



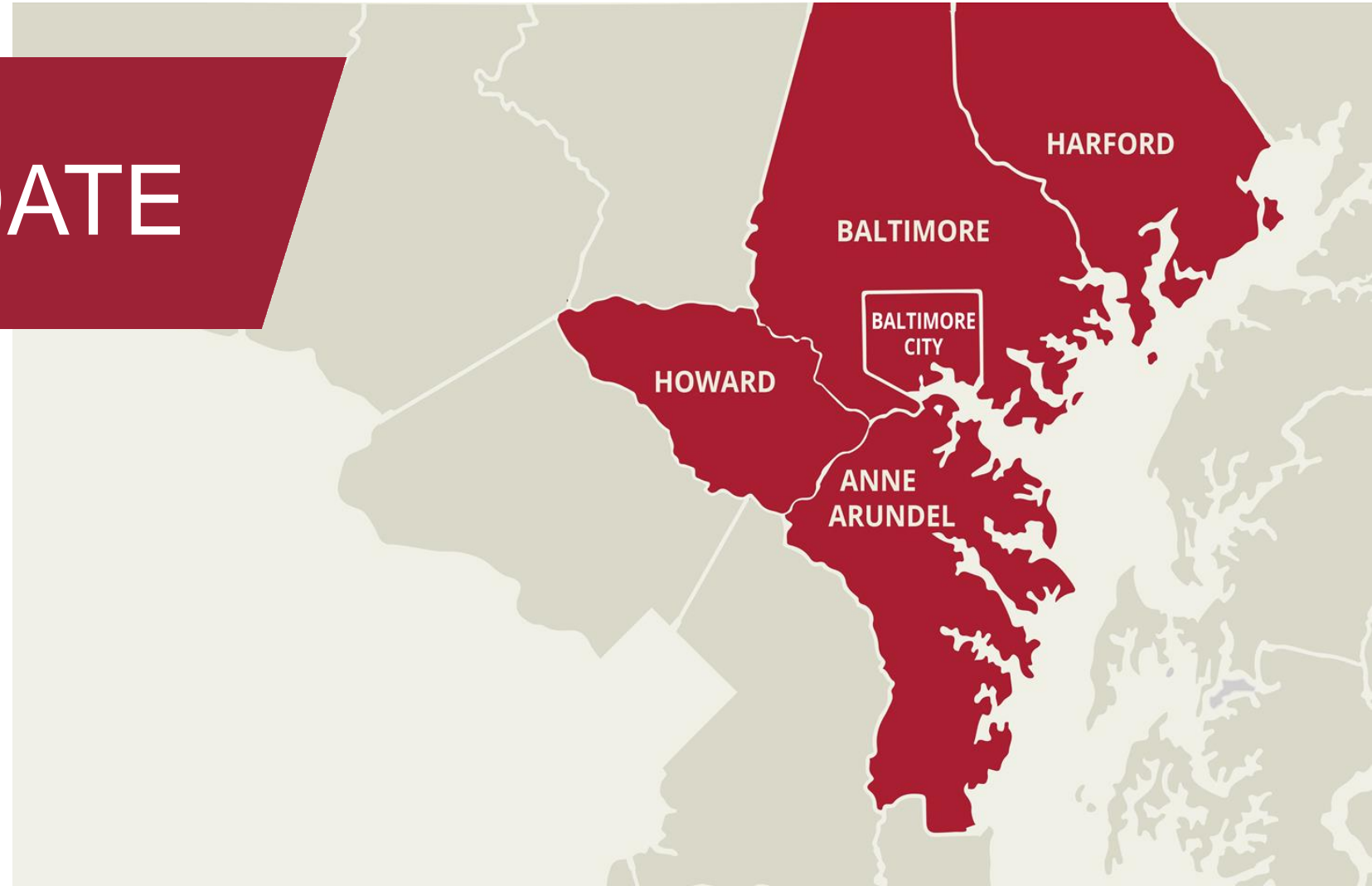
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A Regional Transit Plan for Central Maryland

PROJECT UPDATE

Gathering Input on the Draft Plan

May 26, 2020
Baltimore Regional
Transportation Board





PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- RTP Background
- Draft Plan Overview
- Review Process & Next Steps
- Questions



RTP BACKGROUND

RTP Background | Purpose & Approach

BACKGROUND:

- MDOT MTA is developing this 25-year plan to meet the transit needs of the Core Service Area, guided by Maryland Chapter 352 (2018).

