# MTA Updates

**Baltimore Regional Transit Commission** 

Holly Arnold, Administrator & CEO June 7, 2024



MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

#### **Commuter Bus Service Changes**









- Agency received nearly 830 comments from riders and other stakeholders
  - Request to use "S" schedule on all routes
- Service preserved on all 36 Commuter Bus routes
  - Reduced frequencies "S" level or better
  - Unchanged current span of service hours and geographic coverage
- Schedule adjustments designed to align with recent • commuting patterns and ridership levels
- New schedules effective July 1

## **MARC Grant Award**

- Awarded ~\$1.4 million for engineering and design work make the MARC College Park Station an accessible multimodal hub
  - Connections to Purple Line, WMATA, and local bus service
- Funding allocated through the All Stations Accessibility Program (ASAP) of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law
- Will allow riders to easily board and depart from the station
  - New 600-foot, low-level platforms
  - Additional safety protections in and around the station that will directly meet the needs of passengers with disabilities



## Light Rail Track Work

- State of Good Repair upgrades to Light Rail track south of North Linthicum Station
  - Realigned and destressed ~1,600 feet of track
  - ~200 tie anchors installed
  - Replacement of grade crossing at Camp Meade Road
- Free shuttle bus service was provided for those riding between impacted stops
  - Real-time shuttle information was available on MTA website
- South end reopened for service on schedule on May 25









Shuttle Bus service is no longer in place.

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## **Bike to Work Week**

- Celebrated Bike to Work Week between May 13-17
- Hosted a bike to work "pit stop" at Penn Station in Baltimore on Thursday, May 16
- Press conference on May 17 with Lt. Governor, Baltimore City Mayor, BCDOT, MDOT, BMC, and others
- All rail stations now have bike racks
- MARC is retrofitting several additional train cars into bike cars with 25 bike racks





## **MTA Superstars Program**

- Quarterly employee recognition program designed to recognize top-performing operators over a range of KPIs:
  - Attendance
  - Preventable accidents and citations
  - Early timepoints
  - Late departures from first stop
  - Compliant layovers
  - Safety compliance





## **Other Updates**

- Red Line
  - Community Advisory Team announcement on May 16
  - Martha Gross started as Executive Director of Transit Development & Delivery
  - Mode announcement forthcoming
- Purple Line Talbot Avenue Bridge reopening
- National Recognition Award from the American Council of Engineering Companies (ACEC)
  - Outstanding engineering excellence in completing the MARC Riverside Heavy Maintenance Building
- Preakness
- MTA Employee Resource Groups
- June is National Safety Month
- Baltimore Pride Parade on June 15

