

Metro SafeTrack's Surge 3



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i **NOTE:** As there is a chance of modifications to SafeTrack scheduling by Metro, District government employees are encouraged to continually monitor WMATA's website (<http://www.wmata.com/rail/safetrack.cfm>) for scheduling updates.

Overview

July 5th marks the start of Surge 3 of Metro's SafeTrack initiative, which is an accelerated track work plan put in place to address safety recommendations and improve safety and reliability on the Metrorail system. Surge 3 will focus on the system's Blue and Yellow lines (Reagan National Airport to Braddock Road) and will last from July 5, 2016, through closing on July 11, 2016. While communication has been sent to District government agencies since the start of SafeTrack, this DPM bulletin is being issued for the purpose of reiterating to employees and managers the impact that this maintenance may have on commutes.

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Metro's SafeTrack

- As mentioned above, SafeTrack is allotting the needed time for Metro to complete maintenance repairs on its 40-year old rail system, ultimately accelerating three years' worth of work into approximately one year.
- While July 5th will begin Surge 3, the initiative itself includes a total of 15 safety surges during the year-long period, and expands maintenance time on weeknights, weekends, and during midday hours.

Impact at Stations with Surge 3

Impacted Rail Lines (Surge 3)

Similar to both Surges 1 and 2, it is expected that Surge 3 will also affect riders' commutes on the impacted rail lines (Blue and Yellow) from Reagan National Airport to Braddock Road. The interruptions may involve increased travel and wait times from 8:00 p.m. on July 5 through closing on July 11, 2016 (Surge 3). As track work will be occurring at affected stations, trains may be crowded, especially during rush hour due to service reductions. Employees should expect significant delays at the following stations on the blue and yellow lines during Surge 3:

Blue	Yellow
Franconia-Springfield  	Pentagon City  
Van Dorn Street  	Pentagon  
King Street  	Huntington 
Braddock Road  	Eisenhower Avenue 
National Airport  	L'Enfant Plaza 
Crystal City  	

Weekday and Weekend Service Changes (Surge 3):

Blue Line – Weekday	Yellow Line – Weekday
The Blue Line will operate in two segments:	The Yellow Line will operate in two segments:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trains will run every 15 minutes between Franconia-Springfield and Braddock Road 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trains will run every 12 minutes between Huntington and Braddock Road
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trains will run every 12 minutes between National Airport and Largo Town Center 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trains will run every 12 minutes between National Airport and Greenbelt
Weekend	
Weekend train frequencies may change to coordinate with other planned track work on the Metrorail system. Weekend service information is posted in the Alerts & Advisories section at www.wmata.com	

Personnel Impacted by SafeTrack

Employees

SafeTrack maintenance can significantly disrupt an employee's commute. Employees are encouraged to work with their managers and supervisors to adjust their commuting pattern, if possible. In an effort to determine alternatives that are available, employees are encouraged to review their agency's internal workplace flexibility opportunities (i.e. telework, compressed and flexible work schedule options). However, employees must understand that due to a variety of reasons (such as the scope and nature of work performed), not every agency will offer these scheduling options.

Supervisors/Managers

District government managers and supervisors must be patient and work collaboratively with employees to help alleviate any commuting challenges resulting from SafeTrack, while ensuring there are no disruptions to any District government services or operations. Consequently, as agencies maneuver through the year-long maintenance cycle, managers and supervisors must be aware of upcoming rail work, prepare sensible plans to assist impacted staff, and communicate those plans on an on-going basis.

Additional Information

In addition to communications sent to District government agencies thus far, as well as the information available on DCHR's website, a DPM instruction concerning flexible scheduling options (i.e. telework, compressed work schedule, etc.) will be issued. The instruction will be distributed to agency Human Resource Advisors for dissemination to agency employees.

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Ventris C. Gibson, Director