected to be complete in late spring 2019.

Construction of the Innovation Center Station garage is about 15 percent complete. Completion is also expected in late spring of 2019.

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Loudoun Gateway and Ashburn.

The project is being built in two parts. The first includes the track, the systems, the stations, etc., and is 74 percent complete. The second is the rail yard and maintenance facility to service both the Silver Line and the rest of the Metro system. It is 61 percent complete, according to project executive director and vice president Charles Stark.

Contact the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project's Communications and Outreach Office at 703-572-0506 or outreach@dullesmetro.com. To report construction concerns, call the Project Hotline at 1-844-385-7245.



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