

Connecting Our Future:

A Regional Transit Plan for Central Maryland

Project Overview
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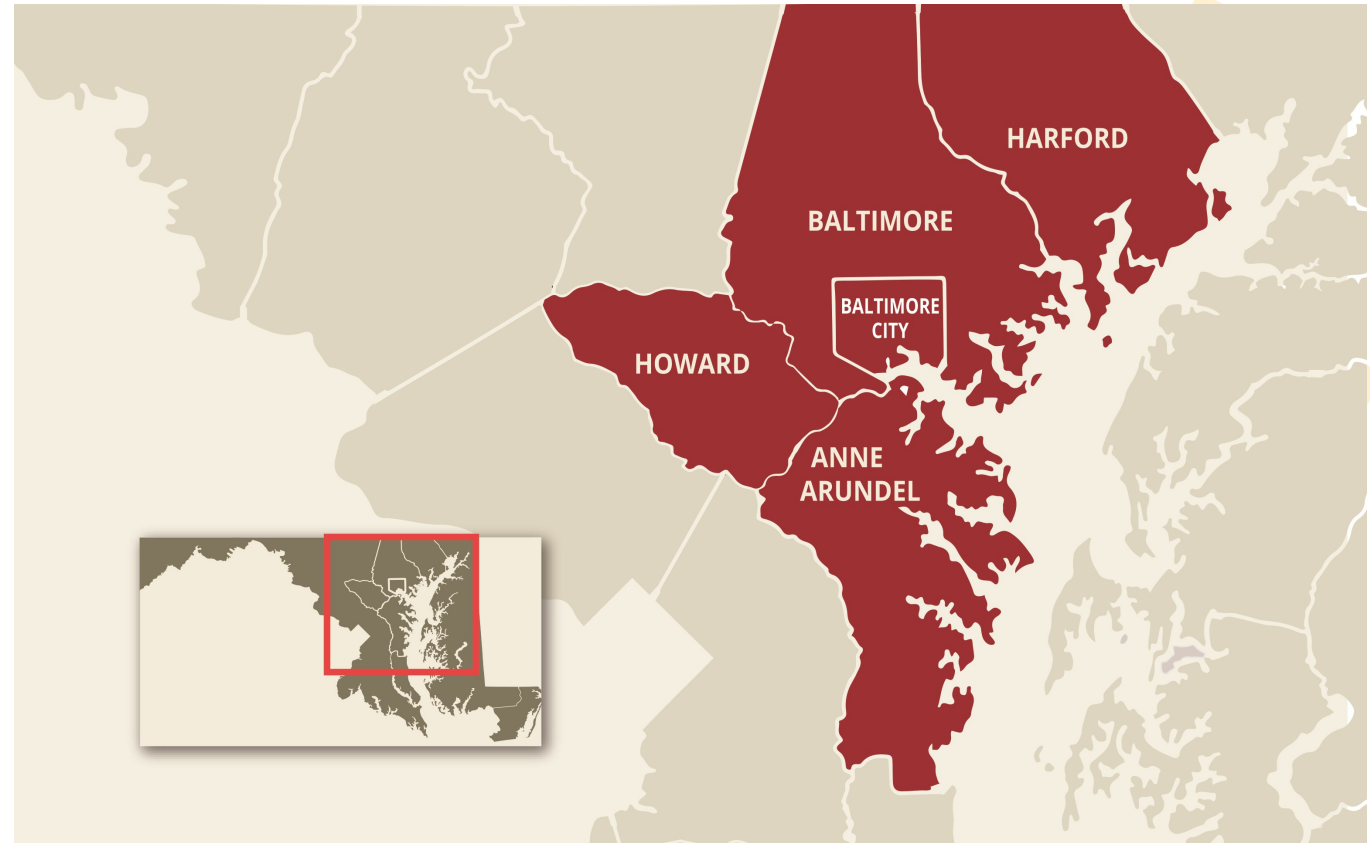
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RTP Background

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



Legislation Overview

- Define the goals to be achieved through the provision of public transit
- Identify options for:
 - Improvements to the existing transportation assets
 - Leveraging non-Administration transportation options available to public transportation
 - Corridors for new public transportation assets
- Prioritize corridors for planning of new public transportation assets
- Ensure consistency with local land use and transportation plans
- Work in consultation with the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan Commission

CMRTP Commission



Composition of the Commission

Central Maryland Regional Plan Commission comprises 11 members:

Designees from:

- Anne Arundel County Executive
- Baltimore City Mayor
- Baltimore County Executive
- Harford County Executive
- Howard County Executive

Appointees representing a business or transportation organization from:

- Senate President
- House Speaker

Appointees from the Governor representing:

- Central Maryland business organization
- MDOT MTA Citizens Advisory Council
- Disabled riders group
- MARC Riders Advisory Council



Roles & Responsibilities

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



Regional Transit Plan



Plan Considerations

- How to:
 - Integrate service across providers
 - Understand and use new technologies
 - Identify opportunities to improve corridors
 - Balance differing regional priorities
- Taking into account national trends:
 - Declining transit ridership
 - Increasing demand for paratransit service
 - Increasing competition for riders

Seven Focus Areas

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

State of Good Repair



- Identify the level of investment needed to maintain the existing transit assets in Central Maryland
 - Proactive maintenance
 - Comprehensive asset management



