# MDOT MTA Updates

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MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

# **COVID-19 Budget Impacts**



**MDOT-wide Capital Declines** 



\*Reduction based on statutory formula. Allocations and distribution percentages are preserved

- cts MDOT MTA received \$392 million in CARES
- Act funding that will be fully expended by September 2020.
- FY21-26 capital budget reduced by \$150m.
- FY21 operating budget reduced by \$70m.
  - \$27 million for unanticipated COVID-19 expenses such as PPE and other safety precautions.
- MTA continues to move forward prioritizing service for those who need it most, applying for grants to fill funding gaps, and advancing critical initiatives.

# **LOTS Funding Allocations**

- MDOT MTA supports statewide transit through directly operating transit service and by providing operating and capital grants to LOTS
- LOTS grants include state operating assistance (SSTAP) and suballocated federal transit funds
- MDOT MTA is currently reviewing LOTS funding formulas

# LOTS Funding Allocations – SSTAP

- SSTAP allocations are based on a calculation provided by the Maryland Code
  - 60% of funds are divided equally between each County
  - 40% of the funds are allocated among Counties in proportion to their respective percentages of the State's combined elderly and handicapped population

# LOTS Funding Allocations – Federal Funds

- Federal formula funding is based on federal formula that includes:
  - Bus and rail revenue vehicle miles
  - Bus passenger miles and fixed guideway route miles
  - Population
  - Population density
- MDOT MTA is the designated recipient of federal funds in the Baltimore region and allocates funds based on ridership and service provided in the region

# LOTS Funding Allocations – Ridership

 MDOT MTA provides the majority of transit service in the Baltimore region

Transit Agency	Annual Ridership	Percent of Total	
MDOT MTA	96,232,000	95.30%	
Annapolis Transit	409,000	0.41%	
Anne Arundel County OOT	108,000	0.11%	
Baltimore City DOT	2,753,000	2.73%	
Baltimore CountyRide	42,000	0.04%	
Carroll County Transit	157,000	0.16%	
Harford Transit LINK	336,000	0.33%	
RTA of Central Maryland	917,000	0.91%	
Queen Anne's County Ride	26,000	0.03%	
Total	100,980,000	100.00%	





# **Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan**



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#### **Regional Transit Plan**—From Planning to Implementation



#### **Regional Transit Plan**—Implementation Team

- Quarterly meetings with I-Team
  - Separate meetings with jurisdictions as needed
  - Separate project/activity work groups as needed
- Continue working with existing advisory groups
  - Citizens Advisory Council (CAC)
  - Citizens Advisory Committee for Accessible Transportation (CACAT)
  - MARC Riders Advisory Council





#### **Regional Transit Plan**—Work Plans and Metrics

- Annually create one-year work plans
- Update existing website a dashboard that tracks progress in an easy to understand way
- Create a dashboard after 2021



Plan Objectives		Measure	How Often
Provide Fas More Relial Service		On Time Performance	Annually
	Provide Faster,	Number of Miles of Dedicated Bus Lanes	Annually
		Number of Intersections With Transit Signal Priority	Annually
		Paratransit On Time Performance	Annually
1	Grow Ridership	<b>Ridership Growth</b>	Annually
		Percent of people commuting by transit in the region	Every 5 years
Jobs	Increase Access to Jobs and Opportunities	Percent of Jobs Accessible By Transit	Every 5 years
		Percent of People with Access to Transit	Every 5 years
Improve the Customer Experience		Customer Satisfaction Survey	Annually
	Customer	Number of at-grade Pedestrian Crossings	Every 5 years
	Safety Ranking	Annually	
	Be Equitable	Percent of Stops and Stations That Are ADA accessible	Annually
		Number of Bus Shelters in Low-income Areas	Annually
	Prepare for the Future	Percent of Zero-Emission Transit Vehicles in the Fleet	Annually

#### **Regional Transit Plan**—Year One Strategies

Reliability	<ul> <li>Install real-time information displays at key transit hubs</li> <li>Design and construct improvements at three transit hubs</li> <li>Install an additional 10 miles of dedicated bus lanes</li> <li>Institute a curb management committee with the local jurisdictions</li> </ul>
Ridership	<ul> <li>Pursue transit-oriented development opportunities around rail stations</li> <li>Study extensions of MARC service south into Virginia and north into Delaware</li> <li>Convene a Task Force focused on growing ridership</li> </ul>
Access	<ul> <li>Initiate planning studies for two "Early Opportunity" Corridors</li> <li>Initiate and implement five Small Area Transit Plans</li> <li>Coordinate with private shuttles and expand Commuter Choice Maryland</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Enhance the cleanliness and sanitization of stations, stops and vehicles</li> <li>Identify actions to reduce assaults on operators</li> </ul>
Equity	<ul> <li>Create an Equity Manager position at MDOT MTA</li> <li>Include more opportunities for community participation in the planning process</li> <li>Conduct ADA accessibility surveys and implement improvements</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Prioritize the rehabilitation and replacement of safety and service critical assets</li> <li>Procure zero-emission vehicles and infrastructure for the MDOT MTA bus fleet</li> <li>Conduct a skills and software needs assessment across all providers</li> <li>Participate in the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board study of transit governance and funding</li> </ul>

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# MARYLAND STATEWIDE TRANSIT PLAN





# **Purpose and Approach**

- Address the **50-year vision** of transit statewide
  - Define desired performance and customer experience outcomes
  - Convey the benefits of transit and the relationships with economic opportunity, land use, and first mile/last mile access
- Create a framework for coordinated transit service and customer experience
  - Stitch together local and regional plans across the state
  - Understand the technology, policy, and service delivery gaps and opportunities
  - Create an action plan and performance metrics

# **Plan Development and Outreach**



# **Draft 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**.

**Draft Goals** 



Ensure a safe, secure, and resilient transit system

Provide inclusive, equitable, and accessible transit choices



Facilitate economic opportunity locally and regionally

Leverage innovative transit infrastructure and technology Expand and integrate transit options and partnership

Ensure environmental and fiscal sustainability



Deliver a reliable and quality customer experience



# Learn More and Take the Survey!

- Project webpage: <u>www.mta.Maryland.gov/statewide-plan</u>
- Email questions or request a briefing: <u>MTASTP@mdot.maryland.gov</u>
- Survey is available on the project webpage
  - Available in English and Spanish
  - Available in other languages and formats upon request
  - Closes October 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:59 p.m.



Maryland Statewide Transit Plan Survey

Please take a moment to tell us about your priorities for and experience with transit in Maryland. We appreciate your valuable input!

The Maryland Statewide Transit Plan is an initiative of the Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) and will provide guidance on the need for transit services and connectivity in Maryland. The Statewide Transit Plan will be a 50-year vision for transit, based on existing state, regional and local plans, proposed projects, and analysis of future activity centers, demographics, and transit needs.

For more information, or to request this information in an alternate format or translated into another language, please contact the department listed below.

Para más información, o para pedir esta información en un formato alternativo o traducido a otro lenguaje, por favor contacte el departamento nombrado abajo.

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