

Connecting the Region

From Baltimore to Richmond

ULI Baltimore: Regionalism Committee

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**GREATER WASHINGTON
PARTNERSHIP**

FROM BALTIMORE TO RICHMOND
FOSTERING UNITY
ADVANCING GROWTH





What is the Greater Washington Partnership?

What Regional Mobility & Infrastructure Initiatives is the Partnership Focused on?

Working Together to Drive Impact

Questions & Answers

Agenda

THE REGION: FROM BALTIMORE TO RICHMOND



Our region has great diversity, tremendous assets, and immense potential. We have an intertwined economic future and our ability to thrive depends on the success of us all.

The super-region of Maryland, Virginia and the District – from Baltimore to Richmond – is the 3rd largest economy in the US and the 7th largest in the world.

The Partnership is uniquely positioned, with a broad coalition, to understand the gaps and identify goals across the Region, to track specific progress against those goals, and to catalyze solutions that benefit us all.



115

federal labs and federally-funded research and development centers



46%

of the population 25 years+ hold Bachelor's degree or higher



184

languages spoken;
175 international embassies

FORTUNE
1000

53

Fortune 1000 companies headquartered in MD, DC, VA



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significant airports, two major shipping ports

OUR PARTNERS

The leadership and employees of our partner companies drive our agenda to catalyze solutions at pace and scale for the region.

We bring long-term perspectives and fact-based solutions to drive impact.

We give back to our community and foster a truly inclusive economy that creates opportunity for all.

GWP PARTNERS EMPLOY NEARLY 300,000 PEOPLE IN THE CAPITAL REGION



Our Board Organizations:



Our Leadership Council Organizations:



REGIONAL MOBILITY & INFRASTRUCTURE



BLUEPRINT FOR REGIONAL MOBILITY

The Capital Region's Blueprint for Regional Mobility lays out a 10-year agenda for working together across industries and borders to make tangible progress on four transportation priorities: (1) connecting the super-region; (2) improving the consumer experience; (3) ensuring equitable access; and (4) integrating innovation.



PERFORMANCE-DRIVEN TOLLING PRINCIPLES

Roadway congestion places a significant burden on many of our 10.2 million residents and their employers. The Partnership, working with a wide range of stakeholders and experts, proposed six principles for decision-makers to deliver on the potential of performance-driven tolling in the Capital Region.



CAPITAL REGION RAIL VISION

The Capital Region Rail Vision seizes on recent wins for the region's rail network and charts a 25-year course for a transformed rail system that offers seamless, all day connections that span the Potomac River and rail operators to connect Maryland, the District, and Virginia and deliver a globally competitive system that takes the Capital Region to new heights.



CONNECTING THE RICHMOND REGION: FROM EAST-WEST TO NORTH-SOUTH

This report examined the socio-economic changes and potential benefits that could result from the expansion of the regional Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) network. GRTC, the regional transit agency, is building on the Partnership's report by conducting an official alignment study for the North-South BRT corridor.



BALTIMORE'S TRANSIT FUTURE

The Regional Transit Plan is a 25-year plan for improving public transportation in Central Maryland (Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County, and Howard County) and identifies 30 transit corridors that would create a strong transit network in Central Maryland.



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REGIONAL PROGRESS ADVANCING MOBILITY



The Blueprint for Regional Mobility is the Capital Region's first employer-led, comprehensive, region-wide transportation agenda that identifies specific actions to improve mobility which span the region's jurisdictions and integrates all transportation modes.

More than 75 entities—public and private—play a significant decision-making or operational role in delivering mobility options and services in our region. Through its focus on regional mobility and infrastructure, the Greater Washington Partnership works with partners to enhance regional coordination and collaboration. The Partnership strives to ensure that collectively, from Baltimore to Richmond, the region is advancing strategic investments and policy decisions that will enhance regional mobility and drive inclusive economic growth.