PURPOSE

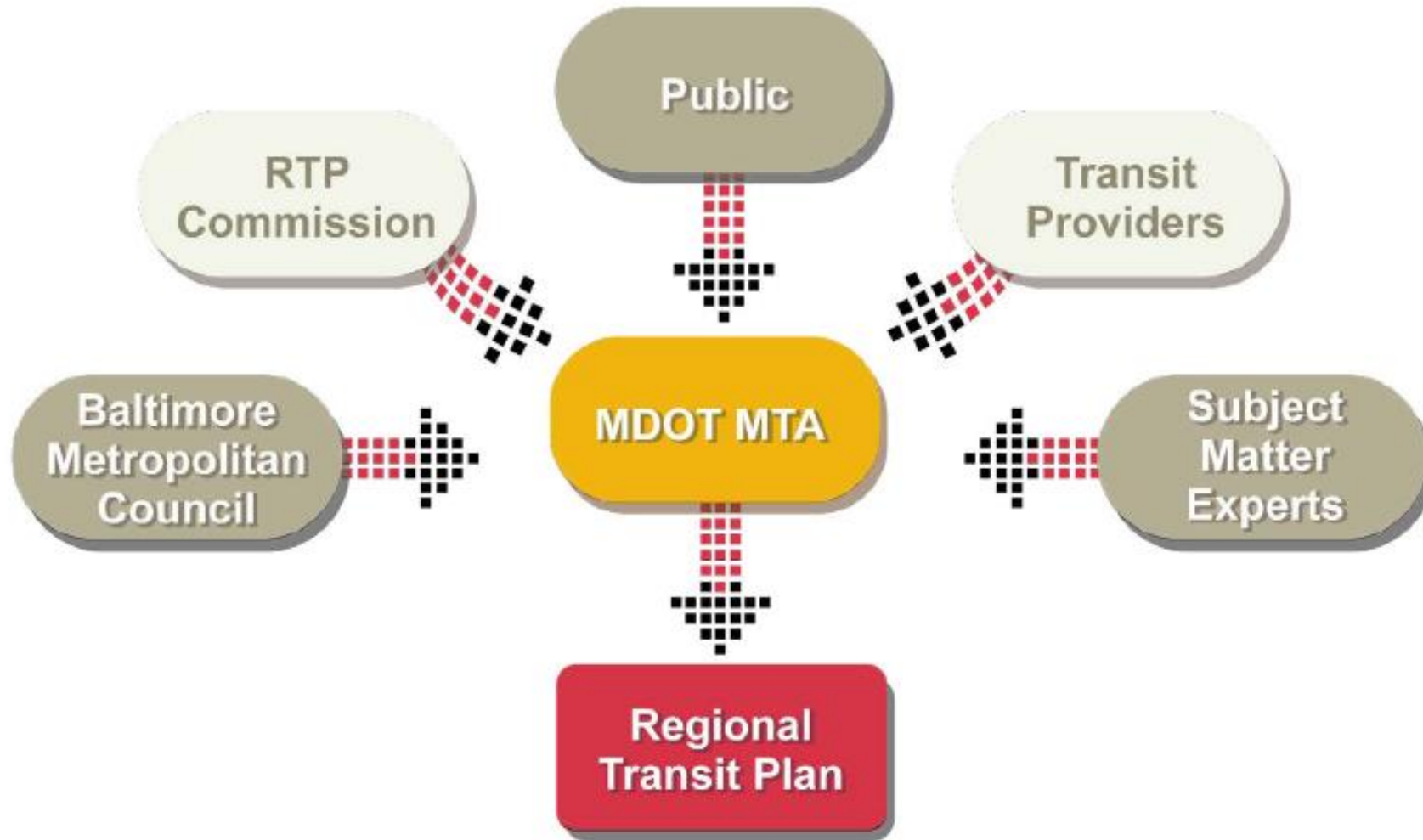
- Develop a new Regional Transit Plan (RTP) for Central Maryland that will define public transportation goals over the next 25 years

VISION

- Address traditional transit (buses and trains) as well as explore new mobility options and technology



RTP Background | Project Partners



RTP Background | Project Schedule



ANALYZE

Review the current system; identify opportunities for improvement.



