# How Important is Baltimore's Regional Transit?

#### Every year our regional transit systems . . .

- Provide nearly 65 million rides
- Travel over **60 million miles** to take riders where they need to go
- Provide more than **300 million miles** of transportation for its passengers
- Operate more than **1,600 vehicles** during peak service times



#### In 3 years we could have . . .

- 30-minute minimum frequency standard on all bus routes
- Increased Sunday Light Rail service
- A reimagined Commuter Bus system with all-day service
- 6-minute Metro headways
- Transit ambassadors, restroom attendants, and an improved experience for riders





#### A better system needs more funding . . .

- A transit system that is frequent, reliable, and easy to use
- Transit that expands to meet the region's growth and supports economic development
- A transit experience that is pleasant and dignified
- A system where buses and trains are so frequent you don't need a schedule



#### In 10 years we could have . .

- Red Line open
- Increased MARC service on all lines
- Regional transit hubs for better coordination between systems and more mobility options for users
- 7-minute Light Rail headways and new vehicles
- An expanded mobility fleet
- A state of good repair backlog that is fully eliminated
- Upgraded Metro, Light Rail, and MARC stations

When we support improving transit in the Baltimore region, we're working towards a future that focuses on making things better for everyone. It's not just about making transit better— it's about making the entire region a better place to live, work, and explore.

### Why Transit?

Baltimore's regional transit system helps the people in our communities thrive and grow. It's not just about moving people from place to place. It helps in many areas, like keeping our environment clean, making people healthier, and helping everyone have equal opportunities.

#### **More Jobs and Money**

Investing in transit means more jobs for people in our region. Running buses and trains create work. Plus, transit plays a vital role in connecting commuters to work, ensuring that people can easily access job opportunities and contribute to our local economy.

## **Saving Time and Money**

Using transit is cheaper and more efficient than owning a car. It lets people do other things while they travel, like reading or working. When more people take transit, there's less traffic, so everyone gets where they need to go faster.

# **Helping the Community**

Transit also helps our neighborhoods grow in good ways. It raises property values near transit stops, which means more money for local services like schools and parks. Plus, transit makes our cities more compact and sustainable, which is better for the environment.

### **Less Pollution**

Using transit helps cut down on harmful gases that hurt our planet. When more people ride buses and trains instead of driving, we make the air cleaner for everyone and help fight climate change.

## **Better Health and Safety**

Taking transit also means getting more exercise. Walking or biking to bus stops or train stations helps keep our bodies strong and healthy. Plus, transit is safer than driving, so accidents on the road happen less often.

# **Equity and Access**

Transit helps everyone get around, no matter where they live or how much money they have. People with disabilities often rely on buses and trains to go to work, school, and get medical help. Transit makes sure everyone has the same chances.

## **Ready for Emergencies**

When emergencies happen transit helps us stay safe. Buses and trains are the fastest way to evacuate people from danger zones and get them to safety.

Improving our regional transit system is about more than just buses and trains. It's about making our communities cleaner, healthier, fairer, and more connected for everyone who lives here.

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