Progress to date on the Blueprint for Regional Mobility:

- Co-founding the **MetroNow Coalition**: came together to successfully secure dedicated capital funding for WMATA, supported federal COVID relief for transit agencies, and advanced the case for a regional bus network redesign process, currently underway.
- Supporting the formation of the **Virginia Passenger Rail Authority**: responsible for executing the Transforming Rail in Virginia Program capital investment program, which will double Amtrak state-supported service and increase Virginia Railway Express (VRE) service in Virginia over the next decade.
- Creating the **Capital Region Rail Vision**: a 25-Year vision for a transformed regional rail system that offers seamless, all day connections from Baltimore to Richmond.
- Co-founding **Baltimore's Transit Future**: a coalition of business and institutional leaders advancing a game plan to ensure the Greater Baltimore region is building a world-class public transit system that can create shared economic prosperity and catalyze inclusive growth.
- Rallying support for major **Regional Infrastructure Projects**: the Partnership convenes stakeholders and leaders to maintain focus on transformative investments such as the new Long Bridge, Frederick Douglass Tunnel, American Legion Bridge, and Richmond's North-South Bus Rapid Transit project, and more.
- Convening **Thought Leaders and Decision Makers**: with events such as our annual Capital Region Transportation Forum or last year's trip for Baltimore-area leaders to visit with, and learn from, Richmond-area leaders, we convene decision makers and elevate regional mobility and infrastructure best practices.

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Baltimore's Transit Future

We are stronger by working together. Join us to support the gameplan for a modern transit system.

Investing in Baltimore's Transit Future will...



1. **Energize the Maryland Economy** by creating tens of thousands of new jobs in high-growth sectors and leveraging the multiplier effect of transit construction and delivery in the state.
2. **Promote Inclusive and Equitable Growth** by expanding affordable mobility options for the region's most vulnerable residents, including access to jobs, education, and healthcare.
3. **Help Greater Baltimore Compete on the World Stage** by delivering the mobility and connectivity that can transform the Baltimore region into a globally competitive, highly-desirable metropolitan region that attracts and retains the world's leading companies.

The Six Priorities of the Campaign



PRIORITY 01 Bring MDOT MTA into Good Repair & Overcome Staffing Shortages

PRIORITY 02 Establish Frequent, Reliable Transit Service to Regional Job Centers

PRIORITY 03 Enhance Regional Coordination, Decision Making, and Funding

PRIORITY 04 Execute a 10-Year Rapid Transit Expansion Program

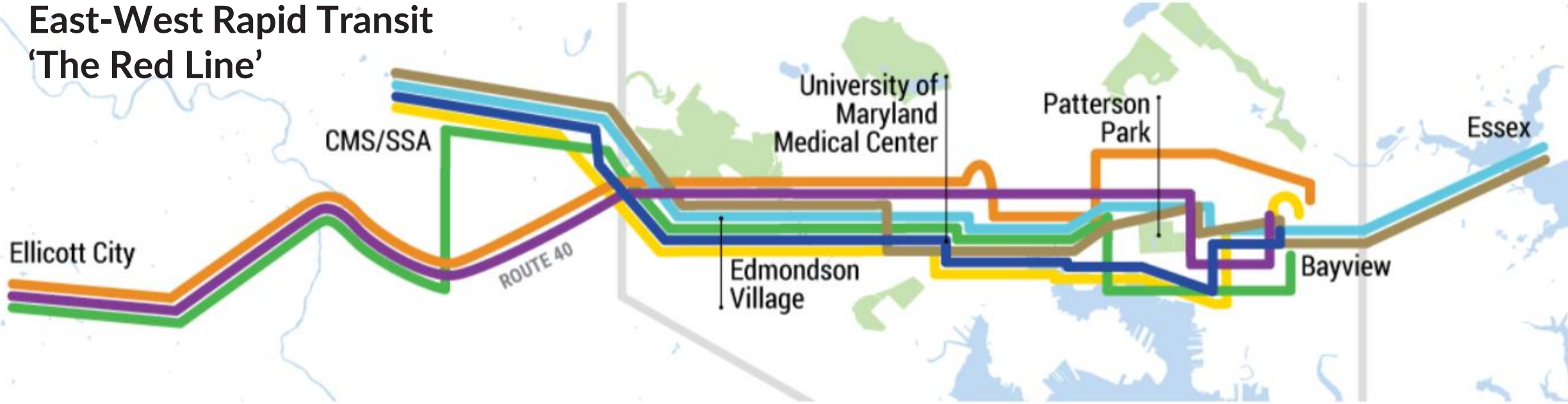
PRIORITY 05 Deliver the Benefits of Regional Rail Investments

PRIORITY 06 Spur Equitable Development along Transit and Rail Corridors

We Support the Six Priorities of Baltimore's Transit Future



East-West Rapid Transit 'The Red Line'



Alternative 1

Bus Rapid Transit from Bayview to Ellicott City via Johns Hopkins Hospital and CMS/SSA.