PROPOSE

Review system performance and propose improvements.



PUBLISH

Present findings and recommendations.



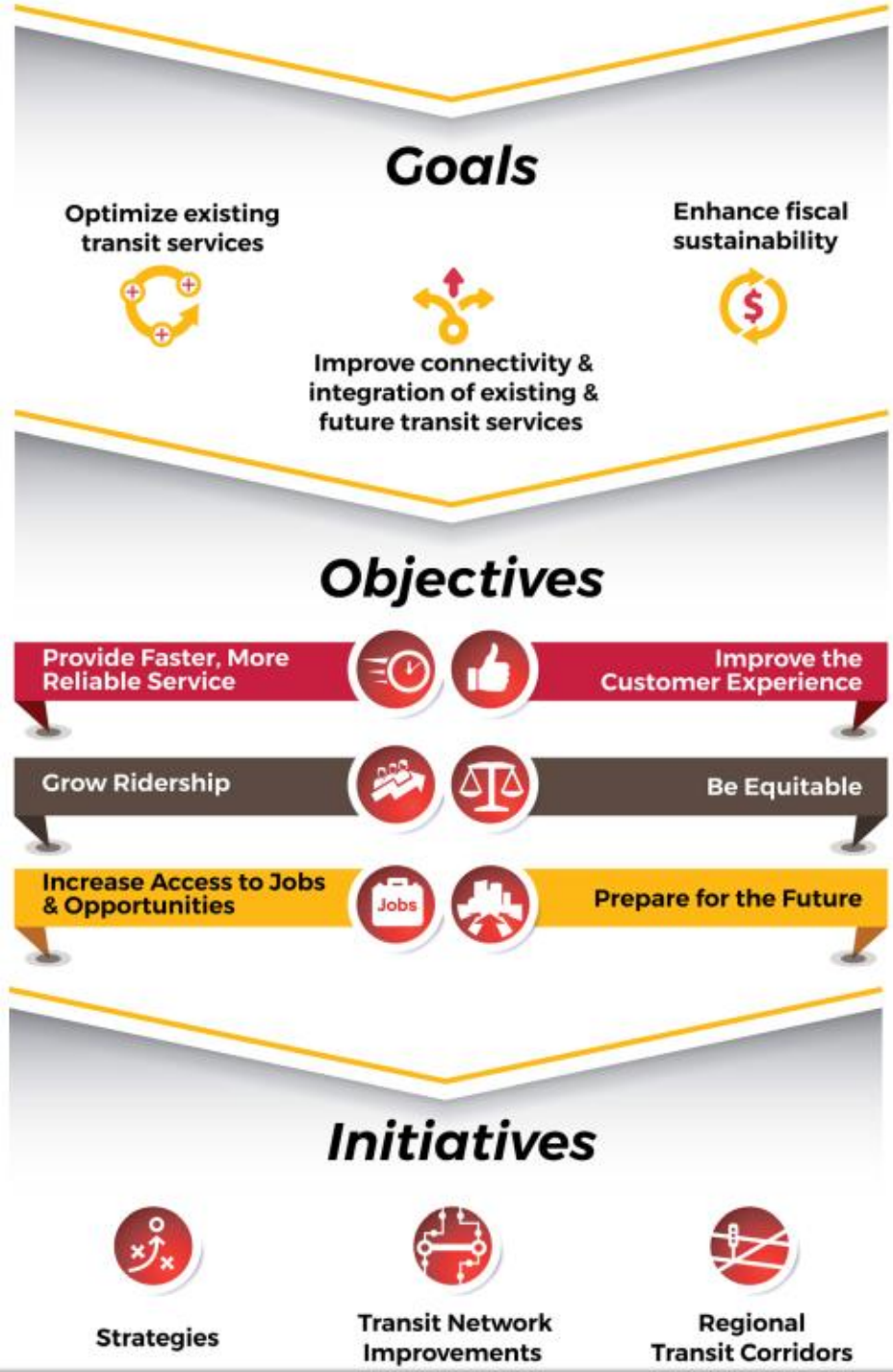
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DRAFT PLAN OVERVIEW

Regional Transit Plan Structure



The RTP is organized around six **OBJECTIVES**, with specific strategies for each



Provide Faster, More Reliable Service



Grow Ridership



Increase Access to Jobs & Opportunities



Improve the Customer Experience



Be Equitable



Prepare for the Future



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The Plan proposes many recommendations, grouped in to three *INITIATIVES*:

Initiatives



Strategies

Strategies are specific steps that RTP partner agencies can take in order to achieve the six objectives.



