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MARC's rail customers get a new platform in downtown Silver Spring

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County Executive Douglas M. Duncan (D) greeted rail riders on Monday for an hour to celebrate MARC's new home at the Silver Spring Metro station.

This is the first phase of the expansion of the Silver Spring Metro station, said Gary Stith, director of the Silver Spring Regional Services Center. The expansion will take place over several years, with the final product being a souped-up transit hub. The estimated cost of the project is \$162 million.

The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), the Maryland Transit Authority, the county, and development companies Foulger Cos. and Mid-City Urban plan to bring a retail office and apartment complex above ground at the site while rearranging bus platforms to add inter-city buses like the Greyhound line to the Ride On and Metro buses that already service the area. Taxis will also have a stand there, and the proposed Purple Line will have a stop there.

The transit center is a component of the redevelopment of downtown Silver Spring.



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Commuters exit the new MARC commuter train station on Tuesday in downtown Silver Spring.

