A Plan to Connect Baltimore
BaltimoreLink by the Numbers

• Improved Access to Frequent Transit Lines (frequent = every 15 mins. or better)
  • 131,000 more JOBS (+37%)
  • 205,000 more PEOPLE (+34%)

• More Service to More Places
  • 18 sq. mile increase in service area
  • 30,000 more people will have transit service
  • 99% of current riders still have transit
  • 13% increase in trips provided to major regional job centers

• $135 million investment in infrastructure & operations
What is the BaltimoreLink Plan?

- Complete bus network redesign
- Introduction of CityLink high frequency bus system
- Transitways
- Transit Signal Priority
- Additional Plan Elements:
  - New Express Routes
  - Commuter Bus Enhancements
  - Light Rail Sunday Hours Increase
  - Safe, Secure & Clean
  - Enhanced QuickBus 40 service
  - Additional Support for CharmCity Circulator
  - BicycleLink
  - Car Sharing & “Microtransit”

New Signage & Bus Stop Improvements
Transit Hubs
How did we get here?

Existing MTA Transit System Assessment & Analysis:
- Route and system ridership, boardings and alightings
- On-time performance assessment
- Transfers analysis
- Run time analysis

Socioeconomic and Demographic Assessment:
- Transit propensity index
- Assessment of likely transit users
- Origin-Destination analysis
- Service expansion analysis – choice riders

Baltimore Network Improvement Project Outreach:
- 25 events
- Over 1,500 comments received
What is the BaltimoreLink Network?

The BaltimoreLink Transit Plan creates an interconnected system through:

- **CityLink**
- **LocalLink**
  - Crosstown routes
  - Local/feeder routes
- **Express BusLink**
  - Express to Downtown
  - Suburban Express
- **MobilityLink**
- **Metro SubwayLink**
- **Light RailLink**
What is the BaltimoreLink Network?

CityLink:
- 12 color-coded high frequency routes
- Operating on radial corridors that operate to/from Downtown
- 24 hours of service per day
- Frequency: 10 min/peak; 15-20 min/off-peak; 30 min/late
- Each CityLink route connects with all other CityLink routes, Metro SubwayLink and Light RailLink
- Downtown grid network
- Many CityLink routes have short-turn alignments
What is the BaltimoreLink Network?

**LocalLink:**
- Comprehensive crosstown system (20 Routes)
  - Providing suburban-suburban travel
  - Each crosstown route connects with at least 2 CityLink routes
  - Most crosstowns have 15 min/peak frequencies
- Feeder routes to compliment CityLink and crosstown systems (26 Routes)
  - Each feeder route connects with at least 1 CityLink route
What is the BaltimoreLink Network?

Express BusLink:

• Five new suburban to suburban express bus routes
  ➢ Express BusLink 100 - Owings Mills and BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport/BWI Rail Station
  ➢ Express BusLink 101 - Towson, Pikesville and the Owings Mills Metro Subway Station
  ➢ Express BusLink 102 - White Marsh Park and Ride Lot, Towson Town Center and the Lutherville Light Rail Station
  ➢ Express BusLink 105 - White Marsh Park and Ride Lot and BWI Airport/BWI Business District Station
  ➢ Express BusLink 107 - Patapsco Light RailLink Station and the Fort Meade area (Odenton MARC Station) during peak hours only

• Two Existing Express Routes will be continued
  ➢ Express BusLink 104 - current 104
  ➢ Express BusLink 106 - current 150

• Other current Express Routes (e.g., the X-routes and remaining 100-series routes) proposed to be replaced by Local or CityLink routes (Needs additional analysis and customer feedback!!!)
System-wide Rebranding:

System-wide Renumbering: No. 20 – 49 = *Crosstown LocalLink*; Nos. 50 – 99 = *Feeder LocalLink*; Nos. 100-199 = *Express*
Transitways and/or Transit Only Lanes

*Details of all infrastructure improvements are being fine-tuned and will adhere to all locally-defined requirements for community and public involvement.

