Pedestrian Bridge Completed Across Route 123

Bridges in Place at All Phase 1 Stations; Roadwork Along Route 7 Continues

Bridges to provide future rail users access across busy streets to the five Silver Line Metrorail stations are in place across Routes 7 and 123 and the Dulles Toll Road/Dulles Airport Access Highway. Some final connections between the bridge structures and stations and pedestrian pavilions are being made, and crews are now working on bridge finishes at the four stations in Tysons Corner and at Wiehle Avenue in Reston.

Construction of the rail line is 88 percent complete, according to Kevin Volbrecht, the project’s Deputy Director for Construction.

Volbrecht anticipates a late summer construction completion. That’s when the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority will turn Phase 1 over to the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority to complete final testing before scheduling an opening date.

Here is what to expect soon:

- Traffic shifts on Route 7 and replacement of retaining wall at Pike 7 Plaza.
- Installation of station finishes and roof framing at pedestrian pavilions.
- Track systems, cable installations along the Dulles Airport Access Highway corridor.

Energization, Testing of Third Rail Starts

Construction of Phase 1 of the Silver Line has passed a significant milestone with the initial energization of a section of the third rail, the rail that provides electricity to run Metrorail trains.

This energization signaled the beginning of testing of the third rail and took place from the Silver Line connections to the existing Orange Line west to a point north of Magarity Road.

After this testing, similar energization and testing will take place at the end of the Phase 1 of the Silver Line near the Wiehle-Reston East Metrorail Station. Additional energization and testing will take place over the coming months. The public will be notified prior to those activities.

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