

# Connecting Our Future: A Regional Transit Plan for Central Maryland

Project Overview

# Background

Maryland Chapter 352 (HB 372/SB 277)

Develop a 25-year Regional Transit Plan for Central Maryland to meet the transit needs of the Core Service Area:

- Anne Arundel County
- Baltimore City
- Baltimore County
- Harford County
- Howard County
- Other areas in which population commutes to counties above to use MDOT MTA service (as MDOT determines)

Areas served by Light RailLink, Metro SubwayLink, or Fixed-Route Bus

# Legislation Overview

- Define the goals for outcomes to be achieved through the provision of public transportation
- In order to best achieve the goals defined, identify options for:
  - Improvements to the existing transportation assets
  - Improvements to leveraging non-Administration transportation options available to public transportation
  - Corridors for new public transportation assets
  - Evaluate Plan's consistency with local land use and transportation plans and the Maryland Transportation Plan and identify opportunities for achieving greater consistency

# Approach



Create a strategic plan for mobility in Central Maryland

## ▶ VISION

### The Plan focuses on...

Creating a regional network for mobility

Integrating existing service across providers

New Mobility and technological advances

Mobility Management across service providers



# Plan Framework

Seven “Focus Areas” frame the plan:

- State of Good Repair
- Funding
- New Mobility
- Customer Experience
- Service Quality and Integration
- Access
- Corridors of Opportunity



# Focus Area | STATE OF GOOD REPAIR

## The Plan focuses on...

Reinvestment

Proactive maintenance

Comprehensive asset management

## FROM THE LEGISLATION

“Identify options for improvements to existing transportation assets.”

# Focus Area | **FUNDING**

## The Plan focuses on...

Innovative financing and funding tools

Regional investments that compliment state funding

Private partnerships

## FROM THE LEGISLATION

“Identify options for improvements to leverage non-Administration transportation options available to public transportation.”

# Focus Area | NEW MOBILITY

## The Plan focuses on...

Private sector solutions that compliment public assets

Regional mobility

Evolving trends beyond traditional modes

## FROM THE LEGISLATION

“Identify options for improvements to existing transportation assets.”



# Focus Area | CUSTOMER EXPERIENCE

## The Plan focuses on...

Tools and amenities driven by performance metrics

Customers' complete journey

Innovation and technology

## FROM THE LEGISLATION

“Identify options for improvements to leverage non-Administration transportation options available to public transportation.”

# Focus Area | SERVICE QUALITY & INTEGRATION

## The Plan focuses on...

Aligning service

Improving the existing network's performance

MDOT MTA as a mobility manager for the region

## FROM THE LEGISLATION

“Identify options for improvements to leverage non-Administration transportation options available to public transportation.”

# Focus Area | ACCESS

## The Plan focuses on...

Access to life's opportunities

Economic development opportunities

Leveraging existing transit

Using all options for first and last mile needs

## FROM THE LEGISLATION

“Identify options for improvements to existing transportation assets.”

# Focus Area | CORRIDORS OF OPPORTUNITY

## The Plan focuses on...

Improving existing service

Mobility as a service

Integrating existing service across providers

Corridors for additional investment

## FROM THE LEGISLATION

“Identify options for corridors for new public transportation assets;  
prioritize corridors for planning of new public transportation assets.”

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# Commission | Legislative Composition

## ► Central Maryland Regional Plan Commission comprises:

County Executive of Anne Arundel County (or designee)

Mayor of Baltimore City (or designee)

County Executive of Baltimore County (or designee)

County Executive of Harford County (or designee)

County Executive of Howard County (or designee)

Representative from Central Maryland business or transportation organization, appointed by the President of the Senate

Representative from Central Maryland business or transportation organization, appointed by the Speaker of the House

Four appointees from the Governor:

Representative from Central Maryland business organization

Representative from the Citizen Advisory Council

Representative from a disabled riders group

Representative from MARC Riders Advisory Council

# Commission | Role & Responsibilities

- **Participate in developing a meaningful public involvement strategy**
- **Participate in developing the Plan's goals**
- Provide a regional view
- Focus on economic development
- Foster cross-jurisdictional buy-in
- Convene every two to three months

# Commission & Outreach Schedule

## 2019

## 2020



# Questions & Discussion

Thank you