Transit Network
Improvements

Transit Network Improvements identifies areas that have transit today but need additional service (off-peak/night/weekend) or different types of service (express/local circulation).



Regional
Transit Corridors

Regional Transit Corridors have been identified as needing infrastructure improvements.



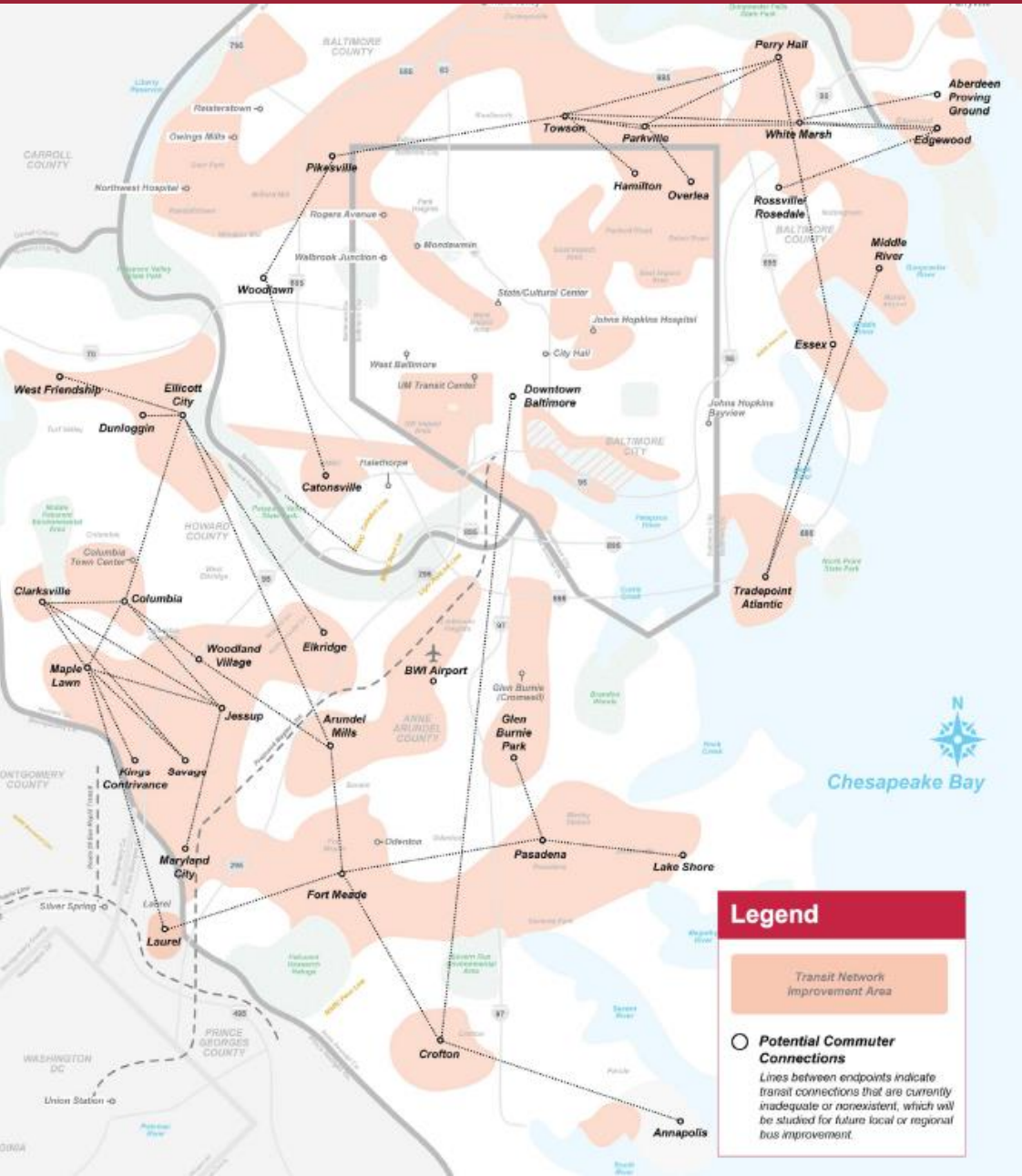
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***STRATEGIES* nest under each Objective. Examples are:**

- ***Objective:*** Provide Faster, More Reliable Service →
Strategy: Reintroduce limited-stop bus service where appropriate

- ***Objective:*** Improve the Customer Experience →
Strategy: Implement an integrated payment system for all transit providers in the region



TRANSIT NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS expand or enhance current or previous investments.



