PROJECT UPDATE
Gathering Input on the Draft Plan

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Baltimore Regional Transportation Board
PRESENTATION OUTLINE

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

Diagram showing the relationships between:
- RTP Commission
- Transit Providers
- Baltimore Metropolitan Council
- Subject Matter Experts
- Public

Central node labeled "MDOT MTA"
- "Regional Transit Plan" connected to "MDOT MTA"
RTP Background | Project Schedule

**ANALYZE**
Review the current system; identify opportunities for improvement.

- **March 2019**: Transit 101 Overview of Trends and Benchmarks, Draft Goals, Review State of Good Repair, Funding, and New Mobility
- **April 2019**: Address Service Gaps and Corridors of Need
- **June 2019**: October 2019: Understand the Rider Perspective
- **September 2019**: Review Goals and Prioritize Strategies
- **December 2019**:

**PROPOSE**
Review system performance and propose improvements.

**PUBLISH**
Present findings and recommendations.

- **April 2020**: Review Draft Plan
- **June 2020**: Update Draft Plan Based on Feedback
- **September 2020**: Review and Publish Final Plan

Next: IMPLEMENT

- Current Task
- Upcoming Task
- Completed Task
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**
The Plan proposes many recommendations, grouped into three initiatives:

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

- **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** have been identified as needing infrastructure improvements.
Draft Plan Overview | Strategies

**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

Legend:
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- Potential Connector Connections: Lines between stations include potential connector connections that are currently under construction or are within, which will be utilized for future benefits of regional transit improvement.
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
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!)
Next Steps and Key Dates

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

Thank you!