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A Plan to Connect Baltimore

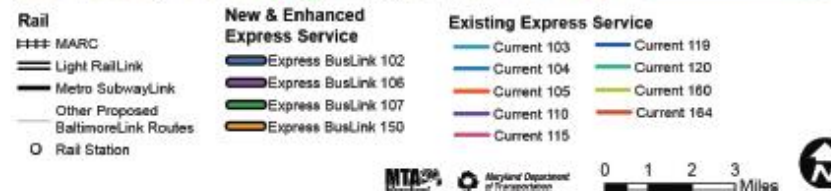
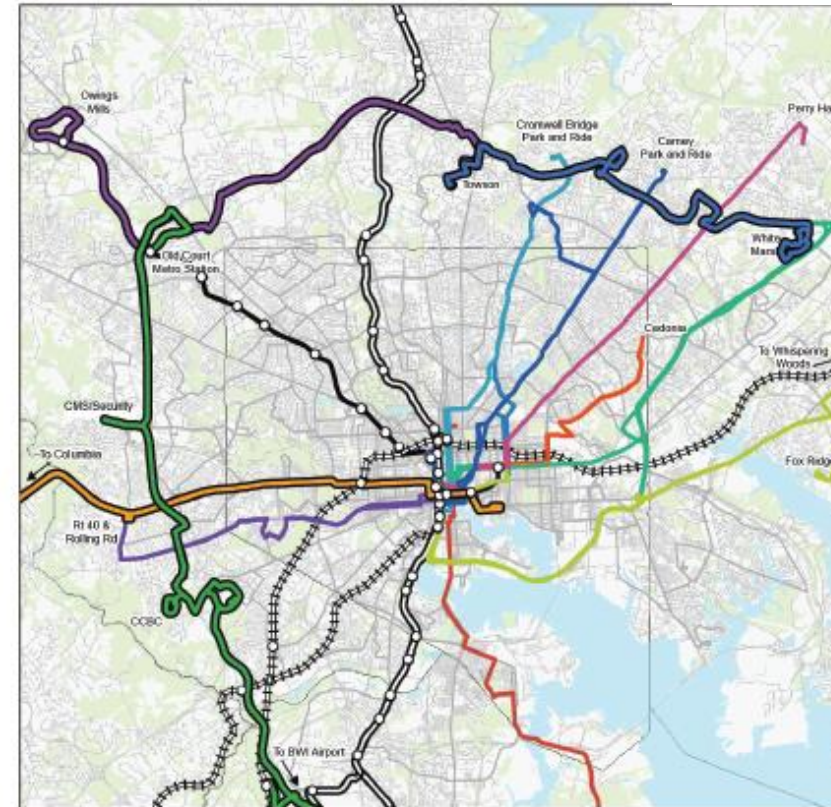


***Maryland Department
of Transportation***

Express BusLink Improvements

- Addressing a need: Increased access to regional jobs
 - Connections to Suburban Job Centers – The Express BusLink network must serve regional job centers in addition to the downtown CBD.
- First phase in the overall bus network overhaul
 - June 2016 Service Changes - Introduction of three new Express BusLink routes and the enhancement of the current Express Bus No. 150.
 - Public Hearings – The MTA is hosting public hearings for the proposed service changes to the Express BusLink network March 21st – 29th. For more information please visit: <http://mta.maryland.gov/baltimorelink-hearings>
 - Implementation – The first phase of Express BusLink routes are scheduled to begin service on June 19, 2016.

