A Short Distance to Large Disparities in Health

Life span disparities reflect differences in wealth, education and environment across all community residents. The differences are even more dramatic—sometimes double—if you compare black and white residents.
The Red Line between Union Station in Washington, D.C. and Shady Grove in Montgomery County, Md. has 17 metro stops spanning 30 miles and an estimated nine-year difference in life span.

The Green Line between Gallery Place in Washington, D.C. and Greenbelt in Prince George’s County, Md. has 11 metro stops spanning 17 miles and an estimated three-year difference in life span.

The Orange Line between Metro Center in Washington, D.C. and East Falls Church in Arlington County, Va. has nine metro stops spanning 10 miles and an estimated eight-year difference in life span.

The Blue Line between Foggy Bottom in Washington, D.C. and Springfield-Franconia in Fairfax County, Va. has 10 metro stops spanning 12 miles and an estimated nine-year difference in life span.