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Baltimore Regional Transit Commission

Holly Arnold, Administrator Maryland Transit Administration July 11, 2025



WELCOME ABOARD

Return of Penn Camden Shuttle



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Light Rail service to Penn Station resumes after years of platform construction

Penn-Camden shuttle now running every half-hour seven days a week







Service Changes





Mor MTA Maryland @mtamaryland

Reminder: The final virtual public hearing for proposed fall service adjustments is tomorrow at 4pm. Visit mta.maryland.gov/fall2025 to register and learn more.

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Fare Updates



- Replacing legacy fare collection equipment with new, modern fareboxes on entire bus fleet
 - Retiring CharmCard
- Fare policy updates effective July 27
 - 12 and under rider free
 - Eligible BCPS students can ride any time
 - Low-income fare program by end of year
 - Increasing free transfer window from 90 minutes to 120 minutes

Baltimore Pride





Special Olympics Torch Run





Bike to Work Week



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APTA Gold Safety Award – Light Rail Tree Hazard Mitigation Program

- Reduced major tree-related service incidents from 8 in 2023 to 0 in 2025 YTD
- Over one year without a major tree incident on the Light Rail system
- Significant reductions in potential safety hazards to our employees, customers, and communities
- Financial savings by preventing costly service disruptions and infrastructure damage.





Gold Award: Safety, Light Rail/Streetcar

Maryland Transit Administration Baltimore, MD

Bus Safety, Security & Emergency Management Excellence Awards

Light Rail Modernization Program Industry Day

LIGHT RAIL MODERNIZATION PROGRAM INDUSTRY DAY (In-Person & Virtual)

BWI Sheraton 1100 Old Elkridge Landing Rd.

Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

Thursday, June 26, 2025 9 a.m. - 12 p.m. Check in begins at 8 a.m.

Who should attend?

This event is for prime contractors, subcontractors, and suppliers. Small, disadvantaged, veteranowned and minority-owned businesses are highly encouraged to attend.

What to expect:

 Gain strategic insight into MTA's vision for the upcoming Light Rail Modernization Program.

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- Understand procurement processes and potential contracting opportunities.
- Network with industry peers.
- Participate in a Q&A session with MTA's team of experts.



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	Program Tranche	Anticipated RFP Advertisement
	Vehicles & Train Control	Summer 2025
	Stations	Late 2025 (Design and Pre- Construction)
	CMSF	Late Fall 2025
	TPSS	In-Market Bids Due September 2025



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MARC Growth & Transformation Plan

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Vision for MARC commuter train includes more frequent service, new destinations

Daniel Zawodny 6/26/2025 8:46 p.m. EDT 24 Comments



Smart "commuter rail" agencies in the US are ditching that brand and reinventing themselves as two way, all-day regional rail. Here's Maryland's plan.

The BeyondDC @beyonddc · Jun 26

New MARC Growth & Investment plan call for extensions and all-day bi-direction service s3.amazonaws.com/mta-website-st...



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- Outlines 5-year, 15-year, and unconstrained service scenarios for MARC
- Identifies strategies for MARC that reflect:
 - Current travel patterns (postpandemic)
 - MARC's critical infrastructure needs
 - MARC's long-term service objectives based on a market assessment and public and stakeholder input
 - Improvements needed for safe, frequent, and reliable service that meets the needs of all Marylanders
 - Available federal funding opportunities

MARC Growth & Transformation Plan

- Top priorities for future service include:
 - Expanded weekend service
 - Increased frequency
 - Expanded service to new destinations
 - Extended weekday service hours





The Future MARC System – Unconstrained Phase





BMORE Bus

- Vision for improved bus service in the Baltimore region possible with additional resources in the future
 - 5th division and proportionate increase in bus fleet and workforce
- Extensive public input and analysis of travel patterns used to set priorities

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New

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QuickLink

service



Improved

weekend

frequency



- Incremental implementation of will be considered as part of MTA's Annual Service Plan process
- Visionary network includes:
 - Increased frequencies across weekday, weekend, and overnight hours for majority of bus routes
 - Route extensions to key destinations and hubs
 - New service to eastern Baltimore County
 - New QuickLink routes

Safety & Security Update



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- Overall crime trending down
 - Over ten years, violent crime down 56%
 - Calls for Service down by 6% year-over-year
 - Metro Part 1 crime down 52% YTD
- Prioritizing clearance rates
 - YTD Part 1 clearance rate of 71%
 - YTD robbery clearance rate of 94%
- Rider Code of Conduct launching soon
- Ban policy in effect by October 1
- Working toward app to report security issues while riding

