

Keeping Momentum: Construction Progresses at Rail Yard

Drivers traveling along Old Ox Road (Route 606) on Dulles Airport's western edge might notice construction crews toiling away on airport property. Those crews work for Hensel Phelps, the contractor building Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project's Rail Yard and Maintenance Facility on 90 acres of airport land to service Metrorail cars, house trains and provide administrative work space.

The rail yard includes five im-

portant building structures:

1. The Service and Inspection Building where Metrorail trains will be serviced and maintained
2. The Warehouse Building for storage and handling of material for maintenance and renewal of railcars and other WMATA equipment and facilities
3. The Maintenance of Way Building where track maintenance equipment and vehicles will be serviced
4. The Train Wash Facility that will serve as a car wash for Metrorail trains
5. A Transportation Building that will serve as an administration facility for train operators

According to David Bonnallie, the Airports Authority Package B Construction Manager, construction on the rail yard is about 75 percent complete as of March 1, 2018. The

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Tracks, Planes and Automobiles!

An incoming flight crosses the Silver Line tracks and the Dulles Airport Access Highway and the Center for Innovative Technology building, which is close to the north pavilion leading to the future Innovation Station. (Photo by Charles Samuelson, Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project)



Lowering the boom Final tower crane on project removed at Ashburn Station



Capital Rail crews take down the last tower crane being used on Phase 2 of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project during construction at the Route 772 Ashburn Station, which will be the terminus of Phase 2 of the Silver Line.

(Photo by Charles Samuelson, DCMP)

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five major buildings are mostly enclosed. Ongoing work will include interior finishing of the buildings, track work throughout the yard, and electrical work both for tracks and inside the buildings. Testing of all systems will begin soon.

Yard contractors have worked closely with Virginia Department of Transportation crews who are widening Route 606 at the same time yard work is being done. Many commuters have faced traffic backups during this work.

Rail Project officials ex-

pect the Silver Line to be completed in 2020. The rail yard must be completed before the entire system can be tested. HP officials predict that will happen on schedule.

Charles Stark, senior vice president of the Airports Authority, this month said all crews are “plugging away to get this project completed.”

While the winter weather has slowed down some work, contractors agree time can be made up, according to project officials.

Looking Back: March 2013 to March 2018

Construction of pedestrian bridge at Tysons Corner Metrorail Station.



In this new series, the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project will take a step back in time to compare and contrast the construction, milestones and progress of the Silver Line.

March 2013 marked an amazing 89 percent completion on Phase 1 of the Silver Line! Tunnel construction had finished and track work was nearing completion. Pedestrian bridges were installed to carry passengers across the Route 7/Route 123 interchange, and the Dulles Airport Access Highway Corridor.



Crews complete installation of last pedestrian bridge segment at Tysons Corner Metrorail Station in March 2013. (Photo by Charles Samuelson, DCMP)

The 11.4-mile stretch of Phase 2 was a distant thought in March 2013.

Construction on this segment of the rail line did not begin until July 2013.



Pedestrian bridge segment set at intersection of Chain Bridge Road and Tysons Boulevard.

Fast-forward to the present, the project has reached 71 percent construction completion as of March 2018. Pedestrian bridges are now installed across all roadways except for the south side of Reston Metrorail Station. The final tower crane has been taken down at Ashburn Station. Compared to 2013, the Silver Line has come a long way and achieved many milestones.

March 2013 was just beginning the finishing touches on Phase 1 of the megaproject that would bring new commuter benefits and economic growth to the region.

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