



# DC to Dulles and Beyond: Metrorail on Track

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## Putting Finishing Touches on Phase 1

While Phase 1 of the Silver Line continues normal operations through Tysons to Wiehle Avenue in Reston, Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project crews are finalizing the details of the stations and adjacent areas.

### Stations

To enhance illumination and improve fixtures in the stations, new LED lights are being installed in handrails and are expected to be complete by the end of 2015. These lights have been tested at the Greensboro Station with successful results. Additional light studies will be done at each station to see if any additional improvements are needed.

### Route 7

Drivers will see work taking place along Route 7 and other parts of Tysons Corner. Work will consist primarily of concrete repair and enhancement to implement new Americans with Disabilities Act guidelines.

### Art in Transit

Artwork at the Phase 1 stations is expected to be complete in Spring 2016. While the McLean and Wiehle-Reston East Stations will be getting stained glass in the station mezzanine, the Greensboro and Spring Hill Stations will be home to lighted sculptures. Art installation at the Tysons Corner Station is complete.



*Art was installed in late November at the McLean Station. Photo courtesy of Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.*

## Pardon our Dust Along the Phase 2 Alignment

Rail project crews are making some major changes to road patterns to accommodate project construction along the project alignment.

Recently work began on the sewer and water lines at the **Herndon-Monroe Park & Ride**. These lines will serve the parking facility and future Herndon Metro Station being constructed in the median of the Dulles Access Road.

Commuters will be impacted by the relocation of the Kiss & Ride, some bus bays and slug lines. Signage detailing these changes is currently displayed at the Herndon-Monroe Park & Ride to aid drivers and transit users. Fairfax Connector and WMATA bus riders are encouraged to stay alert to notifications that communicate future changes.

Starting mid-November, **the ramp from eastbound Aviation Drive to the eastbound Dulles International Airport Access Highway** will close for approximately one year because of construction of the aerial guideway. Signs will direct drivers to a new ramp that will provide access to the Access Highway.

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## What's Happening at Phase 2 Stations

### Reston Town Center Station:

The installation of support of excavation and bearing piles will begin in December and continue into the winter months.

### Herndon Station:

Excavation of the site has begun, and 6,000 cubic yards of dirt have been removed to make room for the station. A tower crane will be erected in early December for the construction of the station foundation.

### Innovation Center Station:

To date, 1,902 cubic yards of concrete have been placed for the footings and track wall. Crews will be erecting 170 structural and architectural precast concrete elements and continue the installation through the winter. Structural steel erection is scheduled to begin in February.

### Dulles Airport Station:

Excavation of the station is nearly complete, with more than 35,000 cubic yards of soil and rock removed to date. By late November, excavation of the Elevator Machine Room, which is the deepest part of the station at nearly 40 feet below Saarinen Circle, will be complete. Cast-in-place concrete operations will then begin and continue for approximately nine months.

The 34.5kV duct bank that will bring power to both the station and the trains is scheduled to be completed in December. Forming of the concrete columns to support the station began in November.

The pedestrian tunnel between Daily Garage 1 and the airport will close in early January while utilities are relocated and the moving walkways are modified to accommodate tunnel's tie-in to the future station. During the closure period, shuttle bus frequency will increase to transport travelers from the garage to the main terminal. The duration of this closure is not yet known.



*Construction of the Dulles Airport Station. Photo Courtesy of Capital Rail Constructors.*



*Pier Construction of the Aerial Guideway continues at Dulles Airport. Photo by Jennifer Alcott of Capital Rail Constructors.*