

MTA Updates

Baltimore Regional Transit Commission

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Bus Roadeo



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The MTA let me drive a city bus at its annual 'Roadeo.' It wasn't pretty.

[Daniel Zawodny](#) 9/24/2024 5:30 a.m. EDT

World Car Free Day



**RIDE FREE
ON MTA**

Celebrate Car Free Day
Monday, September 23



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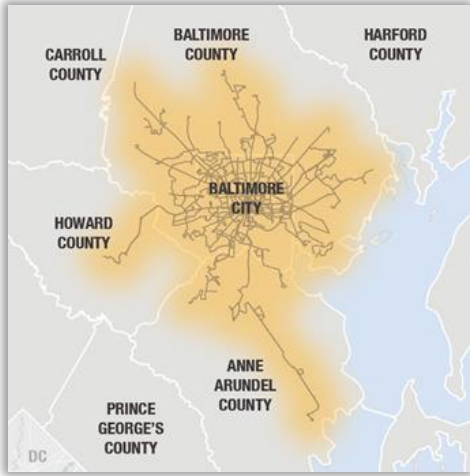
**Getting stuck in
traffic all day**



**Riding fare-free all
day on MTA buses,
light rail, subway and
the MARC train!**

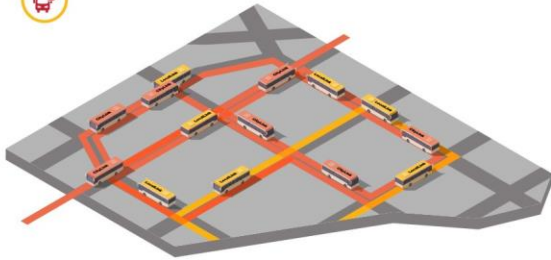


BMORE Bus



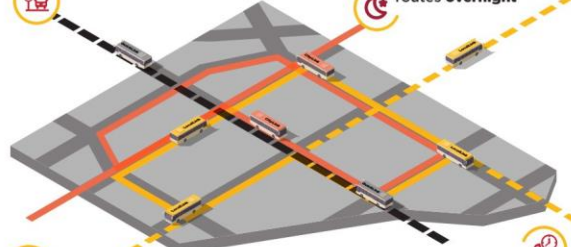
SCENARIO 1 *Enhanced Frequency*

Improved frequency for all existing CityLink and LocalLink routes on **weekdays, weekends, and overnight**, system-wide



SCENARIO 2 *Expanded Service*

New limited-stop QuickLink network



Frequency improvements for CityLink and LocalLink routes **overnight**



New LocalLink routes and select LocalLink route extensions

Frequency improvements for CityLink and LocalLink routes on **weekdays and weekends**

View the recommended service improvements and scenarios and provide feedback at mta.maryland.gov/bmorebus/

- More than 700 comments received this Spring
- Current comment period open Sept 16-Oct 18
- Interactive, online summary of proposed recommendations and scenarios available at mta.maryland.gov/bmorebus
- Fall open houses
 - First took place Saturday, September 28 at Coppin State University
 - Next one is Tuesday, October 8 from 6-8pm
 - Enoch Pratt Library – Southeast Anchor Branch
 - Final one is Thursday, October 10 from 12-1pm
 - Virtual Meeting

Rail Safety Week



MTA Maryland @mtamaryland · 2h

Headphones are amazing for the way they can transport you away from your surroundings. But using them around rail tracks can be deadly. Please stay aware of your personal situation at every turn. Pause the music until you're safely on board. [#SeeTracksThinkTrain](#) [#RailSafetyWeek](#)



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Light Rail Updates

- Collision incident
- Downtown Baltimore fire
- Focused on improving railcar availability



COMMUNITY ISSUES Criminal justice Housing Health Environment Transportation

Light rail collides with vehicle Friday night; incident under investigation

Brenda Wintrobe 9/21/2024 10:25 a.m. EDT, Updated 9/26/2024 11:18 a.m. EDT



Upcoming Metro Closure

- Testing new Communications Based Train Control (CBTC) system
 - Critical infrastructure to support new Metro railcars
- All Metro stations will close on Friday, October 4 at 8pm and reopen on Monday, October 7 at 4am
- Shuttle buses will transport riders between all stations



