

Naval Support Activity Bethesda Commuter News

Important Events

September 2012

September 19

Commuter Solutions Info Table

Bldg 62 Lobby

1100-1300

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MetroAccess Info Table

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Metro Rush Plus

Metro recently released a new program, Rush Plus, to improve their rush hour service for passengers on the Green, Yellow, Blue and Orange lines. Twenty one stations now receive six additional trains every hour.

During peak periods, three additional trails now run on the Orange line increasing service by 18 percent., or approximately 2,600 seats per hour.

Blue and Yellow line customers now enjoy faster access to downtown locations with more trains sharing the yellow line bridge.

Metro stations between L'Enfant Plaza and Greenbelt on the Green and Yellow line now feature three additional trains each peak hour in each direction.

For an updated Metro Station Map with details of the recent improvements please click [here](#).

Metrorail commuting costs can be paid for



with the National Capital Region Transit Subsidy. Active duty and Civilian employees can apply for up to \$125 for their monthly transit costs. The average commute in the National Capital Region is \$127.

To learn more about the transit subsidy and to apply please click [here](#).

Construction Updates

The construction of the Navy Exchange and associated parking garage located on Gunnell Rd is progressing and will be complete and open for business by November.

The parking structure associated with the building will support parking for store patrons. Access to the garage will be available from North Palmer Rd and Gunnell Rd.



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Building 141 has been demolished and the construction of Sanctuary Hall, a transient wounded warrior lodge, is under way.

Upon completion the lodge will feature a mix of rooms and suites with a total of 200 beds.

The associated parking garage will have 470 parking spaces.



Websites to help you plan your commute. . .

Helpful Transit Websites

<http://www.whs.mil/DFD/Info/NCRTTransitSubsidy.cfm> = National Capital Region Transit Subsidy information web page that contains the online application for transit benefits. If you are interested in applying for the benefit click on the 'Apply, Recertify, Change, or Withdraw' link.

<http://www.wmata.com/>= Metro main web page with rail and bus maps with information on fares, SmarTrip cards, real-time arrivals of buses and rail cars and more.

<http://www.bethesda.med.navy.mil/css/Rideshare/default.aspx>= NSA Bethesda ride matching website. If you are interested in finding carpool or vanpool matches please fill out this application and we will be in touch with potential matches.

<https://www.commuterpage.com/>= Arlington County Commuter webpage where you can purchase Metro, VRE and MARC passes.

<http://mta.maryland.gov/>= Maryland Department of Transportation Transit Administration web page with information related to their services and an online store where transit tickets can be purchased for MTA Commuter Buses.

Transit Benefit Tips

- If you were impacted by the recent increase in Metro fares and need to increase your transit benefit amount, please visit the online application and submit a change application. Please click [here](#) and select "Making a change" at the 'Action Request' step.
- On a yearly basis, each transit benefit account must be recertified on or before the recertification date. This date is the anniversary date of the application or the previous recertification. Failure to recertify will result in the withdrawal from the system. To check your recertification date click on this link: <https://mtbp.whs.mil/Participant/Status.aspx>



Gate Construction Updates

Construction is complete on Gate 4 (Navy Lodge Gate). Gate 4 is located off of S Palmer Rd and exits onto Jones Bridge Rd.

Gate 3 is under construction and will be closed until mid-November. Access to the McDonald's and QuikMart will be maintained during the project.

If you are headed to Jones Bridge Rd at the end of the day during this time, you will have access to Gate 4 or 5.

The hours of operation for Jones Bridge Rd gates:

Navy Lodge (Gate 4)= 0500-1900

University Gate (Gate 5)= 0500-1800

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