

Governor Hogan's Proposed Budget Includes \$312 Million for the Purple Line This Year

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Governor Hogan released his proposed budget on Friday, January 23, 2015. His budget includes \$312.8 million for the Purple Line “pending review and reevaluation.” The MTA’s acquisition team has confirmed that its instructions are to proceed with the necessary property acquisitions. Property acquisitions are scheduled to be accomplished this

year, so construction may begin in late 2015 or early 2016. Consequently, it is reasonable to assume that the budgeted funds are to permit the property acquisition process to proceed in order to keep the project on schedule. The MTA has advised that any delay in the schedule will substantially increase the overall cost of the project.

The four vendors competing for the contract to build, operate and maintain the Purple Line are scheduled to submit their bids by March 12, 2015. The bids will present the next decision point for the project, as the bids will include how much of the total construction cost the vendors offer to contribute.

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