Expanded Existing or New Fixed-Route Service



Development of Small Area Plans or Shared Mobility or Microtransit Studies



Improvements to Existing Rail Corridors



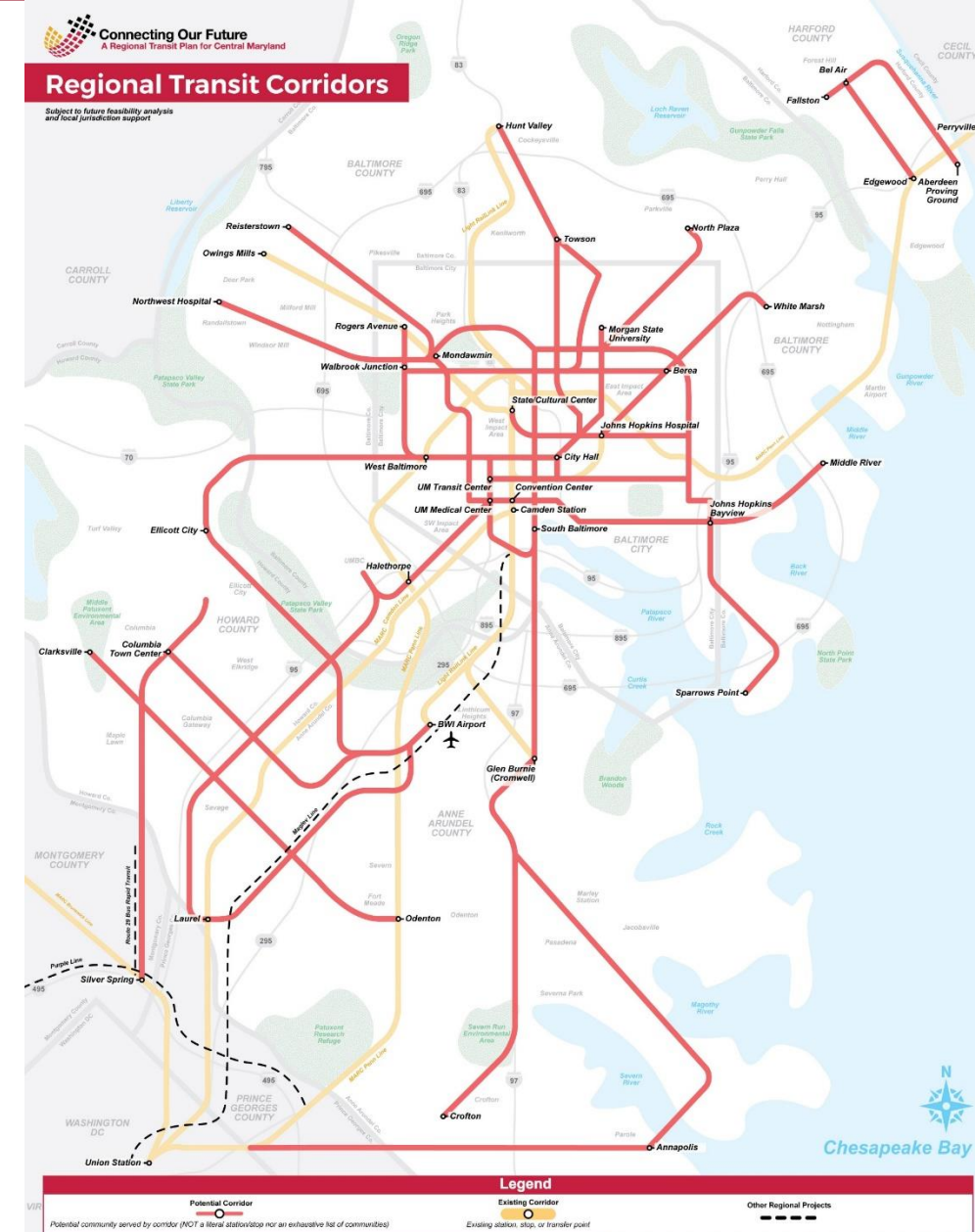
Creation and Enhancement of Transit Hubs

Draft Plan Overview | Regional Transit Corridors

REGIONAL TRANSIT CORRIDORS

demonstrate:

- Transit demand that justifies **infrastructure, service, and/or technology** improvements.
- Demand supporting **all-day frequent service**.
- **Regional significance**, often providing connectivity between different jurisdictions.