Enhanced Express Bus System
(June 2016)



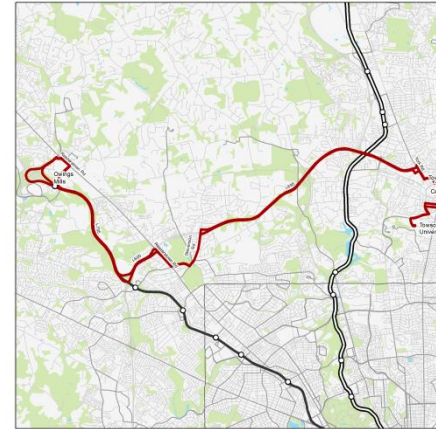


Express BusLink Improvements

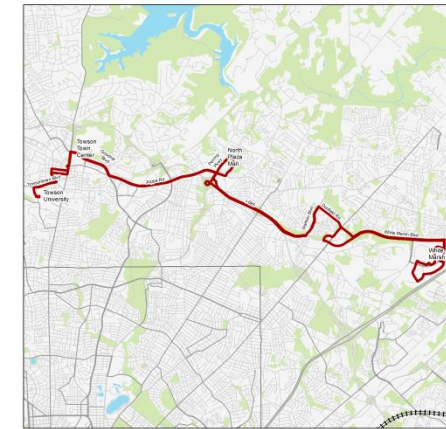


- Three new suburban to suburban express bus routes
 - Express BusLink 102 - White Marsh Park and Ride Lot, Towson Town Center and the Lutherville Light Rail Station
 - Express BusLink 106 - Towson, Pikesville and the Owings Mills Metro Subway Station
 - Express BusLink 107 - Old Court Metro Subway Station and BWI Thurgood Marshall Airport/BWI Rail Station
- One Existing Express Route will be enhanced
 - Express BusLink 150 – Columbia, Downtown, and Harbor East
- Other current Express Routes (e.g., the X-routes and remaining 100-series routes) are under analysis and will either remain, or be replaced by Local or CityLink routes
- Local Bus Changes: Enhance No. 77 and Eliminate No. 99 as a result of duplication of services