Funding



- Develop funding and financing strategies to support regional mobility services, based on best practices and regional analyses
 - Innovative financing and funding tools
 - Regional investments that compliment state funding
 - Private partnerships

Customer Experience



- Improve the experience of using transit - from planning a trip to reaching a destination
 - New technologies
 - Improved amenities
 - Better customer service



Service Quality & Integration



- Evaluate existing transit services and determine potential improvements to make it easier to travel in the Central Maryland region
 - Aligning service across different providers
 - MDOT MTA as a mobility manager for the region
 - Improving the existing network's performance

Access & Land Use



- Work with local partners to ensure the areas served by transit are safe, comfortable, and convenient for people who use the region's transit options to live, work, and prosper
 - Using all options for first and last mile needs
 - Leveraging existing transit
 - Economic development opportunities

Corridors of Opportunity



- Identify existing and potential corridors that could benefit from additional transit investment
 - Improving existing service
 - Integrating existing service across providers
 - Embracing first and last mile solutions



New Mobility



- Embrace changes in transport, technology, and mobility that are altering how we move about
- New mobility options
 - Bikeshare
 - Scootershare
 - Carshare
 - Rideshare
 - Microtransit



Public Engagement



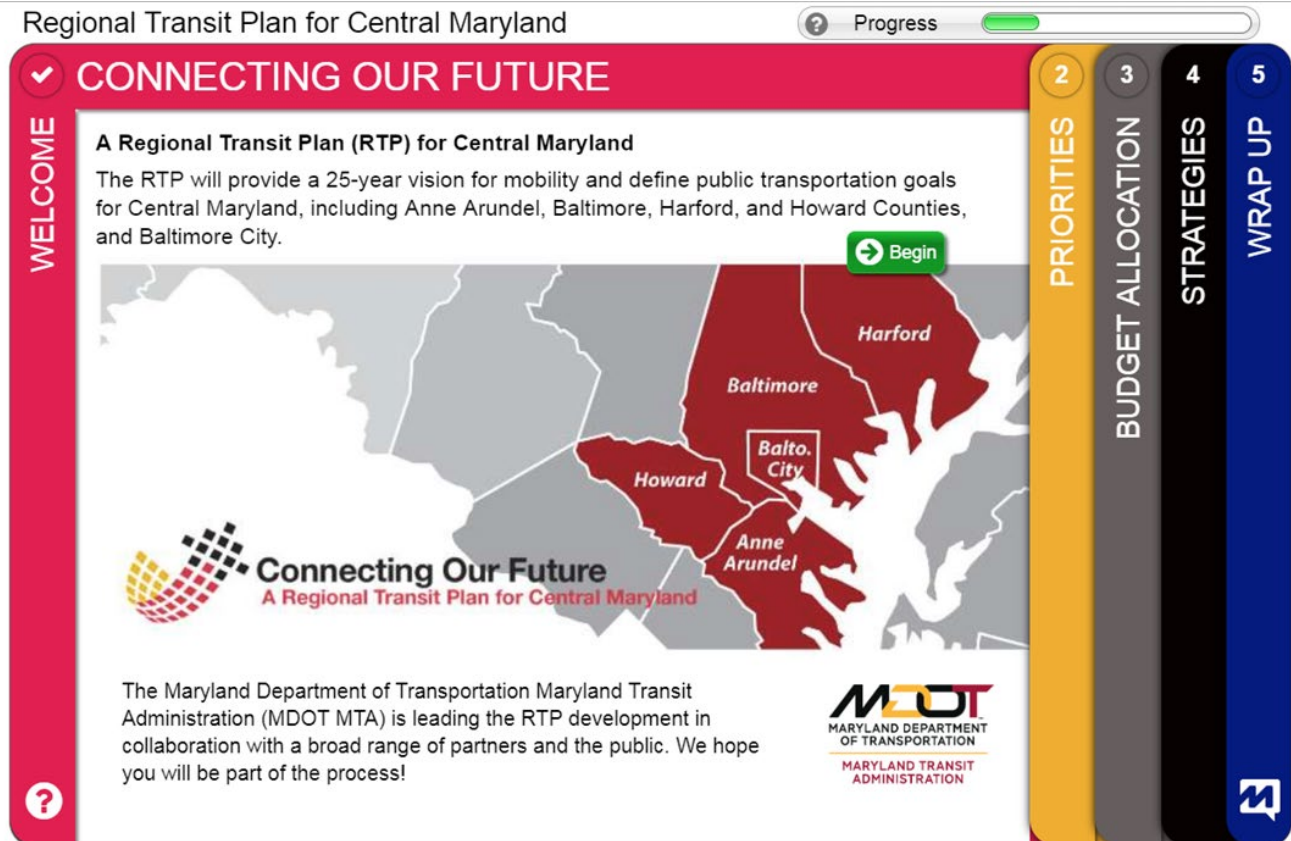
Public Engagement Approach

- Proactive and inclusive
- Open and transparent
- Information presented in an easy-to-understand format



Initial Public Engagement Activities

- Project website - rtp.mta.Maryland.gov
- Online survey
- Pop-up outreach events at transit hubs, activity centers, etc., throughout the region
- Public open houses



Commission and Outreach Schedule

2019

2020



Questions & Discussion