Alternative 2

Bus Rapid Transit from Bayview to Ellicott City via Johns Hopkins Hospital and US 40.

Alternative 3

Heavy Rail Transit (Metro) from Bayview to Edmondson Village, Bus Rapid Transit from Edmondson Village to Ellicott City.

Alternative 4

Light Rail Transit from Essex to CMS/SSA via Bayview and Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Alternative 5

Bus Rapid Transit from Essex to CMS/SSA via Bayview and Johns Hopkins Hospital.

Alternative 6

Light Rail Transit from Bayview to CMS/SSA via the Waterfront.

Alternative 7

Bus Rapid Transit from Bayview to CMS/SSA via the Waterfront.

CAPITAL REGION RAIL VISION



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The reality is we've outgrown our individual passenger transit systems in the region. They should be interoperable. They should be seamless. And we can't grow as a region if we don't think in those terms.

John D. Porcari
Former Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation and
Secretary, Maryland Department of Transportation

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TIME TO WAKE THE SLEEPING GIANTS



MARC: KEY STATISTICS

36,375 daily riders in FY20

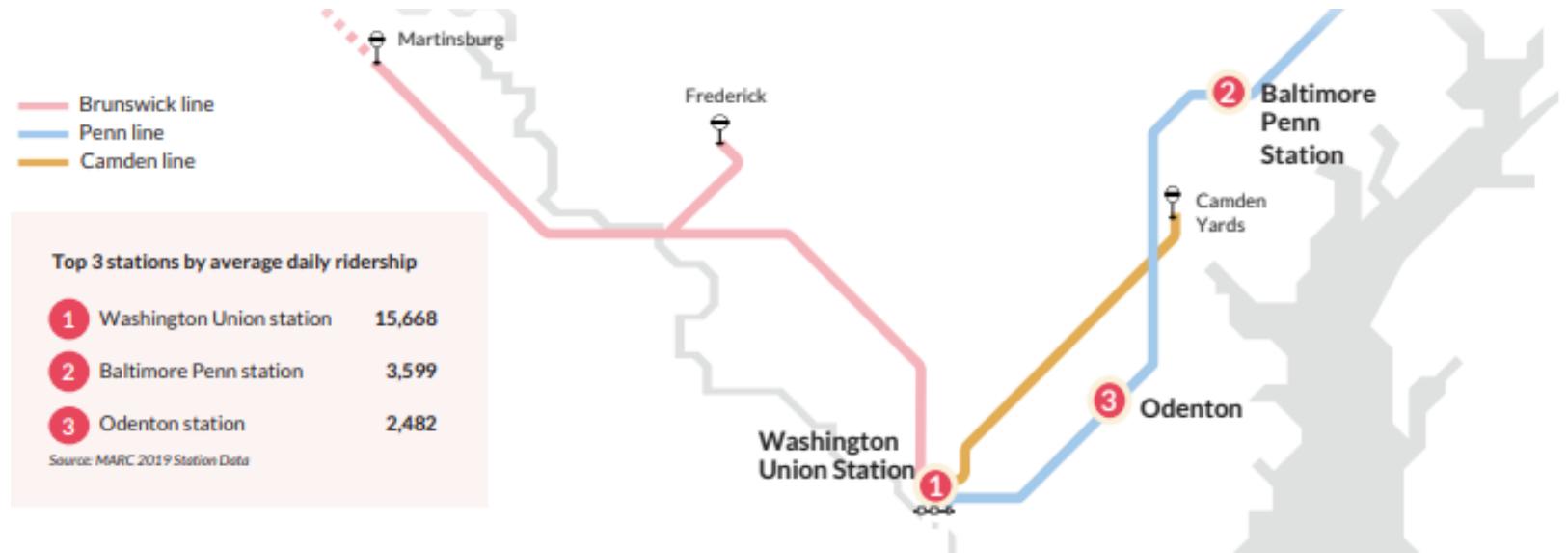
(prior to COVID-19)