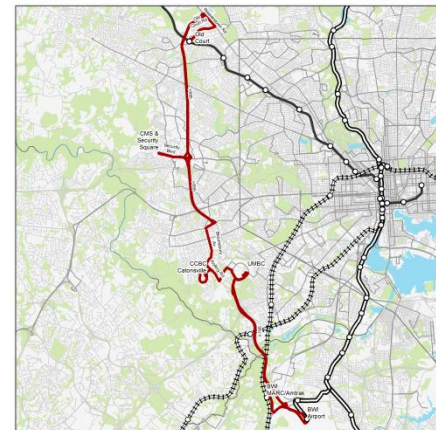
Express BusLink 106 *Proposed*



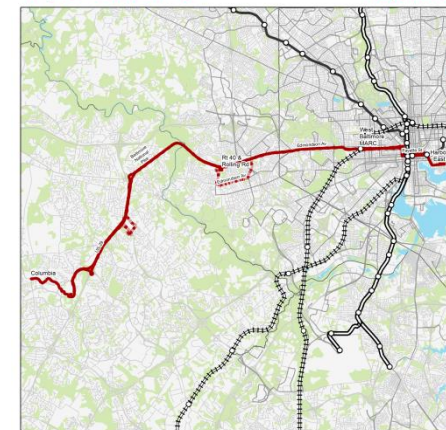
Express BusLink 102 *Proposed*



Express BusLink 107 *Proposed*



Express BusLink 150 *Proposed*

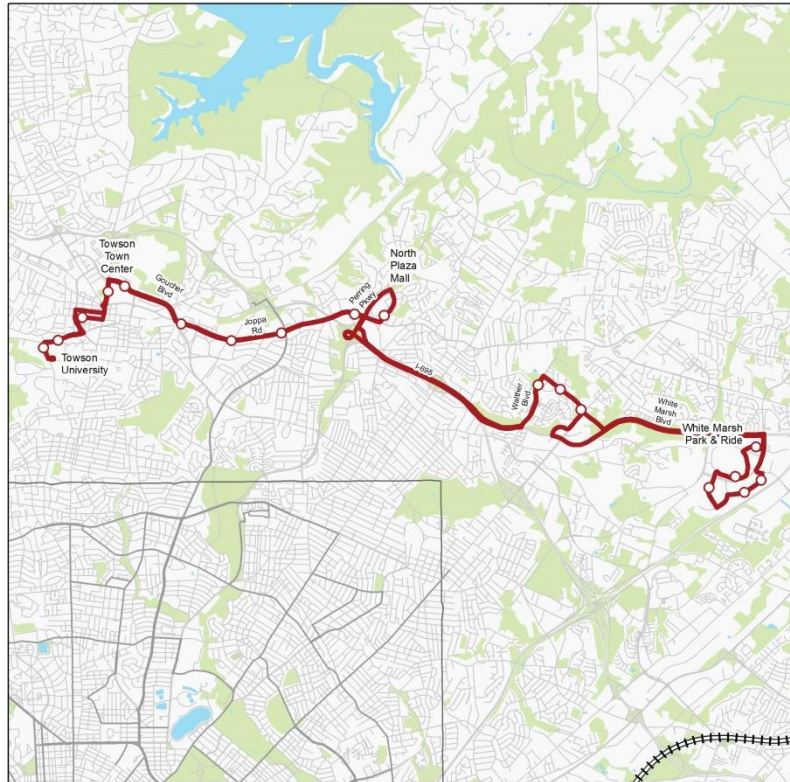




NEW Express BusLink 102: Towson to White Marsh

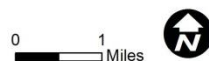
Express BusLink 102

Proposed



Legend

- ==== MARC
- ==== Light RailLink
- ==== Metro SubwayLink
- Rail Station
- Highlighted Route
- Proposed Stop
- Current MTA Core Bus System



Summary

- New express service connecting Towson and White Marsh, with stops at the Baltimore County Circuit Court, Towson Town Center, North Plaza Mall, and Fox Hall apartments.

Justification

- This route will provide a new express connection between the White Marsh Mall/White Marsh Park and Ride and Towson Town Center, as well as new service to Fox Hall apartments, North Plaza Mall, and portions of Joppa Road.
- MTA received numerous requests for service during the Bus Network Improvement Project (BNIP) public outreach process. This route will reduce travel times between White Marsh and Towson from 70 minutes to 55 minutes.

Service Levels

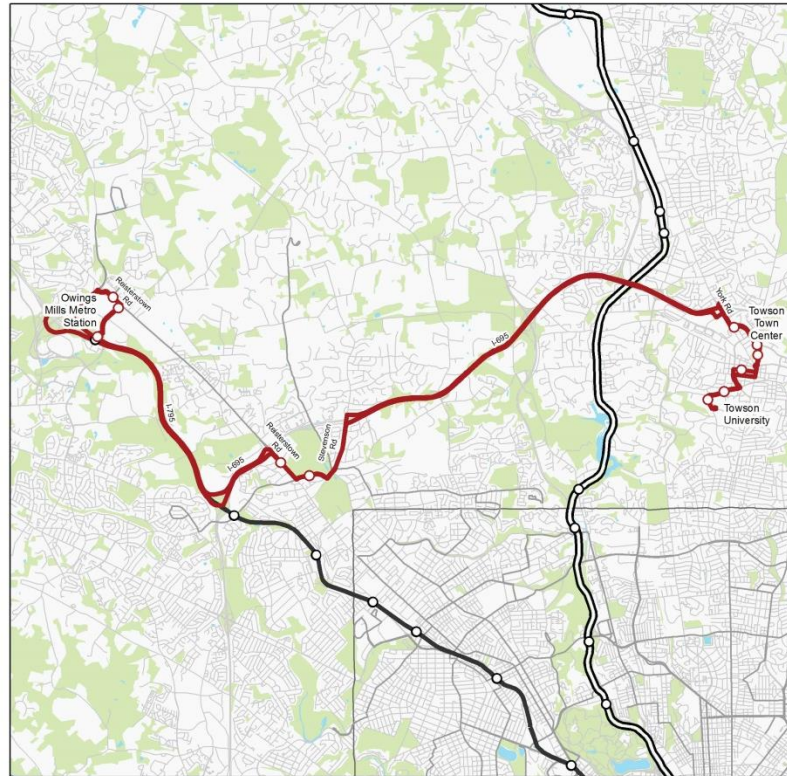
			Proposed Service
Span	Weekday		6:00am-8:00pm
	Saturday		8:00am-7:00pm
	Sunday		-
Frequency (in minutes)	Weekday	Early	-
		AM Peak	45 (4 roundtrips)
		Midday	60 (6 roundtrips)
		PM Peak	45 (5 roundtrips)
		Evening	60 (1 roundtrip)
		Late Night	-
		Sat	Day
		Early/Late	-
	Sun	Day	-
		Early/Late	-



