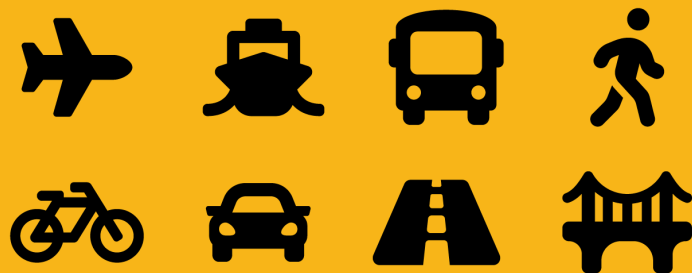




# Post Session Review – 2025 Session

Baltimore Regional Transit Commission

May 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025



# Final Budget Actions

- Various actions resulting in more than \$400 million in additional transportation revenue, per year
  - Highlighted actions:
    - Increased Consolidated Transportation Bond capacity
    - Certain light rail expenses added as allowed use of GARVEE bonds
    - Delay Zero Emission Bus mandate from Fiscal Year 2027 to Fiscal Year 2032
    - 2% surcharge on capital gains income
    - Increase in the vehicle excise tax to 6.5%
    - Increase in the certificate of title fee

# What Can These New Revenues Do?

- More than \$400 million in new revenues → nearly \$700 million in additional capital spending, annually
- Light Rail Modernization
  - Includes full utilization of the \$213 million federal grant to replace the entire light rail vehicle fleet
- Baltimore Metro
- Budget helps to meet our transit safety investment goals as we work to put the system Back on Track

# MDOT Departmental Bills

- General Statistics
  - 13 Total Bills
    - 9 Bills Passed
- MDOT Safety Package
  - Comprised of 7 Bills
  - 5 Bills Passed
- SB 190 / HB 80 – Land Use – Transit Oriented Development – Alterations



# Baltimore Transit Bills of Note – 2025 Session

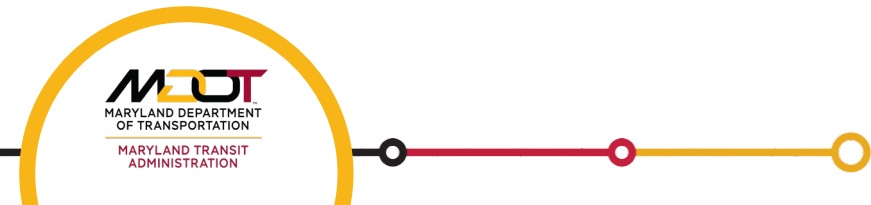


# MTA Reorganization Workgroup (HB517)

- Bill establishes workgroup that will study the potential for reorganizing MDOT and MTA, including:
  - Options for continued provision of local Baltimore City services and **creation of new unit or organization of TSO to provide statewide transit services**
  - **Current contracts** and necessary steps to **transfer obligations in the event of a reorganization**
  - **Governance changes** “necessary to ensure that Baltimore City has the appropriate oversight and input into local Baltimore City transit service
  - **Recommendations** regarding the potential for the reorganization

# MTA Reorganization Workgroup (HB517)

- 10 Workgroup members:
  - Chair of Appropriations (Del. Ben Barnes)
  - Chair of Environment and Transportation (Del. Marc Korman)
  - Chair of Budget and Tax (Sen. Guy Guzzone)
  - Chair of PSTE Subcommittee (Sen. Michael Jackson)
  - MDOT Secretary
  - MTA Administrator
  - BRTC Chair
  - BMC representative
  - Two MTA riders, appointed by the Governor
- MDOT Secretary will designate the Workgroup Chair
- Staffed by DLS and MDOT



# MTA Reorganization Workgroup (HB517)

- Requires to the extent practicable, that the Workgroup shall:
  - Analyze alternative reorganization plans and weigh costs and benefits of each alternative
  - Provide cost estimates and impacts on federal funding and regulatory compliance
- Any reorganization plan considered may not reduce Baltimore City transit funding
- \$150,000 in FY27 TSO budget for consulting support
- Report due by **December 1, 2026**
- MDOT and DLS shall submit legislation to effectuate Workgroup recommendations



# State Public Transit Service and Stations – Exclusion for Assault and Bodily Injury (HB1144)

- Requires MTA to **convene a workgroup by June 1, 2025** to develop a rider code of conduct and **implement a ban policy by October 1, 2025**
- Allows MTA to ban riders who have been alleged to have assaulted an operator or a passenger
  - The ban must be enforced as soon as practicable after an assault
  - Must establish an appeals process
  - May not require a criminal conviction as a prerequisite for a ban
  - Create an accommodation for riders whose assault was the direct result of their disability such that they can continue to ride transit in lieu of a ban if they are accompanied by a caregiver
- MTA is coordinating internally and will collaborate with the Joint Safety Committee (JSC), ATU, SMART-MD, and other partners to implement

# Reduced Fare Automatic Renewal (HB450)

- Requires MTA to automatically renew the Disability Reduced Fare Program certification of an enrollee who is permanently disabled
  - Current practice requires renewal every three years
- Effective October 1, 2025



# Questions?

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