

MDOT MTA

Intercity Bus Transportation Program

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Federal Transit Administration defines Intercity Bus Transportation as “regularly scheduled bus service for the general public operating with limited stops over fixed routes connecting two or more urban areas not in close proximity . . .”

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Objectives:

- Support the connections between rural areas with the larger regional or national system
- Support the travel needs of those in rural areas
- Support the infrastructure of the intercity bus network through planning and marketing assistance as well as capital investments.

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- Eligible Subrecipients includes qualified private operators that comply with federal and state requirements and offer at a fair and reasonable cost
- Fifteen percent (15%) of 5311 funds is for the intercity bus program

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Eligible activities

- Planning
- Marketing
- Bus shelters
- Joint use stops and depots
- Vehicle purchases/vehicle-related equipment (i.e. wheelchair lifts)



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In 2009, the MDOT MTA Office of Local Transit Support conducted a Statewide assessment of intercity transit needs, which included an inventory of existing services and a demographic analysis.

The study proved that Intercity Bus Services in Maryland would function as a vital link between otherwise isolated rural communities and the rest of the state and country.

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As a result of the 2009 State of Maryland Intercity Bus Study, the Office of Local Transit Support established and currently manages Intercity Bus Service in two of the regions in the state – the western and north regions.

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Through a grant process, two providers were chosen to provide service within Maryland for a two-year program.

The providers are:

- Greyhound Lines, Inc.
- Bayrunners, Inc.

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Currently, there are two corridors that receive support through the Intercity Bus Program:

- Western Maryland I-68/I-70 corridor-Grantsville MD to Baltimore; service is provided by Bayrunners, Inc.
- Central Maryland- Maryland/DC line to Baltimore to Maryland Delaware line; service is provided by Greyhound Lines, Inc.

The routes and schedules are designed to provide access to local transit.



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The Western Maryland service operated by Bayrunner Shuttle travels on I-70 and I-68 and offers twice daily service in both directions, except for Saturday which is limited to one morning trip.

Bayrunners, Inc. receives operating assistance as well as capital assistance for marketing and the purchase for an accessible van.

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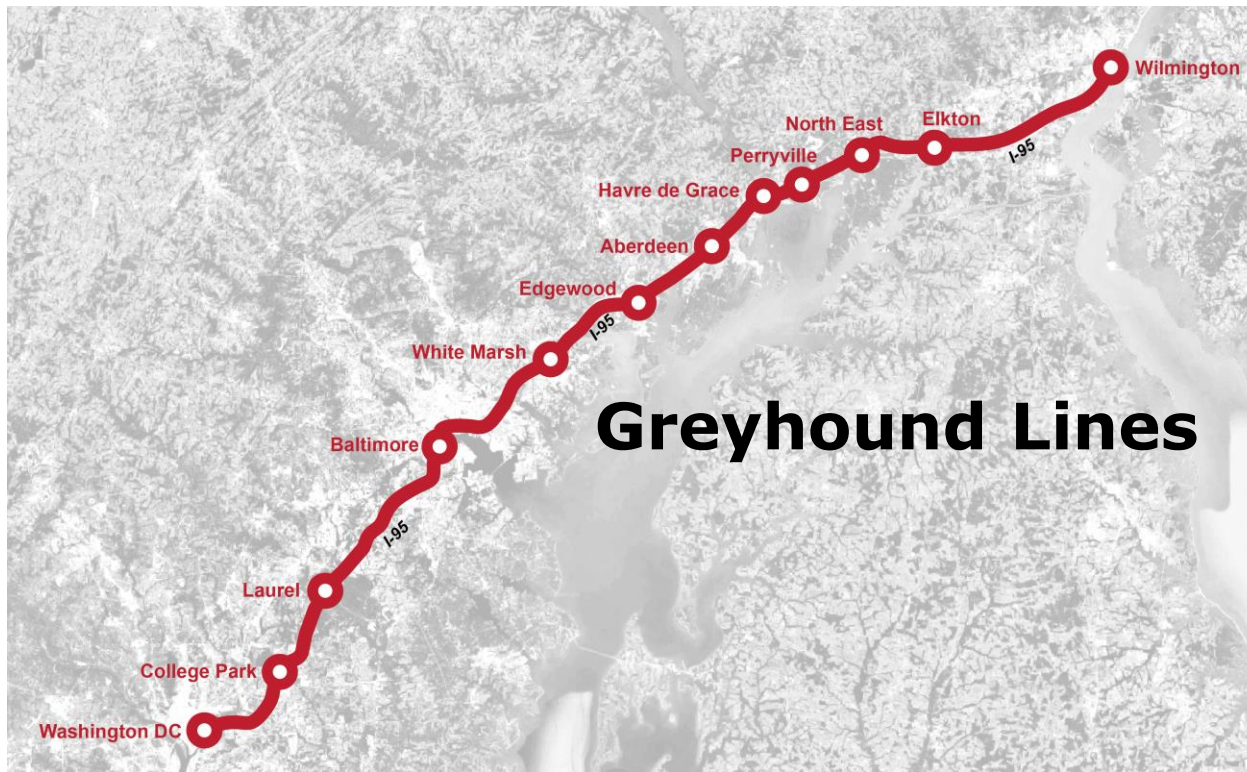
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The Central Maryland services connects Maryland/DC line to Maryland/Delaware line via the U.S. Route 40 corridor with once daily service in both directions.

Greyhound Lines, Inc. receives operating assistance.

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MDTravelLink.org is a website that was created specifically for MDOT MTA Intercity Bus Service. It will go through a website refresh in FY2019.

CommuterChoiceMaryland will also have Intercity Bus Information.

<http://www.mdot.maryland.gov/newMDOT/Commuter/Commuting>

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For ticketing and information:

- Bayrunner Shuttle:
www.bayrunners.com
410.912.6000
- Greyhound Lines:
www.greyhound.com
1-800-231-2222



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For more information on the Intercity Bus program, contact Bruce Hojnacki at bhojnacki@mta.Maryland.gov or 410-767-3758

Questions?

Thank you for your time.