NEW Express BusLink 106: Owings Mills to Towson

Express BusLink 106

Proposed



Legend

- ==== MARC
- ==== Light RailLink
- Metro SubwayLink
- Rail Station
- Highlighted Route
- Proposed Stop
- Current MTA Core Bus System



0 1 Miles



Summary

- New express service will connect the Owings Mills Metro Subway station and Towson with stops in Pikesville, Towson Town Center, Baltimore County Circuit Court, and Towson University.

Justification

- This route will provide a new express connection between major job sites in Owings Mills, Pikesville, and Towson.
- One-way travel time between Owings Mills and Towson will reduce from 80 minutes to 45 minutes.

Service Levels

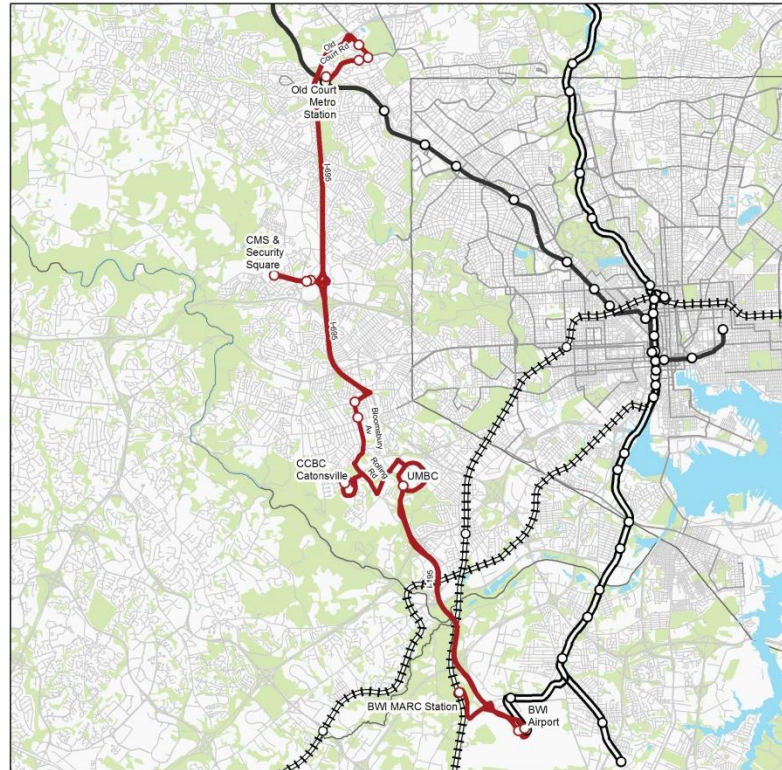
			Proposed Service
Span	Weekday		6:00am-8:00pm
	Saturday		-
	Sunday		-
Frequency (in minutes)	Weekday	Early	-
		AM Peak	45 (4 roundtrips)
		Midday	60 (6 roundtrips)
		PM Peak	45 (5 roundtrips)
		Evening	60 (1 roundtrip)
		Late Night	-
	Sat	Day	-
		Early/Late	-
	Sun	Day	-
Early/Late		-	



NEW Express BusLink 107: BWI Airport to Old Court Metro Subway Station

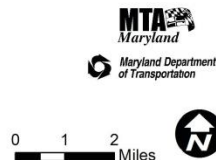
Express BusLink 107

Proposed



Legend

- MARC
- ==== Light RailLink
- Metro SubwayLink
- Rail Station
- Highlighted Route
- Proposed Stop
- Current MTA Core Bus System



Summary

- New express service will operate during morning and evening peak services, connecting the BWI Airport and BWI Rail Station to the Old Court Metro Subway station, with stops in the vicinity of Security Square Mall, Catonsville, Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) Catonsville, and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).

