

MTA Updates

Baltimore Regional Transit Commission

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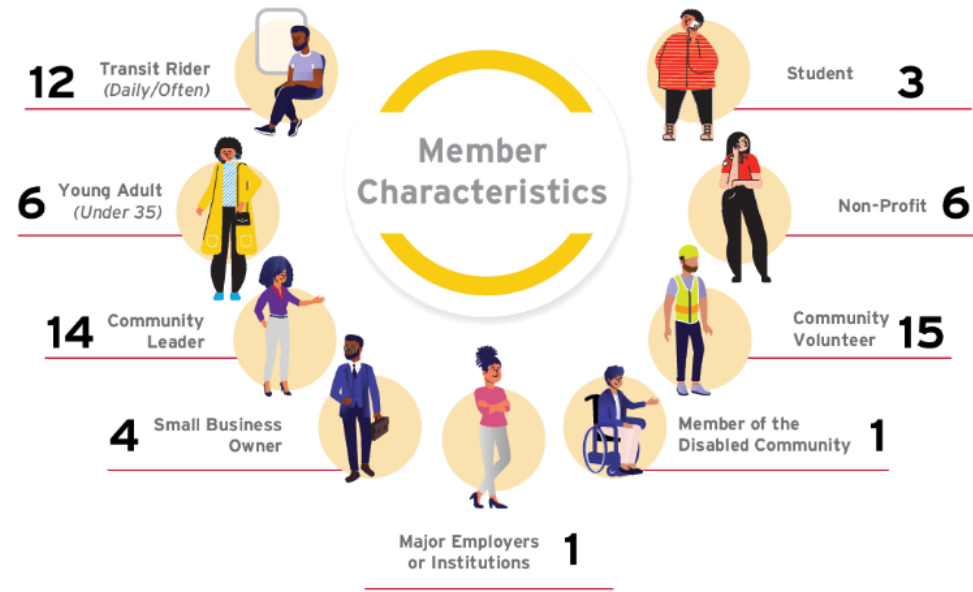


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Red Line Mode Announcement



Red Line CAT Kickoff



Red Line Internship Program

- Relaunched Red Line High School Internship Program this summer
- Six-week program for Edmondson High School students
 - First-day orientation took place on June 25 and program will run through early August
- Participants will learn about transportation investments, project development, transit operations, and community engagement



Purple Line Event

- Unveiled first Purple Line light rail vehicles on July 11
- Vehicles are 142 feet long
 - Longest in US
- Seats 80 passengers and can hold up to 400 people



Recent Grant Awards

- ~\$4.7 million RAISE grant for Reisterstown Plaza TOD
 - Preliminary design and environmental work for transit-oriented development at Reisterstown Plaza Metro station
 - Study also will include Complete Streets and accessibility improvements
- \$25.4 million LowNo grant for battery-electric buses in Prince George's County
- \$960,000 Buses and Bus Facilities grant for new buses in Howard County



HOWARD COUNTY

With \$960K, lawmakers commit to better connect Howard County transit to Baltimore area

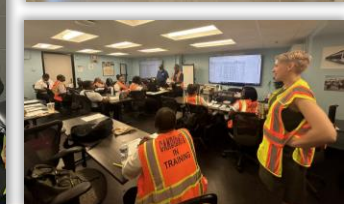
Service Updates

- Ridership highs in May
 - Over 6 million rides for first time since 2019
 - Post-COVID highs for Core Bus, Metro, and Mobility
- Notable reductions in Core Bus service cuts
 - In June, there were 6 days below 2%
 - Reached <0.5% cuts
- New Commuter Bus schedules went into effect July 1



Engagement

- Community events
 - Baltimore Pride Parade
 - AFRAM
- Employee engagement
 - Field visits
 - Bus operator graduations
 - National Safety Month



MTA Summer Facility Tours

- First of three Commission tours took place on June 27
- Next two scheduled for July 17 and 31

