

# Howard County Transportation



Public Advisory Committee Meeting

December 4, 2019



# Howard County Transportation Priorities

Improve Local RTA Service

Address the Impacts of Congestion

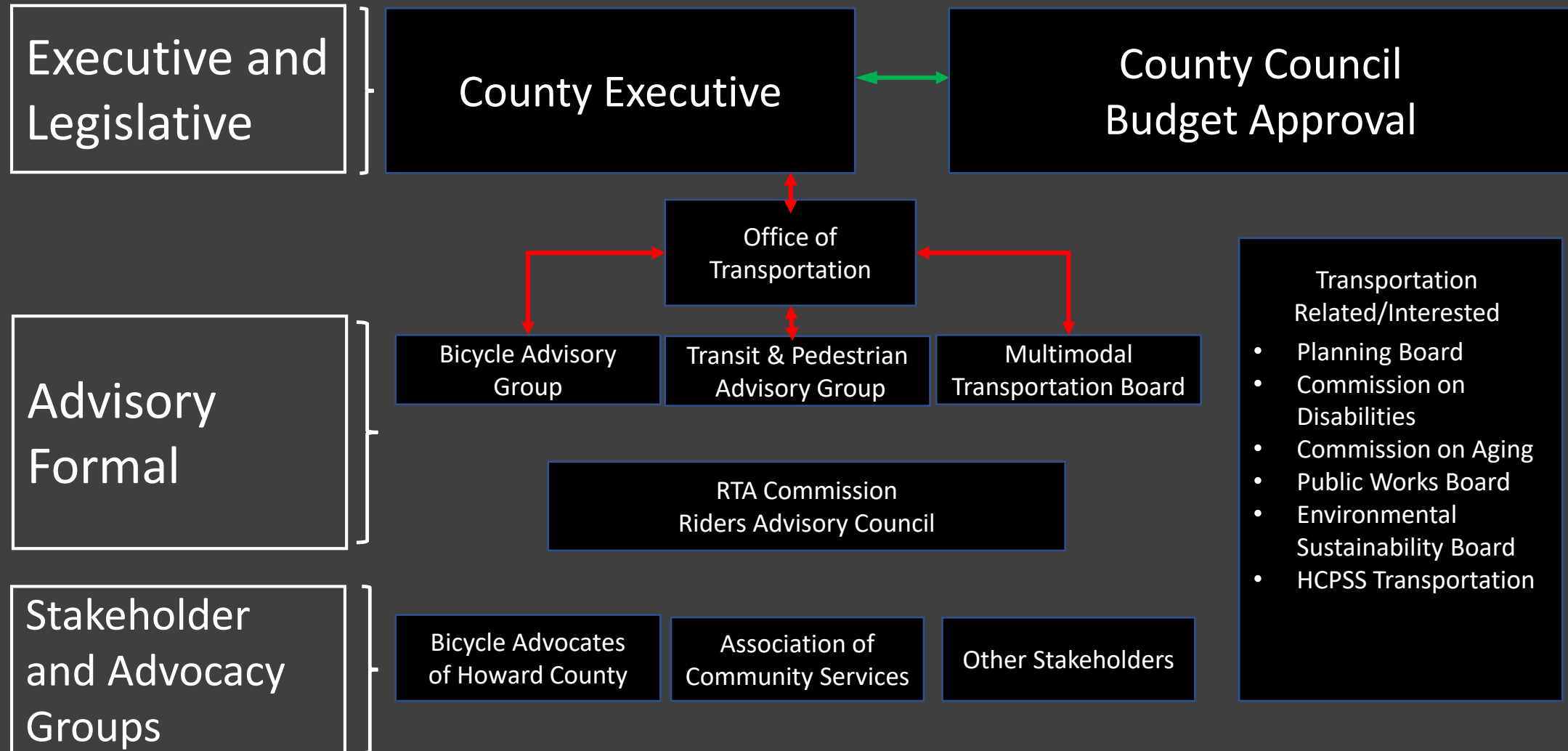
Improve Roadway Safety for All Users

Modernize Regional Transit in Central MD

Expand Bicycle and Pedestrian Network

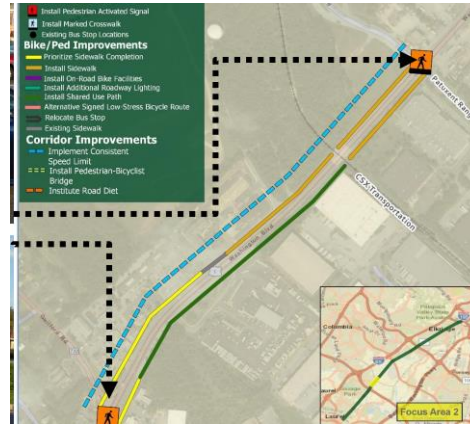
Plan Ahead for Transportation Funding Constraints

