



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# Silver Spring Transit Center to open by September 2013

*Dise addresses County Council's transportation committee*

By Kara Rose Staff Writer

The opening of the Silver Spring Transit Center, delayed two years because of structural problems, is slated for late August 2013, Department of General Services Director David Dise told the Montgomery County Council's Transportation, Infrastructure, Energy and Environment Committee on Thursday in Rockville.

"We intend to use this winter as an opportunity to design a remediation and as soon as favorable weather breaks in April, to be able to be ready to execute the remediation," Dise said, adding that the project is 98 percent complete. "Currently all work is expected to be completed, including the remediation work, in the summer of 2013."

The project is expected to cost about \$110 million, Dise said. The late summer 2013 opening will follow inspection and approval by the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, the county's client for the project, he said.

The transit center on the corner of Wayne Avenue and Colesville Road in downtown Silver Spring began in 2008 and was scheduled to be completed in two years, but a series of cracks in the middle and upper levels of the structure and disparities in the thickness of the concrete have delayed its opening.

[Dise addressed the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board](#) last month on the status of the transit center and explained that Ellicott City-based consultant KCE Engineering Services was preparing a report detailing the safest solutions for the structure.

The Metropolitan Branch Trail on the west side of the station will open by November, which will "improve pedestrian access" to the Silver Spring Metro station, said Don Scheuerman, chief of the project management section for General Services.

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