Justification

- This route will provide a quicker connection for riders currently traveling on Local Bus line Nos. 77 and 99 during morning and evening peak services between the Old Court Metro Subway station, Security Square Mall, Catonsville, UMBC, CCBC Catonsville, BWI Airport and BWI Rail Station.
- The desire for this quicker connection was communicated through the public outreach process for the Bus Network Improvement Project (BNIP).

Service Levels

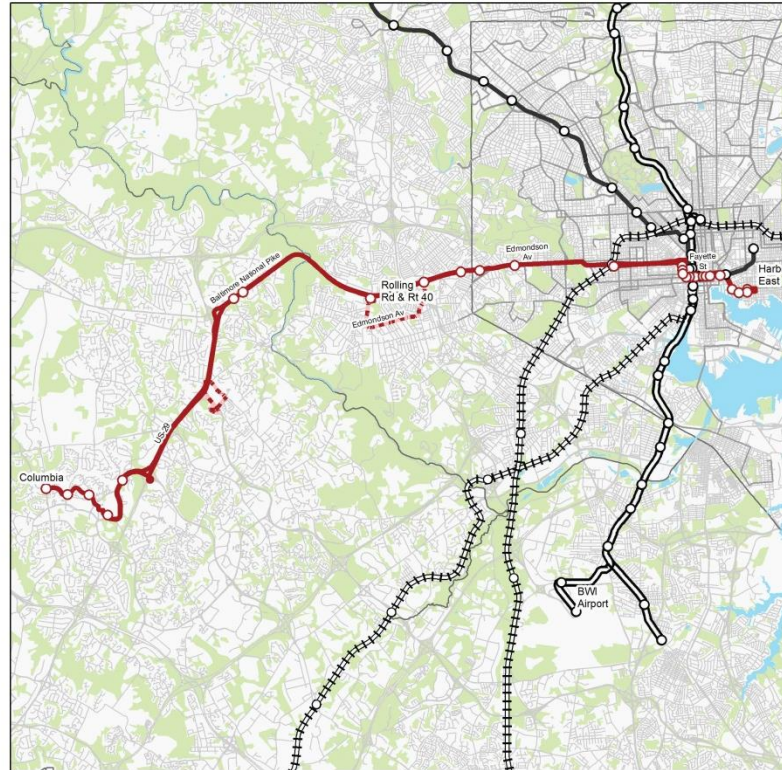
Proposed Service			
Span	Weekday		6:30am-9:00am; 4:00pm-6:00pm
	Saturday		-
	Sunday		-
Frequency (in minutes)	Weekday	Early	-
		AM Peak	75 (2 roundtrips)
		Midday	-
		PM Peak	75 (2 roundtrips)
		Evening	-
		Late Night	-
	Sat	Day	-
		Early/Late	-
	Sun	Day	-
		Early/Late	-



MODIFIED Express BusLink 150: Columbia Town Center to Downtown/Harbor East

Express BusLink 150

Proposed



Legend

- ==== MARC
- Light RailLink
- Metro SubwayLink
- Rail Station
- Highlighted Route
- Eliminated Service
- Proposed Stop
- Current MTA Core Bus System



0 1 2 Miles



Summary

- Express BusLink 150 will be a modified version of the current Express Bus No. 150 line, providing express service between Columbia Town Center and downtown Baltimore, and extending service to Harbor East.
- Service will be eliminated to the Long Gate Park and Ride and along Edmondson Avenue between Ingleside Avenue and Rolling Road.
- Every trip will provide service to Harbor East.