CBTC MOVING BLOCK SIGNALING

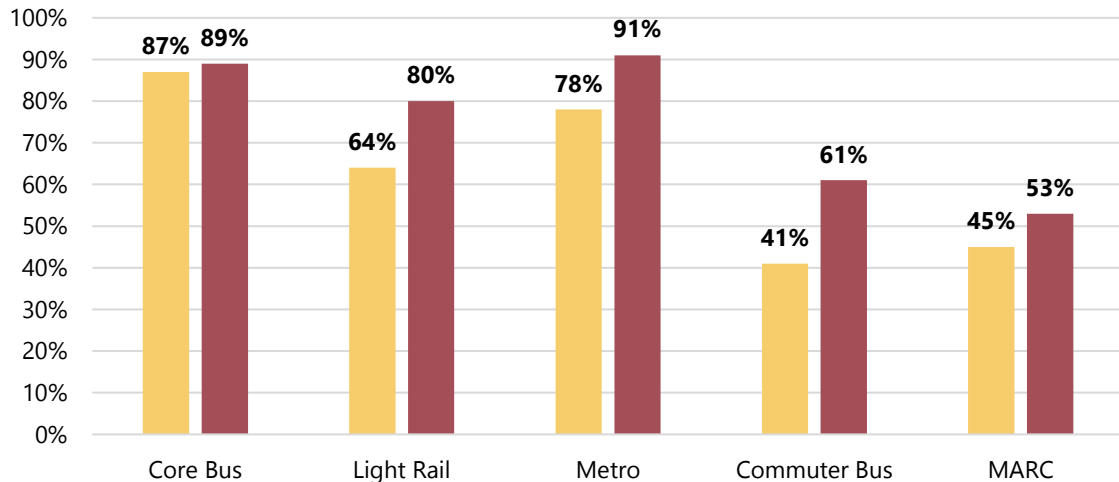


Origin and Destination Study

- MTA recently conducted O-D surveys across all modes
 - Data on rider demographics and travel patterns
 - ~15,000 responses
- Key demographic takeaways
 - All modes except Core Bus saw increases in low-income riders
 - Percentage of minority riders has increased for all modes
 - All modes except Core Bus saw double digit increases in Black ridership
 - Core Mode ridership has become younger and more male compared to 2018 survey

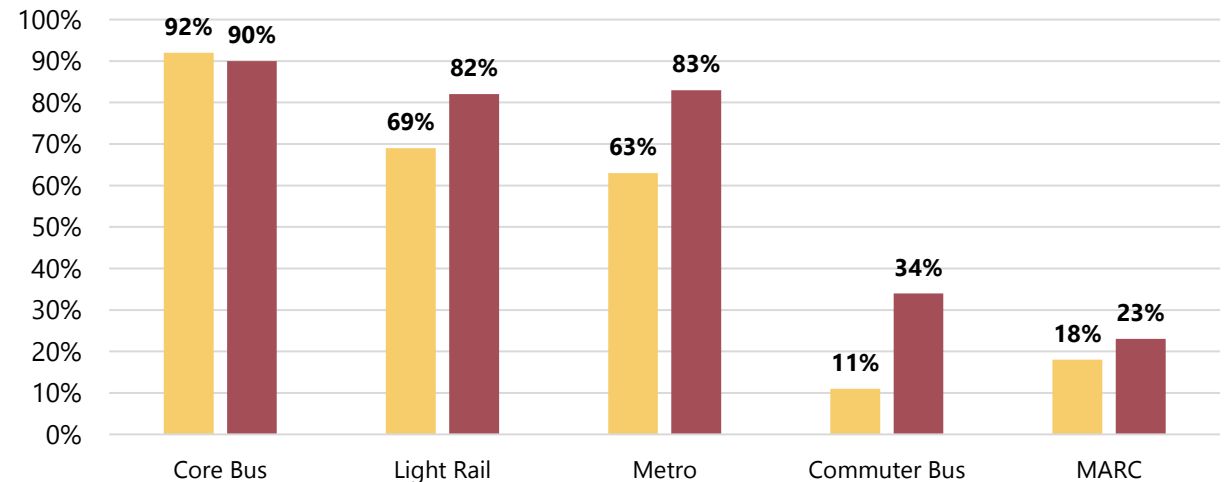
Percentage of Minority Riders by Mode

■ Previous Survey ■ 2024 Survey



Percentage of Low-Income Riders by Mode*

■ Previous Survey ■ 2024 Survey



*threshold of \$50,000 per year

Origin and Destination Study

- Approximately 86% of Core Mode riders did not have a car available for their trip
 - ~72% of MARC/CB riders had access to vehicle
- Key travel pattern takeaways
 - For all modes home is the most common origin and destination followed by work, then social/worship/personal visits, and shopping/sightseeing/dining
 - For MARC, the percent of home-based work trips decreased significantly, from 87 percent to 60
 - For Core Modes and MARC, the share of riders who needed to transfer declined from ~50% to 29%

Percentage of Riders With a Car Available for Trip

