

# HALETHORPE MARC STATION IMPROVEMENTS



## Project News & Updates for Fall 2011

### PROJECT UPDATES

#### THE STATION IMPROVEMENTS ARE MOVING FORWARD, FULL SCALE WORK TO BEGIN IN OCTOBER

Although the project was originally slated to start in late February, initial work did not begin on the site until late April, with full-time construction set to start in October. The \$21 million station improvements will include two new platforms, a pedestrian bridge to link the platforms with elevators, staircases, expanded shelters, ticketing area, restrooms, landscaping enhancements, and a quick or "Kiss-and-Ride" drop-off site. Many of the scheduled improvements will make the station American Disabilities Act (ADA) compliant.

"We welcome this new MARC station with open arms," said Baltimore County Executive Kevin Kamenetz. "Enhancing our region's mass transit is an important priority that benefits the business community and residents while reducing our environmental impact."

An official groundbreaking was held in early April by Governor O'Malley, who was joined by area champions of the project: Senator Kasemeyer and Delegates Malone and DeBoy, along with Congressman Sarbanes and Baltimore County Executive Kamenetz. The envisioned improvements will make the station more accessible for all passengers.

Delegate Malone said, "My grandfather used to take me on the train downtown to the bank as a child. After 17 years, I'm ecstatic this project is coming to fruition. The new Halethorpe MARC Train Station, in my opinion, will be a beautiful addition to the community."



Halethorpe MARC Station Improvements Grounding Breaking Ceremony

### WHAT TO EXPECT

#### CONSTRUCTION

The project is located at the MARC commuter rail station located in Halethorpe, Maryland. The project entails construction of high level platforms, northbound and southbound; two stair and elevator towers with full architectural, mechanical, and electrical support amenities; a pedestrian bridge over the existing Amtrak tracks connecting the stair and elevator towers; water, sanitary, electrical and communication lines connecting with the proposed station; platform accessibility ramps; a "Kiss & Ride" dropoff lane along Potomac Ave; and miscellaneous civil/site work including parking lot paving, drainage, storm water management, signing, landscaping and other aesthetic improvements.

#### PROJECT SCHEDULE

The project has an anticipated duration of two years, which will include some night-time work hours. Installation of sediment and erosion control measures have already begun, with construction of the platform foundation piers following thereafter. Work will initially be along the eastern side of the tracks and will eventually switch over to the parking lot side (east side). Once construction begins on the parking lot side, the contractor will need to occupy some of the existing parking spaces. MTA and the contractor will work to minimize the amount of time these spaces are not available.



Renderings of Halethorpe MARC Station Improvements

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## JOB ALERT

### CONSTRUCTION COMMUNITY LIAISON WANTED

The Halethorpe project team is currently looking to hire a construction community liaison for the Halethorpe MARC Station Improvements Project. The Construction Community Liaison will work closely with residents, the construction contractor, and the MTA to address questions and/or concerns regarding construction related issues. To learn more about this temporary job opportunity, please visit [www.mta.maryland.gov/halethorpe](http://www.mta.maryland.gov/halethorpe) or contact Staycie Francisco by phone at (410) 767-0667, or by email at [sfrancisco@mta.maryland.gov](mailto:sfrancisco@mta.maryland.gov). The deadline to apply is **October 8, 2011**, with interviews scheduled the following week.



## COMMENTS, QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS

We want to hear from you! If you are a resident, business owner, or commuter, contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

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