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**TO:** LEA Leaders  
**FROM:** Jennie Niles, Deputy Mayor for Education  
**RE:** Impacts of Metro SafeTrack Initiative  
**DATE:** June 2, 2016

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### **Purpose of this Memorandum**

This memorandum provides information about Metro's upcoming [SafeTrack](#) plan as it relates to student and staff transportation this summer and throughout the school year.

### **Impact of SafeTrack Projects**

The first of 15 "Safety Surge" projects included in Metro's [SafeTrack](#) plan begins June 4<sup>th</sup>. While the majority of the surge projects will not have a direct impact on Metro stations frequently used by students, every surge project will result in ripple effects throughout the system. Staff and students should expect longer wait times, crowded platforms and trains, and more crowded buses, along with increased street traffic for cars and buses.

Over the next few weeks, the Transportation Working Group\* will analyze student ridership data recently provided by Metro to identify the likely impact of each surge project on specific schools. To assist with immediate planning needs, Metro has identified schools within ¼ mile of Metro rail stations that will be directly involved in each surge project. (See attached.) In addition, please note the two surge projects that are expected to have significant impacts system-wide, and particularly on schools:

- [Surge 2](#) (June 18 – July 3): Eastern Market to Minnesota Ave/Benning Rd line segment shutdown (orange, blue, and silver lines) with limited bus bridge between stations
- [Surge 10](#) (October 10 – November 1): Fort Totten to NoMa line segment shutdown (red line).

### **Resources**

The following websites will be updated throughout the SafeTrack project with maps of service impacts, alternative travel options specific to each surge project, and additional information:

- <http://safetrack.godcgo.com/>
- <http://www.wmata.com/safetrack>





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These Metro surge projects are expected to have a widespread impact on transportation across the region. Schools should plan for these disruptions now and begin communicating with students, families, and staff. We want to make sure you have as much information as possible for your school community to mitigate the challenges to come. If you have any specific questions, please contact Rebecca Lee at [Rebecca.Lee@dc.gov](mailto:Rebecca.Lee@dc.gov).

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\* Led by DME, the Transportation Working Group is a forum to support interagency and public school coordination to ensure efficient travel by DCPS and public charter school students across the District.