Justification

- Due to low ridership, and indirect routing, segments to Long Gate Park and Ride and Edmondson Avenue (between Ingleside Avenue and Rolling Road only) will be removed from this route.
- Service will be extended to Harbor East, a major job destination for Columbia residents.

Service Levels

		Current Service	Proposed Service
Span	Weekday	5:45am-8:30am; 4:45pm-7:45pm	5:45am-8:30am; 4:45pm-7:45pm
	Saturday	-	-
	Sunday	-	-
Frequency (in minutes)	Weekday	Early	-
		AM Peak	30 (3 roundtrips)
		Midday	-
		PM Peak	30 (3 roundtrips)
		Evening	-
	Sat	Late Night	-
		Day	-
	Sun	Early/Late	-
		Day	-
		Early/Late	-

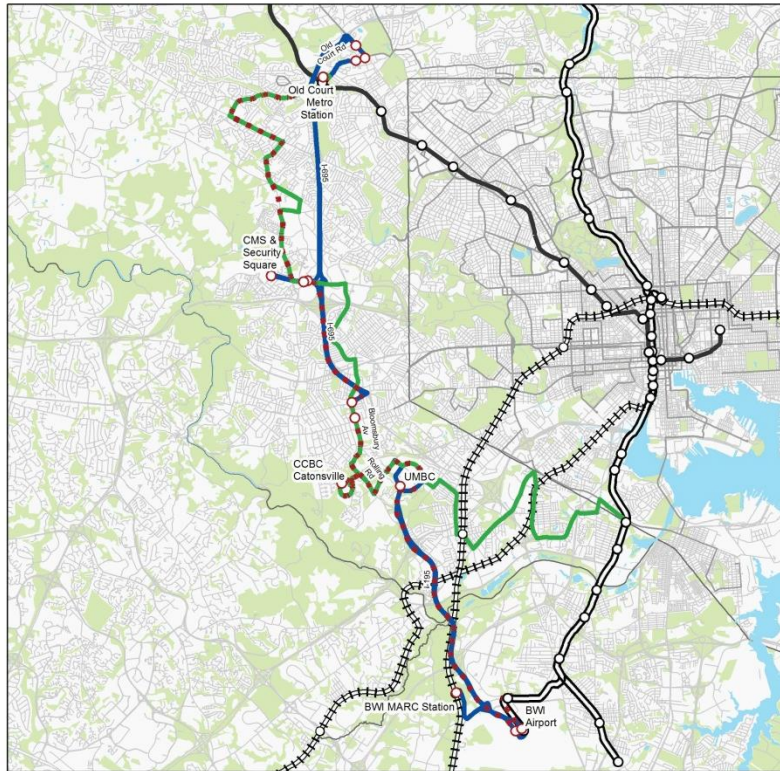


Local Bus Nos. 77 and 99:

Old Court Metro Subway Station to BWI Airport/Patapsco Light Rail Station

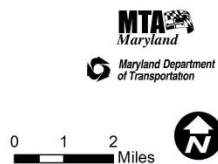
Enhanced Local Bus No. 77
Eliminated Local Bus No. 99

Proposed



Legend

- ==== MARC
- ==== Light RailLink
- Metro SubwayLink
- Rail Station
- Eliminated 99
- Enhanced 77
- Proposed Express BusLink 107
- Proposed Stop
- Current MTA Core Bus System



Summary

- Enhance service on the Local Bus No. 77 with additional trips during morning and evening peak services between the Old Court Metro Subway Station and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).
- Eliminate service on the Local Bus No. 99 and replace with new Express BusLink 107, which will align with much of the current No. 99 route alignment.

