Connecting Our Future: A Regional Transit Plan for Central Maryland

Project Overview
March 2019
PROJECT OVERVIEW

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Develop a 25-year Regional Transit Plan for Central Maryland to meet the transit needs of the core service area:

- Anne Arundel County
- Baltimore City
- Baltimore County
- Harford County
- Howard County
Define the goals to be achieved through the provision of public transit

Identify options for:
- Improvements to the existing transportation assets
- Leveraging non-Administration transportation options available to public transportation
- Corridors for new public transportation assets

Prioritize corridors for planning of new public transportation assets

Ensure consistency with local land use and transportation plans

Work in consultation with the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan Commission
CMRTP Commission
Central Maryland Regional Plan Commission comprises 11 members:

Desigenees from:
- Anne Arundel County Executive
- Baltimore City Mayor
- Baltimore County Executive
- Harford County Executive
- Howard County Executive

Appointees from the Governor representing:
- Central Maryland business organization
- MDOT MTA Citizens Advisory Council
- Disabled riders group
- MARC Riders Advisory Council

Appointees representing a business or transportation organization from:
- Senate President
- House Speaker
Roles & Responsibilities

- Participate in developing the Plan’s goals
- Participate in developing a meaningful public involvement strategy
- Provide a regional view
- Focus on economic development
- Foster cross-jurisdictional buy-in
- Convene every two to three months
Plan Considerations

▪ How to:
  ▪ Integrate service across providers
  ▪ Understand and use new technologies
  ▪ Identify opportunities to improve corridors
  ▪ Balance differing regional priorities

▪ Taking into account national trends:
  ▪ Declining transit ridership
  ▪ Increasing demand for paratransit service
  ▪ Increasing competition for riders
Seven Focus Areas

- State of Good Repair
- Funding
- Customer Experience
- Service Quality and Integration
- Access
- Corridors of Opportunity
- New Mobility
State of Good Repair

- Identify the level of investment needed to maintain the existing transit assets in Central Maryland
  - Proactive maintenance
  - Comprehensive asset management
Funding

- Develop funding and financing strategies to support regional mobility services, based on best practices and regional analyses
  - Innovative financing and funding tools
  - Regional investments that compliment state funding
  - Private partnerships
• Improve the experience of using transit - from planning a trip to reaching a destination
  • New technologies
  • Improved amenities
  • Better customer service
Evaluate existing transit services and determine potential improvements to make it easier to travel in the Central Maryland region

- Aligning service across different providers
- MDOT MTA as a mobility manager for the region
- Improving the existing network’s performance
Work with local partners to ensure the areas served by transit are safe, comfortable, and convenient for people who use the region’s transit options to live, work, and prosper

- Using all options for first and last mile needs
- Leveraging existing transit
- Economic development opportunities
Corridors of Opportunity

- Identify existing and potential corridors that could benefit from additional transit investment
  - Improving existing service
  - Integrating existing service across providers
  - Embracing first and last mile solutions
Embrace changes in transport, technology, and mobility that are altering how we move about

New mobility options

- Bikeshare
- Scootershare
- Carshare
- Rideshare
- Microtransit
Public Engagement
Public Engagement Approach

- Proactive and inclusive
- Open and transparent
- Information presented in an easy-to-understand format
Initial Public Engagement Activities

- Project website - rtp.mta.Maryland.gov
- Online survey
- Pop-up outreach events at transit hubs, activity centers, etc., throughout the region
- Public open houses
Commission and Outreach Schedule

2019

- Winter
- Spring
- Summer
- Fall/Winter

2020

- Spring
- Summer
- Fall
- Oct.

Activities:
- Analysis & Goals Formation
- Develop Strategies
- Draft Plan
- Finalize Plan

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