MTA Updates

Baltimore Regional Transit Commission

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MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION

State of Good Repair Progress

- Metro railcars and signal system testing
- Replacement of West Cold Spring pedestrian bridge and Aerial Pier 2720
- Mondawmin elevator replacement
- Track upgrades and replacements





Workforce Improvements

- Reduced overall agency hiring time by 40%
- Hired more than 400 new operators for second year in a row
- Launched bus maintenance apprenticeship program





Performance Improvements

- Significant reductions in Core Bus service cuts
 - Down from more than 12% in January to less than 2% in November
- Preventable incidents down 10% year-over-year
- Ridership up 14% this year
 - Post-pandemic highs for all modes









MARC Growth & Transformation Plan

- Hosted virtual public meeting on December 12
- More than 160 attendees
- Topics included plans for future MARC service and improved system connectivity
- Breakout rooms were used to encourage comments and conversations on proposed service
- Meeting recording available online
 - <u>https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-qEXqPKLLTQ</u>



Agenda



Future Service Plan: Systemwide

The Future MARC System

- Transformational, marketoriented service that recognizes constraints
- More equitable, frequent, all-day service (including weekends) across the system to serve changing and new travel markets
- Improved system connectivity between MARC lines, other MTA services, Amtrak, WMATA, VRE, and SEPTA
- Expansions into Virginia, Delaware, and Western Maryland



Transit Merch





- Launched online merchandise store on November 26
- Held Holiday Pop-Up Shop on December 12
- MDTransitMerch.com

Women In Transportation Recognition

- Four employees recognized at WTS Baltimore Chapter annual awards ceremony
- MTA Police Chief Jerome Howard received the Honorable Ray LaHood Man of the Year Award
- The Rosa Parks Diversity Leadership Award was presented to Aesha Darby
 - Leader of newly founded Women in Transit Employee Resource Group
- Suzette Barron, Light Rail Field Supervisor, and Mobility operator Tavon Richard-Laird also honored



Engagement Updates

- Holiday Bus
- Mayor's Holiday Parade
- Adopt-A-Family
- Sundays with Santa
- Train Garden at Mondawmin Metro Station
- Youth Transit Council
- MLK Parade on January 20



End of Year Wrap-Up Video

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Xbtlx0iWNgk