The Plan identifies *targets*, which will be tracked on a Progress Dashboard.

Examples of the targets are:

- **Increase MDOT MTA's *on-time performance for Core Bus* to **85%** by **2025**.**
- **Maintain MDOT MTA's standing as *one of the safest transit systems* out of the top **12 U.S. transit agencies**.**
- **Increase the percent of *stops and stations* that are **ADA-accessible** by **25% every 10 years**.**





REVIEW PROCESS & NEXT STEPS

Web-based Outreach & Review

Primarily virtual outreach due to COVID-19

- **Project website** for review and comment (www.rtp.mta.maryland.gov)
- **Interactive web** tool facilitates easy review and comment
- **Project email list**
- **Targeted outreach** with geo-targeted social media ads and presentations to key groups (like this one!)



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We want to hear from you!

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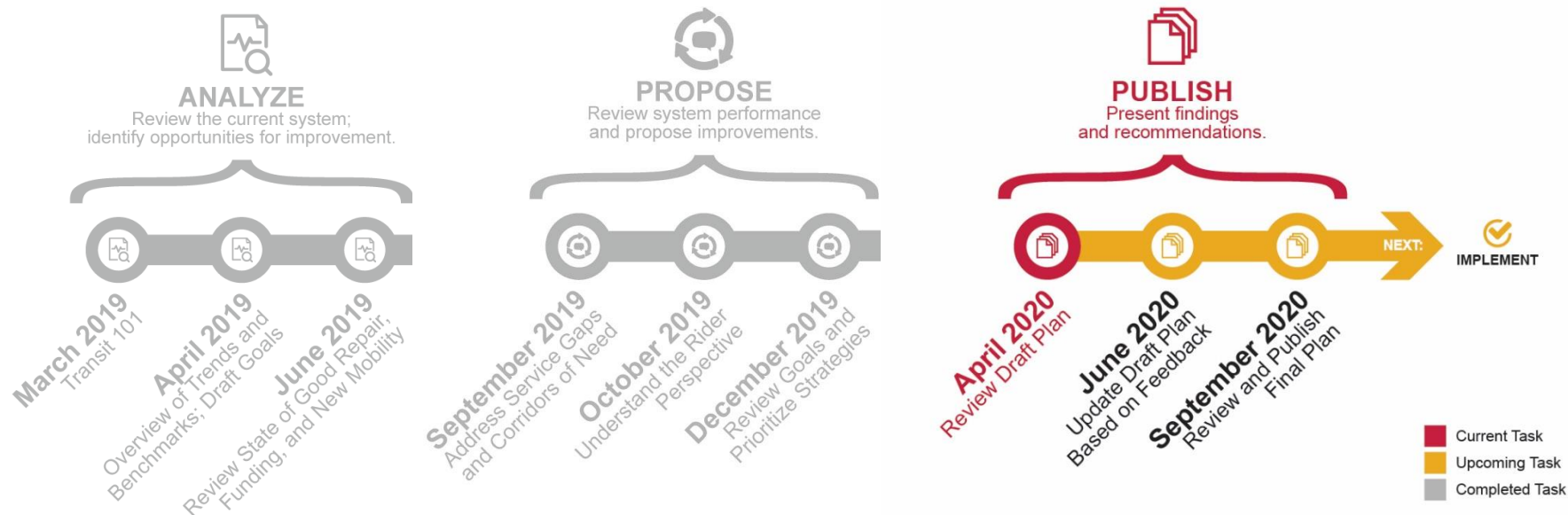
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Next Steps and Key Dates

- The Draft Plan launched April 22nd and will be open for **public comment** through June 18th
- **Small-group meetings** with Commission members in early May
- **Virtual presentations** and continued **online outreach**
- **Commission** meeting June 18th to discuss comments/public input
- The Plan must be finalized prior to **October 1st**



Questions

Thank you!

