Conversation Topics

• Purpose, schedule, and context
• What we’ve heard so far
• Open dialog with you
• Ways to provide input
• Questions/Comments
Plan Purpose and Approach

• Create a 50-year vision for transit in Maryland
• Center on desired experience and outcomes for riders
• Stitch together local and regional plans and coordinate transit across the state
• Create an action plan and performance metrics

Data-driven
- existing service conditions
- propensity and market analysis
- future growth projections

Policy-driven
- statewide plans and policy
- peer transit plans
- local plans and projects

People-driven
- regional roundtables
- public input
- stakeholder coordination
Plan Development Schedule

- **Statewide & Peer Plans**
  - MDOT & MTA Vision Sessions
  - Draft vision & Goals
  - Plan Elements

- **Regional Plans & Projects**
  - Regional Roundtable #1
  - Public Survey
  - Draft Analysis

- **Existing Conditions & Trends**
  - Revised Vision & Goals

- **Existing Transit Service**
  - Regional Roundtable #2
  - LOTS Survey
  - Draft Strategies & Metrics

- **Transit Propensity**
  - Regional Transit Needs

- **Gaps & Opportunities**
  - MDOT & MTA Draft Review
  - Regional Roundtable #3
  - Public Comment

**Public Involvement & Small Group Briefings**

- **June 2020**
- **Sep./Oct.**
- **Nov./Dec.**
- **Summer 2021**
- **Fall 2021**

**Final Plan & Implementation**
## MARYLAND STATEWIDE TRANSIT PLAN

The past 50 years

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<td>BaltimoreLink network redesign</td>
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<td>Metrorail service to Silver Spring and New Carrollton begins</td>
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<td>Final expansion of Metrorail into Maryland</td>
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**The past 50 years**
Developed Land in Maryland

1973
10.5% of the total land area developed.

2010
27% of the total land area developed.
**Public and Stakeholder Outreach**

1,500+ Interactions

| 1 public survey with 514 responses | 15 regional roundtables (three with each of the five regions) with 184 total attendees, including staff from local and regional transit providers and planning agencies | 63 presentations given at community meetings statewide with 775 total attendees | 45 newsletter and social media blasts from MDOT MTA and partners |

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What We Heard – Statewide Themes

“We need a reliable transit system that connects the individual county and local transit systems.”

“Access to medical care, employment, and overall daily needs are very limited.”

“We need safe areas to walk when we get off transit.”

“Employees should be able to rely on public transportation for all shifts and hours.”

“Transit needs to allow for the ‘I’m not perfect today’ kind of days.”

“The plan should be flexible, nimble, and maximize ways to build and support a world-class multimodal transportation network.”
What We Heard– Regional Themes

Baltimore Metro
- More rail and intercity service
- East-west across city and suburb-suburb connections

DC Metro
- Interstate connectivity
- More intercity weekend service

Southern
- Connections to DC and beyond
- Access to military installations and colleges

Eastern
- More transit service overall
- Serving aging populations and access to medical care

Western
- Out-of-state job connections
- Connect other regions to recreation and tourism in Western Maryland
Public Survey Responses

When the survey was open
Sep. 14th through Oct. 25th (42 days)

Number of responses received
514 responses statewide

How it was distributed

- Western Maryland: 116 (23%)
- Washington Metro: 78 (15%)
- Southern Maryland: 61 (12%)
- Baltimore Metro: 189 (37%)
- Eastern Shore: 29 (6%)
- Out of State / No Response: 14 (3%) / 27 (5%)
Do You Use Transit? Why?

Yes, I use transit sometimes or often

- Less stressful way to travel: 100%
- Save money: 90%
- Save or better utilize time: 80%
- I do not own or have access to a car: 70%
- It is a safer way to travel: 60%
- Other: 50%
- I am unable to drive due to a disability: 40%
- To socialize with other riders: 30%

No, I do not use transit

- It doesn't go where I need: 140%
- Takes too long or isn't frequent enough: 130%
- Isn't flexible enough for my schedule: 120%
- I feel safer on other modes of transportation: 110%
- Other: 100%
- I don't know how to use service: 90%
- My job provides free or discounted parking but no transit benefits: 80%
- I didn't know the service existed: 70%
- It costs too much money: 60%

Yes, I use transit sometimes or often: 52%
No, I do not use transit: 48%
Which parts of your transit trip work well?

- Riding and getting on and off the transit vehicle
- Understanding and purchasing fares
- Finding and getting to/from transit stations
- Finding Information to plan/adopt my trip
- Customer service and transit staff interactions
- Waiting at transit stops or stations
- Transferring between different routes or services

*Indicates responses by riders with a disability*
In 50 years, my top priorities for transit in Maryland are...

Statewide Ranking of Priorities
1. Providing equitable mobility for people of all abilities, races, and incomes
2. Providing regional connections/long trips within a region or statewide
3. Providing local connections/short trips within a community or county
4. Supporting the ability to live car free or with less car travel
5. Contributing to reduced environmental impacts
6. Ensuring a safer and more comfortable experience
7. Adopting the latest technology to improve efficiency and convenience
Vision

Maryland's public transit system will connect people, places and opportunities, supporting Maryland's economy with efficient, equitable, sustainable and innovative transit. Transit riders across the state will experience convenient and coordinated travel and a dignified customer experience.

Goals

Be equitable, accessible, and affordable

Provide mobility between regions

Connect people to jobs and opportunities

Deliver a reliable and convenient service

Ensure a safe and healthy transit environment

Be sustainable, nimble, and innovative

Invest wisely and sustainably
Mapping and analyzing transit needs

Existing Span, Frequency, and Coverage
Density of Populations and Destinations
Connections within Maryland
Connections to/from out-of-state
Planned and Anticipated Growth
Regional Priorities

Understanding Opportunities for Transit Connectivity
Fixed-Route Transit Coverage
What would you prioritize in this plan?

• What are areas of your Region that need more transit?
  • More frequency, coverage, or span (overnight, weekend, etc.)

• What Improved or New Infrastructure would best support transit?
  • Pedestrian connections, dedicated lanes, transfer hubs, or other

• What Policy or Technology Upgrades should be leveraged?
  • Real time info for riders, fare enhancements, coordinated service between transit systems, etc.

• What overall outcomes should transit achieve?
Recap of Schedule

- Social media posts and partner newsletters
- Virtual Open Houses
- Website with interactive commenting
- E-mail blasts and comment inbox
- Local notices and printed copies
- Voice message option for phone comments
- 5 roundtables and other small group briefings
Learn More and Stay Updated!

• Project webpage: [www.mta.Maryland.gov/statewide-plan](http://www.mta.Maryland.gov/statewide-plan)
  • Schedule of activities to develop the Statewide Transit Plan
  • Summary of survey responses and takeaways
  • FAQs and how to reach the project team
  • Where draft plan will be published for public comment

• Email questions or comments: [MTASTP@mdot.maryland.gov](mailto:MTASTP@mdot.maryland.gov)
  • Sign up for newsletters so you know when the public draft is released for comment
Questions?