SLIDE 1: PROJECT UPDATE

Gathering Input on the Draft Plan

June 17, 2020

# SLIDE 2: PRESENTATION OUTLINE

* RTP Background
* Draft Plan Overview
* Review Process & Next Steps
* Questions

# SLIDE 3: RTP BACKGROUND

**SLIDE 4: BACKGROUND:**

* MDOT MTA is developing this 25-year plan to meet Central Maryland’s transit needs
* The Plan looks at traditional transit (buses and trains) and explores new mobility options and technology
* The Plan includes MDOT, Locally Operated Transit Services (LOTS), and paratransit providers
* Image shown is the Central Maryland Region. This plan meets the transit needs of the core service area: Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County, and Howard County.

# SLIDE 5: DRAFT PLAN OVERVIEW

* Image shown is a Light Rail train with a red, gold, and black wrap on the outside traveling along train tracks.

## SLIDE 6: Regional Transit Plan Structure

***Goals***

* Optimize existing transit services
* Improve connectivity & integration of existing & future transit services
* Enhance fiscal sustainability

***Objectives***

* Provide Faster, More Reliable Service
* Grow Ridership
* Increase Access to Jobs & Opportunities
* Improve the Customer Experience
* Be Equitable
* Prepare for the Future

***Initiatives***

* Strategies
* Transit Network Improvements
* Regional Transit Corridors

## SLIDE 7: Draft Plan Overview | Strategies to support transit equity

***Objective:*** Be Equitable

* ***Strategy:*** Improve trip scheduling
* ***Strategy:*** Incorporate disability sensitivity training for front-line transit employees
* ***Strategy:*** Ensure there is good transit service to grocery stores, medical facilities, and educational institutions
* ***Strategy****:* Synchronize paratransit span of service with local bus service

## SLIDE 8: Draft Plan Overview | Transit Network Improvements

TRANSIT NETWORK IMPROVEMENTS expand or enhance current or previous investments.

* Expanded Existing or New Fixed-Route Service
* Development of Small Area Plans, or Studies of Shared Mobility or Microtransit
* Improvements to Existing Rail Corridors
* Creation and Enhancement of Transit Hubs

## SLIDE 9: Draft Plan Overview | Regional Transit Corridors

**REGIONAL TRANSIT CORRIDORS demonstrate:**

* Transit demand that justifies **infrastructure, service, and/or technology** improvements.
* Demand supporting **all-day frequent service**.
* **Regional significance**, often providing connectivity between different jurisdictions.

## SLIDE 10: Draft Plan Overview | Targets

The Plan identifies targets, which will be tracked on a Progress Dashboard. Examples are:

* Increase MDOT MTA’s on-time performance for Core Bus to 85% by 2025.
* Maintain MDOT MTA’s standing as one of the safest transit systems out of the top 12 U.S. transit agencies.
* Reach and maintain on-time performance for MDOT MTA paratransit service to 95% across the region by 2025

# SLIDE 11: REVIEW PROCESS & NEXT STEPS

Image shown is a bicycle resting against a bicycle-shaped rack in the shade in Baltimore, Maryland.

## SLIDE 12: Web-based Outreach & Review

**Primarily virtual outreach due to COVID-19**

* **Project website** for review and comment
* **Interactive web** tool facilitates easy review and comment
* **Project** **email list**
* **Targeted outreach** with geo-targeted social media ads and presentations to key groups *(like this one!)*

Image shown: Interested parties are able to review the draft Regional Transit Plan and provide comments on the RTP website, [www.rtp.mta.maryland.gov](http://www.rtp.mta.maryland.gov).

## SLIDE 13: Traditional Outreach & Review

**Additional avenues for outreach include:**

* **Plan overview** to share with community groups/organizations
* **Newspaper ads** in local papers to notify regional residents
* **Accessible** draft Plan documents
* **Project hotline** to call for additional information
* **Live Chat** with Project Team members to ask questions about the draft Plan

Image shown: Two versions of materials for the Draft Plan are shown: one is a graphical version with images and charts, and the other is a plain-text version that is screenreader accessible.

# SLIDE 14: Next Steps and Key Dates

* The Draft Plan launched April 22nd and will be open for **public comment** through June 18th
* **Virtual Commission** meeting June 18th to discuss comments/public input:
  + By computer: rtp.mta.maryland.gov/commission
  + Call-in: 408-418-9388
  + Enter Access Code: 713 207 356
* The Plan must be finalized prior to **October 1st**

# SLIDE 15: Questions