



# Baltimore Regional Transit Commission

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# Orioles Opening Day



**TRANSIT OPTIONS**  
WORTH *Cheering* ABOUT!



# Earth Day

CELEBRATE  
**EARTH DAY**

RIDE  
**FREE**

Tuesday, April 22, 2025

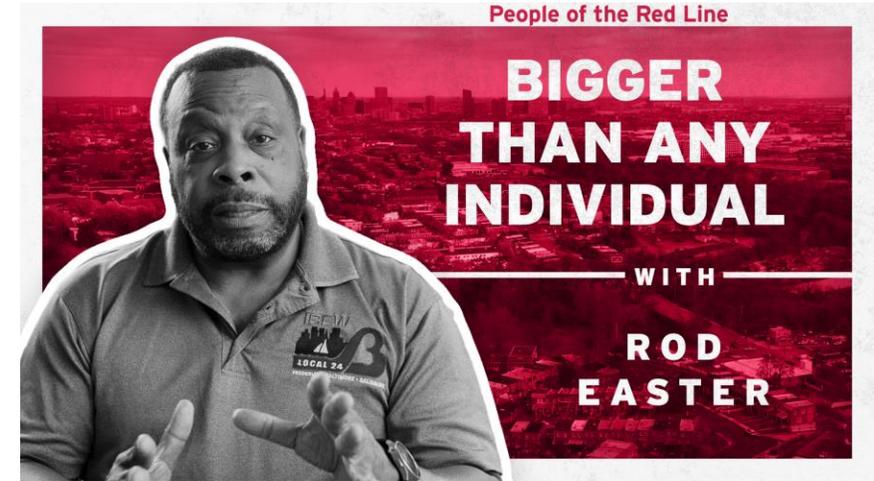
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# APTA Gold Award for Bus Safety



# Red Line Updates



# Transit Employee Appreciation Week



Holly Arnold reposted  
Lt. Governor Aruna Miller  
@LtGovMiller

On National Transit Employee Appreciation Day, we recognize the public servants who keep our communities moving—bus drivers, train operators, mechanics, dispatchers, and all transit workers.



Maryland Department of Transportation and MTA Maryland

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# AFSME Local 1859 Contract Signing



# Service Updates



- MARC Ridership
  - Post-COVID high of 494,000 rides in March
  - Weekend ridership up
    - On 3/29 (peak Cherry Blossom day), MARC carried over 13,000 passengers
    - On 4/5, MARC carried over 10,000 passengers

- Core Bus Service Reliability
  - Multi-year highs in bus availability (0% equipment cuts in March)
  - February and March highest bus on-time performance post-COVID
  - Reached >80% OTP on 4/16 and 4/21 for first time post-COVID
  - As of mid-April, there have been 22 days in 2025 with less than 1% cuts

- Fall Service Change announcement



# Transit Service to Baltimore City Public Schools

- MTA service provides  $\frac{1}{4}$  mile access to over 250 schools in the region
  - Currently operates 185 supplemental school trips
  - Approximately 25,000 students per school day
- Collaboration with BCPSS
  - MTA has a dedicated school liaison
  - Coordination on bell times
  - Annual Service Plan
- Student engagement through Youth Transit Council
- MTA is legally prohibited from providing chartered school service

**BALTIMORE CITY**  
**PUBLIC SCHOOLS**



**CODE OF FEDERAL REGULATIONS**

**49 CFR Part 605, Subpart B: School Bus Agreements §605.12**

***No recipient or operator of project equipment shall engage in school bus operations using buses, facilities or equipment funded [by the Federal Transit Administration].***

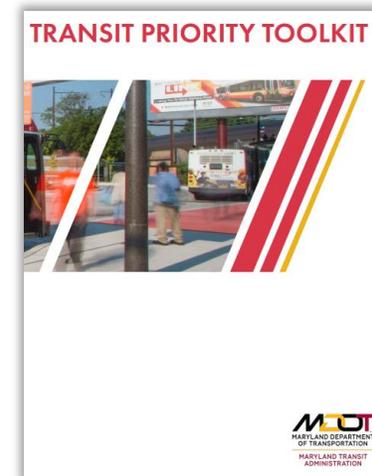
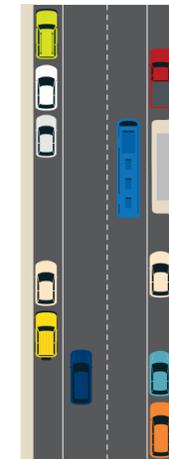
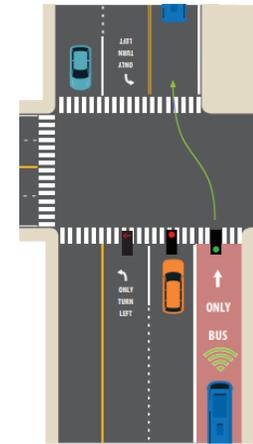
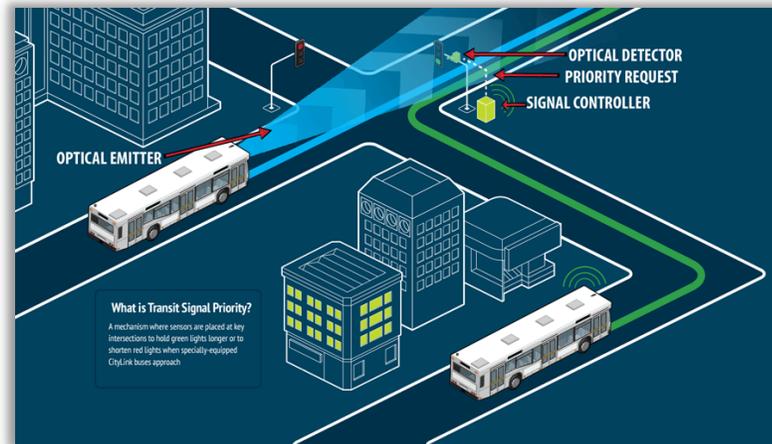
# Schools and Service Changes

- Schedule changes implemented three times a year per Union CBA
  - Fall and summer service changes aligning to the start and end of the school year
- Recent coordination examples
  - New Orange, Blue, 54, and Brown trips for Dunbar
  - Additional Silver trips at Digital Harbor
  - Commodore John Rogers location change
  - City High move to University of Baltimore
  - ACCE Academy pilot to support after school activities



# How Baltimore City Can Help MTA Service

- Additional dedicated bus lanes, transit signal priority, and other transit prioritization investments
- Dedicated bus lane and parking enforcement
- Continued and improved communication with BCPSS
- <https://www.mta.maryland.gov/transit-priority-initiative>





# AUTISM TRANSIT PROJECT



## EARTH DAY YOUTH ART COMPETITION



See your design rolling  
on an MTA bus!  
[mta.maryland.gov/EarthDayArt](http://mta.maryland.gov/EarthDayArt)



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