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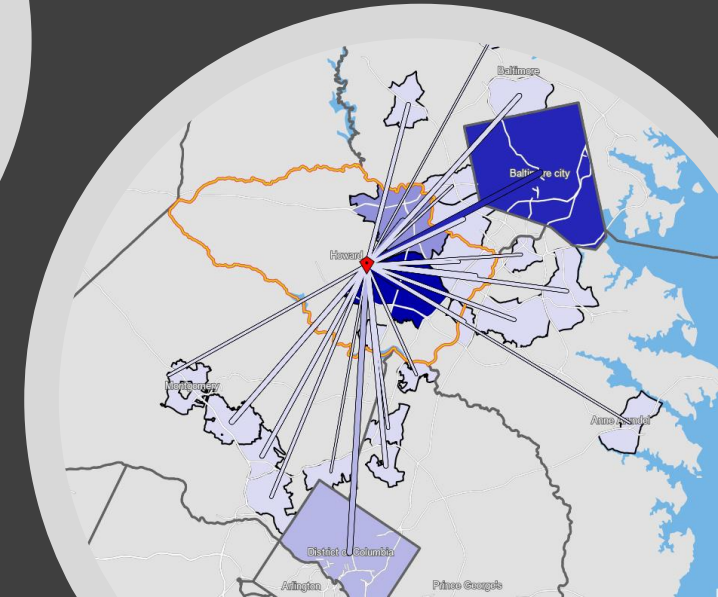
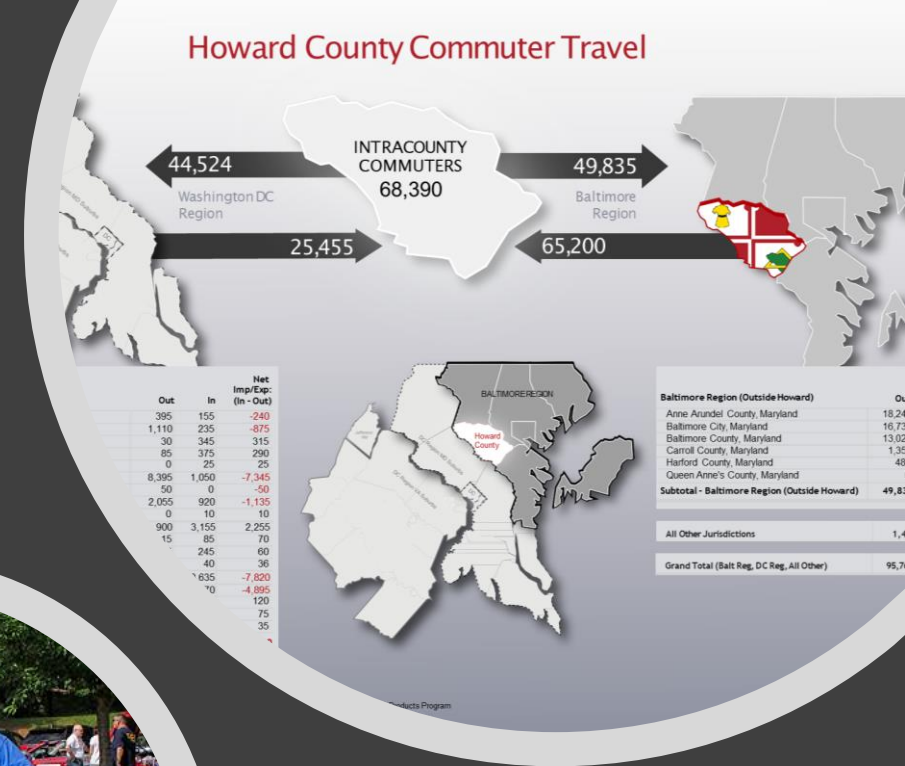
# Public Input

- Priority Letter Survey and Meeting
- Bike Lane and Road Resurfacing
- Bike Howard Open House
- Transportation Forum
- Budget Hearings
- Project Specific Engagement
- Boards/Groups
  - Multimodal Transportation Board
  - Bicycle Advisory Group
  - Transit & Pedestrian Advisory Group



