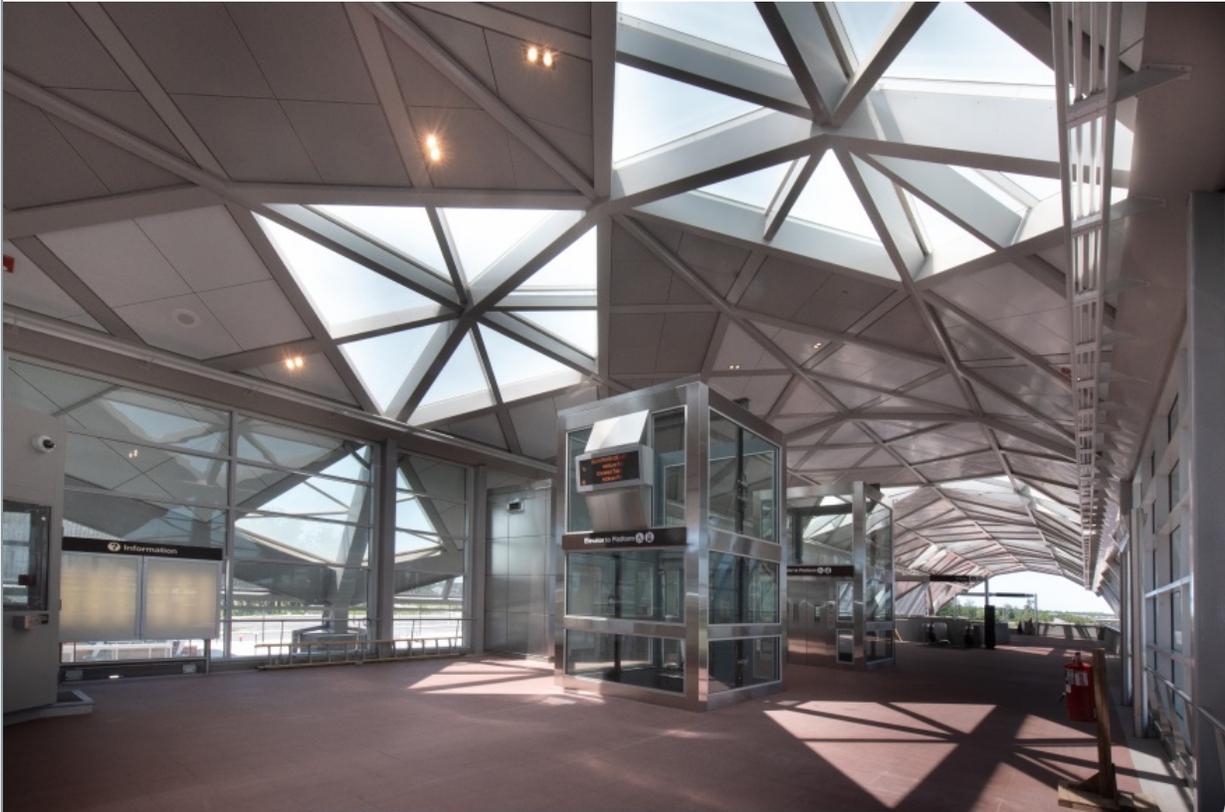


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The mezzanine level of Loudoun Gateway Station, one of six new Metro stations opening next year as part of the Silver Line Phase 2 project. Amenities at Loudoun Gateway include garage parking, bicycle racks and lockers, bus service and a kiss-and-ride lot. Passengers will access the station from Lockridge Road.

Wiehle-Reston East Weekend Closure Set to Permit Phase 2 Connections

Dates have been set for a weekend suspension of rail service at the Wiehle-Reston East Station to complete the connection of Phase 1 and 2 of the Silver Line. Completion of the tie-in will enable the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) to operate Phase 2 from its control center after the project is turned over.

“This is great news,” project officials said. “Now that a date has been set for the service outage needed, the Airports Authority and our contractors can get this essential work done in October and move the project toward substantial completion.”

Construction of the second phase, like Phase 1, is being managed by the

Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority. Phase 1 opened for service in July 2014.

Meanwhile, the Airports Authority is working with contractor Capitol Rail Contractors and WMATA to wrap up agreed-upon solutions to some remaining issues.

Buses will replace rail service between Wiehle-Reston East and the Spring Hill Metro Station during the October 23-24 weekend service suspension, according to WMATA, operators of the region's Metro system, which is expected to accept Phase 2 of the system in the coming months.

The Airports Authority's rail project team will review the results of the October testing as soon as possible after the connections are completed. The next step will be the contractor's declaration of having reached substantial completion, which will then be reviewed by the Airports Authority. If accepted, the next step will be to turn the project over to WMATA.



Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton learns about Phase 2 progress during a tour this summer. Above, everyone is standing beneath the vaulted canopy, which you see in the background below. Photos courtesy of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.

Congresswoman Wexton Pays Visit to Ashburn Station

By Syrina White

Congresswoman Jennifer Wexton, serving Virginia's 10th District, paid a visit to the Ashburn Metrorail Station this summer – the final stop for Phase 2 of the Silver Line, a 23-mile extension of Metro, the Washington, DC, region's heavy rail public transportation system. Often touted as Data Center Alley, Ashburn is northwest of Washington-Dulles International Airport in the median of the Dulles



Greenway.

Ashburn Station is conveniently located near Ashburn Farm, Ashburn Village, Broadlands, Brambleton, Loudoun Valley Estates and even Leesburg and communities farther west.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) will set the date for opening after accepting Phase 2 from the Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority, which is overseeing construction. All Phase 2 stations – Reston Town Center, Herndon, Innovation Center, Dulles Airport and Loudoun Gateway – will open at the same time.

There are two entrances to Ashburn Station. Riders will enter through one of two pavilions, one north and other south of the Dulles Greenway. The pavilions lead to pedestrian bridges over the Greenway traffic lanes and into the station mezzanine where the station manager's kiosk is located and fare cards can be purchased. Passengers will pass through the turnstiles, descend to the platform and board trains at ground level.

Loudoun County took charge of providing garages for the Ashburn and Loudoun Gateway stations. Comstock Partners, the developer of the nearby mixed-use Loudoun Station, constructed the garage at Ashburn North, where Chesterbrook Academy will soon open on the ground level. Loudoun also built garages at Ashburn South and Loudoun Gateway that are not yet open to the public.

Besides the garages, each station offers bicycle racks and lockers near both the pavilion as well as bus bays, kiss-and-ride lots and public restrooms.



The south pavilion at Ashburn Station, which will serve as a focal point for Moorefield, a community currently under development south of the the station. Phase 2 of the Silver Line is expected to open next year. Photo courtesy of the Dulles Corridor Metrorail Project.



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