



FACT SHEET: Transitway Extension to Pentagon City

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Summary

Arlington County is planning to extend the Crystal City Potomac Yard Transitway to Pentagon City. This northern section will run from Crystal Drive and Clark Street along 12th Street South to South Hayes Street and Army Navy Drive. The new right-of-way dedicated to premium transit operations will support high density, mixed-use redevelopment in northern Crystal City and Pentagon City.

Project Details

The Transitway extension project will design and construct 0.75 miles of bus-only lanes and 5 Transitway stations (two additional stations will be built during later phases) to serve high-quality, high-capacity, frequent bus service. Metroway, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's (WMATA) premium bus service, currently operates along the Transitway and will run on this new northern section as well.

This project is being developed in three segments:

1. **Crystal Drive** (15th Street South to 12th Street & Long Bridge Drive) – This segment will include curbside rush hour bus lanes, a station on northbound Crystal Drive at 15th Street South, and a station on westbound 12th Street South at Long Bridge Drive.
2. **12th Street South** (Long Bridge Drive to South Hayes Street) – This segment will include exclusive bus lanes in the median, mixed traffic lanes, two stations on east and westbound 12th Street at Elm Street, and a station on eastbound 12th Street at South Hayes Street.
3. **South Hayes Street** (12th Street South to Army Navy Drive) – This segment will operate in mixed traffic lanes and connect to WMATA's planned Pentagon City Center bus bays project.

The curbside bus lanes will have the same hours as the current Transitway – only buses will be allowed in the lanes on weekdays between 6 and 9 am and 3:30 and 7 pm. During these times, other vehicles may enter only to make a right turn at the next corner or driveway. The exclusive bus lanes in the median of 12th Street will be dedicated to buses 24 hours a day/7 days a week.

Timeline

Preliminary engineering has started, with the design for all project segments expected to be complete in 2020. Construction on the Crystal Drive segment is anticipated to start in late 2019.

The route for the Transitway extension was adopted by the County Board in 2010 as part of the Crystal City Sector Plan. The route, including the 12th Street South alignment, was reaffirmed by the County Board when it adopted the FY 2017-2026 Transit Development Plan and Capital Improvement Plan.

Cost and Funding

Arlington County's project budget totals \$27.7 million. This includes design and construction for median and curbside bus lanes, traffic signal upgrades, underground utilities, and transit stations.

The Transitway extension is funded primarily by regional funds from the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority and state funds.

More Information: <https://projects.arlingtonva.us/projects/transitway-extension-to-pentagon-city/>