# Unique Aspects of Howard County

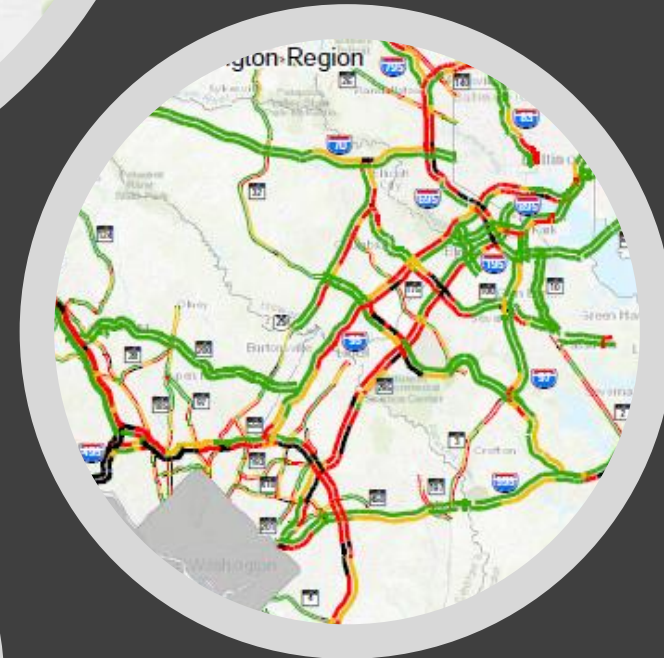
- 60% of Howard County workers leave the county for work
- Flow to the Baltimore and Washington regions is even
- Shares border with six other counties and two State-funded transit systems
- County has contributed \$124 million to highway expansion projects since 2000



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# Impact of Congestion

- Drivers on I 70, US 29, MD 99, MD 100 continue to face unreliable travel times
- MD 32 Design Build Project is a great partnership model
- US 29 at 99/70 continues to be a challenge
- TSMO presents a unique opportunity for cost effective congestion management



# Local Transit

- \$0 fares for seniors and individuals with disabilities
- Added + 5,600 service hours
- Improved connections to jobs
- Increased frequency to 30 minutes and 1 hour
- Added 3 new routes
- NEW or EXPANDED Sunday service on 6 routes
- Added new stops to provide more access

Regional Transportation Agency of Central Maryland

**ATTENTION RTA RIDERS**

**NEW Service Routes**

Effect the following routes: 401, 402 A/B, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 414 and 501

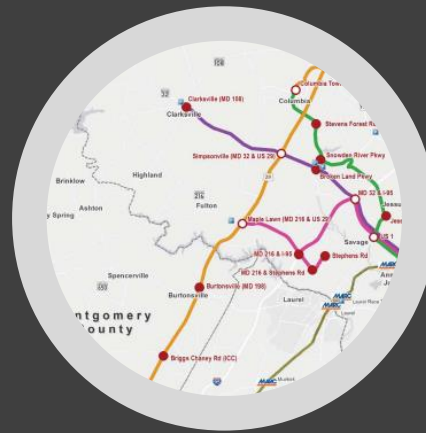


EXPANDING SERVICE  
SHORTER RIDE TIMES  
IMPROVED CONNECTIONS

For timetables, maps and outreach events, visit: [www.transitRTA.com/NewRoutes](http://www.transitRTA.com/NewRoutes) or call 800-270-9553.

# Modernizing the Regional Transit System

- Leverage the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan to optimize existing investments to enhance fiscal sustainability
- Advance Regional Transit planning and design to leverage Montgomery County's Flash and MDOT investment in the Purple Line
- Improve MARC Camden Line Reliability



# Bicycle & Pedestrian Transportation

- Complete Streets Implementation in progress
- Record levels of bike/ped county funding in FY 2020 to leverage state and federal funding streams
- Over 35 Active Bicycle And Pedestrian Projects - Estimated Construction Value > \$40 million



# Improving Safety

*“While Howard County is one of the safest jurisdictions in the state to drive, take the bus, walk, and bike, ensuring and improving the safety and health of Howard County’s residents, visitors and travelers is a county goal and priority.”*

Howard County Strategic Road Safety Plan

Cooperative efforts to advance:

- Howard County Strategic Road Safety Plan
- US 1 Safety Evaluation Projects in Design
- MD 32 Dualization
- Complete Streets



# TDM Program

## Outreach

County Events  
Residents  
Employers

## Public Events

- ▶ Bike to Work Day
- ▶ Earth Day celebrations



# Questions?