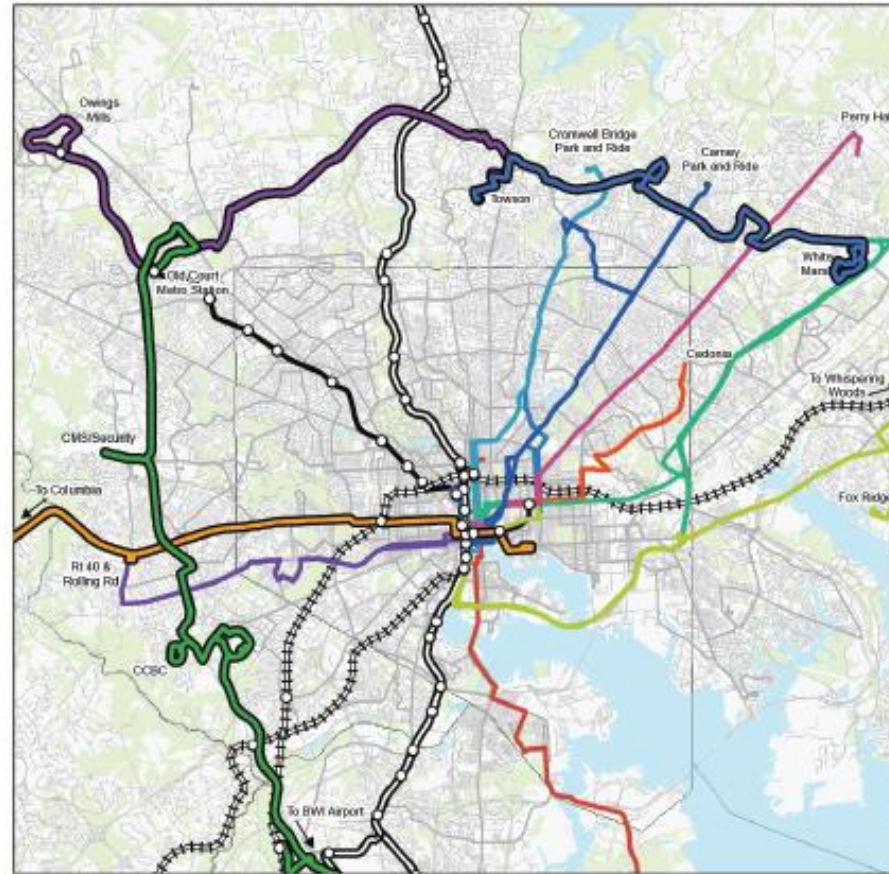
Justification

- Much of Local Bus No. 99 line duplicates the route of Local Bus No. 77 line and the new Express BusLink 107. Route will be eliminated to reduce rider confusion and to streamline services.
- To provide the same combined level of service as current Local Bus line Nos. 77 and 99, one trip per hour during peak service periods will be added to the Local Bus No. 77 line and 2 trips during morning and evening peak service periods will be assigned to the new Express BusLink 107 between Old Court Metro Subway Station and UMBC.
- Between Security Square Mall and Old Court Metro Subway station, the new Express BusLink 107 will operate via I-695, rather than to follow the Local Bus No. 99 line alignment along Rolling Road, Milford Mill Road, and Liberty Road.

Service Levels

MTA 77				
			Current Service	Proposed Service
Span	Weekday		4:45am-2:00am	4:45am-2:00am
	Saturday		5:45am-1:45am	5:45am-1:45am
	Sunday		5:45am-1:00am	5:45am-1:00am
Frequency (in minutes)	Weekday	Early	30	30
		AM Peak	30	20
		Midday	30	30
		PM Peak	30	20
		Evening	60	60
	Sat	Late Night	60	60
		Day	30	30
	Sun	Early/Late	60	60
		Day	60	60
		Early/Late	60	60

Current Express Bus System

Enhanced Express Bus System
(June 2016)*Proposed*



Six Hearings Around the Baltimore Region

- **Monday, March 21**
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Towson
- **Tuesday, March 22**
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Linthicum
- **Wednesday, March 23**
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Woodlawn
- **Thursday, March 24**
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
White Marsh
- **Monday, March 28**
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Owings Mills
- **Tuesday, March 29**
4:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Harbor East