**Enhanced Safety and Security**
- Addition of 10 new MTA Police officers to help riders feel more secure

**Rider and Pedestrian Safety**
- Light Rail Audible – Visual signal project will install safety alerts at 16 intersections in the Central Business District and will alert patrons when Light Rail is approaching

**Clean Initiative**
- New initiative to reduce trash, eating, and drinking on MTA vehicles
- Enhanced MTA oversight & staffing to ensure vehicles are kept clean
1) **Enhanced service for West Baltimore:** Enhanced east-west service to improve access for West Baltimore residents to downtown –Began October 25, 2015

2) **Charm City Circulator and Last Mile Investments:** Operating funds for the Circulator and improved bike facilities at all MTA rail stations

3) **Fort Meade Connections:** Service improvements to get people to jobs at Fort Meade with a new connection between the Odenton and Savage MARC stations

4) **Car-Sharing and Innovative “Pop-Up” Transit Services:** Seeking private-sector solutions to supplement existing service and reduce overcrowding

5) **New Commuter Bus Routes and Light Rail Sunday Service:** Routes that get Baltimore City residents to regional job centers in Columbia, Aberdeen, and Annapolis, and enhanced Light Rail hours on Sundays
New Commuter Bus Routes and Light Rail Sunday Service

3 new routes that connect Baltimore City residents to regional employers

- New service between Baltimore and Aberdeen Proving Ground
- New service between Baltimore and Annapolis/Kent Island
- New service between Baltimore and Columbia/Howard County

Expanded Sunday hours on MTA Light Rail

- Enhances access to jobs, sporting events, BWI Airport, and other attractions
- Current Sunday Hours: 11 AM – 7 PM
- New Sunday Hours: 6 AM – 12 AM
Available Resources

Online Sources

- **MTA Website** (mta.maryland.gov/baltimorelink)
  - Details
  - Maps
  - Route Sheets
  - Project Boards and Handouts
  - BaltimoreLink Timeline

- **mySideWalk** (mtamaryland.mysidewalk.com)
  - Interactive social media resource
  - Allows MTA to provide additional information at regular intervals
  - Provides a place for the general public to provide feedback
Available Resources

Sector Maps

What is a Sector Map?
• 5 sector maps cover the entire BaltimoreLink service area
• Displays all routes (CityLink, LocalLink, etc.) to give the big picture

What details are provided?
• Overall network design and specific bus line alignments
• (Service levels are available in the Route Sheets)
Available Resources

Route Sheets

What is a Route Sheet?
• Route specific information on route alignment, levels of service and other valuable information

What details are provided?
• Route name
• Route type
• Route end points
• Span of service
• Service frequency (M-F, Sat & Sun)
• Connections to rail and CityLink services
• Points of interest served
• Current routes
• Route Map
Providing Feedback

How Feedback Will Be Collected

- Complete comment forms at workshops & pop-ups (computer and paper based)
- mtamaryland.mySideWalk.com
- Comment form on BaltimoreLink website
- Hotline 410-454-1998

Comments accepted through 5:00 pm Jan. 11, 2016
## Workshops Events and Locations

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http://mta.maryland.gov/baltimorelink-workshop-locations
BaltimoreLink Next Steps

Immediate Next Steps

- Complete workshops and pop-up events
- Analyze feedback
- Revise proposed BaltimoreLink route alignments and service levels
- Develop additional resources for educational purposes

Public Hearings for New/Revised Express BusLink Routes

- New and revised Express BusLink services will begin operation in June, 2016
- Public Hearings will be held in early 2016
Workshop Guidelines

• Plan to submit a comment(s)!
  • Now is the time to refine the plan and make it even better
• Sector Maps and Route Sheets will help portray the proposals
• Ask questions and interact
  • MTA staff are here to answer and help
• Don’t let the perfect be the enemy of the good...
• Tell a friend
  • We need as many voices as possible to participate