



July 14, 2010

Dear Candidate,

Purple Line NOW is a broad based advocacy group working to ensure the prompt construction of the Purple Line light rail in the Locally Preferred Alternative approved by Governor O'Malley in August of 2009 and as submitted to the Federal Transit Administration.

For more detailed information about the Purple Line and its progress, consult our website [www.purplelinenow.com](http://www.purplelinenow.com), or the Maryland Transit Administration site at [www.purplelinemd.com](http://www.purplelinemd.com). If you would like to meet with someone from our Board of Directors to learn more about the project, please contact PLN's executive director, Christine Scott at [cscott@purplelinenow.com](mailto:cscott@purplelinenow.com).

We are asking all candidates for elective office at the County Council level and above in Montgomery and Prince George's Counties to sign this Pledge to support the Purple Line:

*I, the undersigned-candidate for office in Montgomery, Prince George's County or the State of Maryland, enthusiastically support the State's locally preferred alternative for the Purple Line that was selected by Governor Martin O'Malley to submit to the Federal Transit Administration.*

*I pledge that, if elected, I will provide political leadership to keep this project moving toward completion on the most expeditious schedule possible, and make every effort to build even further support for the project. The Purple Line that I support includes:*

- 1. A generally at-grade light rail line that is primarily in its own right-of-way or in dedicated lanes.*
- 2. Excellent service linking Bethesda, Silver Spring, College Park and New Carrollton Metro Stations with stops in Chevy Chase Lake, Long Branch, Langley Park, the University of Maryland on Campus Drive, Riverdale Park and other communities along the route.*
- 3. Completion of the Capital Crescent Trail hiker-biker trail alongside the transit line on the Georgetown Branch right-of-way between Bethesda and Silver Spring where it will connect directly to the Metropolitan Branch Trail.*
- 4. A community- and environmentally-friendly design which mitigates negative impacts in a cost effective manner without impeding the speedy implementation of this project.*

**I Pledge my support for the Purple Line as described.**

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**(Signature of Candidate)**

If you agree to sign this Pledge in support of the Purple Line, we will include your name along with all who sign on our website, in advertisements we plan, and in other notifications to the voters. And we will send you a small logo signifying your support for the Purple Line which you may use on your campaign literature.

You may acknowledge your agreement to the pledge by replying to this e-mail with "yes, I support the Purple Line" in the subject line. ***Thank you for considering this crucially important project; please respond by July 23.***