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## Purple Line Moves Forward With Votes by Montgomery County Council And College Park Undergraduates

Transit advocates hailed two votes on consecutive days that mark important progress for the Purple Line.

On Tuesday, the Montgomery County Council gave tentative approval for spending \$55 million to build a new entrance to the Bethesda Metro. This facility will be the future connection between the Red Line and the Purple Line, and even before the Purple Line opens it will speed travel to and from the southern part of downtown Bethesda. A final decision on the budget will be made in May.

Last night, the Student Government Association of the University of Maryland in College Park voted to endorse the Maryland Transit Administration's plan to route the Purple Line through the university along Campus Drive. The Campus Drive route is favored by transit supporters because it is faster and closer to the busiest campus destinations, but the university administration has raised objections.

The Campus Drive route was previously endorsed by the other two major student organizations, the Graduate Student Government and the Residence Halls Association; the vote by the undergraduate student government shows that student sentiment is near-unanimous for Campus Drive. Campus Drive is also favored by the City of College Park and local neighborhood groups.