



DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION
MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MARYLAND



NOISE WAIVER CERTIFICATE

ISSUED TO: Purple Line Maryland Transit Solutions c/o Christopher Stokes
Owner/Operator

Valid From: 06/01/24

Valid To: 06/30/24

Type of Waiver: Temporary

Authorizing:

Afterhours activities related to replacement of the Spring St. bridge over the Metro/CSX rail tracks, Silver Spring. This work will replace the current bridge with a new bridge with properly sized sidewalks and travel lanes. Nighttime work is necessary to minimize the length of time this important bridge is out of service and most of the work must be done during the Silver Spring Red Line shutdown scheduled for June 2024 – September 2024. This work is part of the Maryland Transit Administration, Purple Line mass transit project and shall be performed under the following conditions:

1. Work hours are from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m. Monday through Friday but may be extended to other nights if required.
2. All reasonable efforts should be made to perform the noisiest activities as early in the evening as possible, or during daytime hours.
3. All machinery and trucks utilized at this job site shall be outfitted with OSHA approved white noise back-up alarms. Approved non-tonal signaling methods may also be used.
4. Machinery shall be inspected daily and equipped with proper noise attenuation measures to minimize construction noise, including, but not limited to well-maintained and effective mufflers. Moving parts shall be well lubricated to avoid unnecessary noise from squeaking parts. Machinery access doors and hatches should remain closed when the units are in operation and all machinery should be operated at the minimum level necessary to get the job done. Minimize banging, clattering, buzzing and other annoying types of noises.
5. Equipment shall be operated at the minimum power level necessary to complete the task in a safe manner.
6. Select equipment for low noise emission design.
7. Noise mitigation barriers shall be erected around loud pieces of stationary machinery (e.g., generators, pumps, air compressors, portable lights, etc.).
8. All onsite staff, including truck drivers, shall be notified of noise mitigation procedures prior to work.
9. Slamming of tailgates, concrete chutes, and the intentional dropping of heavy objects into empty trucks are prohibited.
10. Where possible, the local power grid should be used to reduce the use of internal combustion powered machinery.
11. Prolonged idling of machinery and vehicles must be avoided. If machinery or vehicles are not utilized for long periods, they should be shut off to reduce idling noise.
12. On site communication shall be done without shouting.
13. Regular communications must be provided to nearby residential properties, so they are aware of the work schedule and expected noise related to construction activities.

14. Noise levels should be monitored at sensitive receptor locations and kept in a log on site.
15. A log must be maintained on site containing detailed information concerning any complaints received regarding noise from this construction project.
16. DEP may suspend or revoke this approval for any violation of the terms and conditions, and may make modifications to the terms and conditions based on the results of noise monitoring or the noise impact of certain activities. (Case 20241613)

(This certificate must be available at the work site)

Location of Work: Spring St. Bridge over Metro/CSX Tracks

Town: Silver Spring

Zip: 20910

Approved By: 

Date: 05/29/24

Department of Environmental Protection

Cc: MC Police, 3rd District, Silver Spring Station
Jacob Newman, Silver Spring Regional Services Center
Carson Henry, Silver Spring Regional Services Center
Christina Contreras, MC DOT

INFORMATION CONCERNING THIS CERTIFICATE CAN BE OBTAINED FROM
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<https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/DEP/contact/noise-documents.html#wavers>