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Four Things to Know about the Opening of the Silver Line Metrorail Extension in Loudoun County

Loudoun County is celebrating the opening of Metrorail's Silver Line extension and the beginning of passenger service to and from the three new Metrorail stations in Loudoun. Metro provides Loudoun residents with a new transportation option for accessing employment, entertainment, and the region's two airports, as well as other destinations served by Metro.

Members of the Loudoun County Board of Supervisors joined national, regional and local dignitaries — including U.S. Secretary of Transportation Pete Buttigieg — Tuesday morning for a ceremony hosted by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), marking the official opening of the Dulles Airport Metrorail Station and the Silver Line extension. In addition, members of the Loudoun Board hosted a ribbon cutting and reception Tuesday afternoon at the new Ashburn Metrorail Station, which is the end of the Silver Line in Loudoun County. The first Silver Line passenger train departed the Ashburn Metro Station shortly before 2:00 p.m.

Four Things to Know about Metrorail in Loudoun

With the official opening of the Silver Line extension, here are four things to know about riding Metrorail in Loudoun.

- 1. Three New Stations: Loudoun County has three new Metrorail stations: Ashburn, Loudoun Gateway and Washington Dulles International Airport. More information about each station, including video tours, may be found at loudoun.gov/silverlinestations.
- 2. Metro Parking: Need to park your car or bike before you hop on a train? The Metro parking garages in Loudoun feature electric vehicle charging stations, bike racks, daily parking and reserved parking. Loudoun County operates the Ashburn South and Loudoun Gateway garages. The Ashburn North garage, which is operated privately, is also an option for commuters.
- **3.** New Bus Routes: Beginning Wednesday, November 16, Loudoun County Transit will begin to phase in <u>new bus service</u> that connects riders with Metrorail, including to and from Loudoun Park and Ride lots.
 - Sign up to receive transit updates at <u>loudoun.gov/rideralerts</u>.
 - View any changes to bus service at <u>loudoun.gov/buschanges</u>.
 - Download the Transit app at <u>loudoun.gov/transitapp</u> to get real-time information and updates for Loudoun County Transit's bus services.
- **4. Plan Your Trip:** Riders can plan their trips with online tools, including <u>WMATA's</u> Metro Trip Planner, which includes Metrorail service and bus service to and from

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Metrorail stations. You can also use the planner to calculate your fare, which is based on the service, ride length, day, and time you ride. Purchase a SmarTrip@card, which is the easiest method to pay Metrorail fares.

For More Information

Everything Loudoun residents need to know to use Metrorail's Silver Line extension is online at <u>loudoun.gov/silverline</u>.