Key Indicators (FY2018)

- Operating Cost per revenue vehicle mile - \$24.74
- Operating cost per passenger trip - \$7.86
- Passenger trips per revenue vehicle mile - 1.4
- Farebox recovery ratio - 33%

FY2018 Financials

- \$161M in operating expenses
- \$52M in fare revenues
- \$93M in capital spending



- 10th Largest Commuter Rail System in U.S.
- No night or weekend service on 2 of 3 lines
- Principally serves M-F, 9-5 workforce with singular direction service (into core in AM; out in PM)
- Only commuter rail gap on NEC exists in MD/DE
- Service terminates at Washington Union Station
- Plans to greatly expand service into VA and DE, and offer more frequent service on all 3 lines



TIME TO WAKE THE SLEEPING GIANTS



VRE: KEY STATISTICS

18,700 daily riders in FY20

(prior to COVID-19)

Key Indicators (FY2018)

- Operating Cost per revenue vehicle mile - \$32.49
- Operating cost per passenger trip - \$16.95
- Passenger trips per revenue vehicle mile - 1.9
- Farebox recovery ratio - 54%

FY2018 Financials

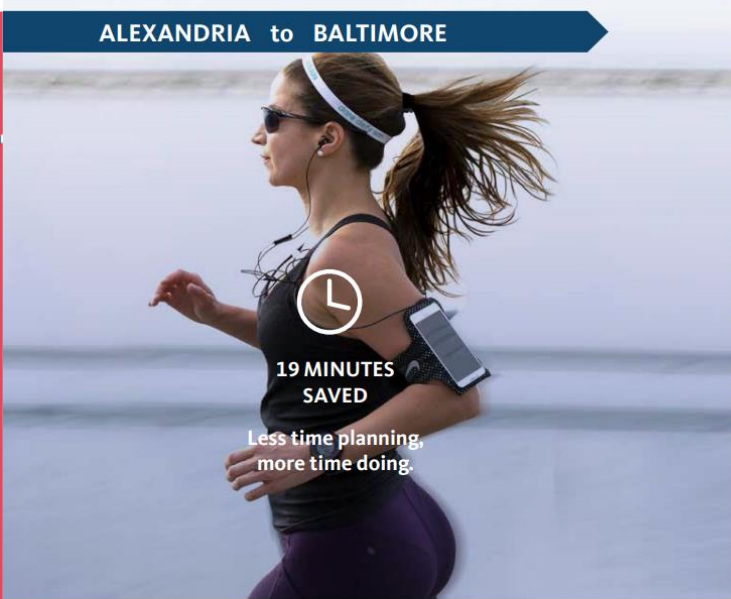
- \$79M in operating expenses
- \$42M in fare revenues
- \$23M in capital spending

Fredericksburg line
Manassas line



- 13th Largest Commuter Rail System in U.S.
- No night or weekend service on ALL lines
- Principally serves M-F, 9-5 workforce with singular direction service (into core in AM; out in PM)
- Service terminates at Washington Union Station
- Unlike MARC, managed and funded by local govt's
- Implementing plans to greatly expand rail service in VA this decade

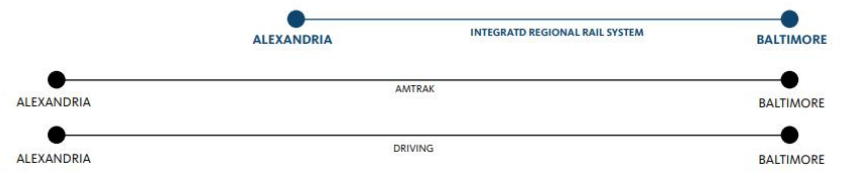
TRANSFORMATIONAL INVESTMENTS



FUTURE REGIONAL RAIL: 1 hr 27 mins

CURRENT TRANSIT: 1 hr 46 mins

CURRENT DRIVING: 1 hr 40 mins





For Your Awareness: Key Infrastructure Projects & Priorities

Rail Vision

- Baltimore Penn Station
- Frederick Douglass Tunnel
- BWI 4th Track
- Washington Union Station
- Long Bridge
- Crystal City Station

Other

- Baltimore Red Line
- Baltimore Greenway
- WMATA Transit Funding
- American Legion Bridge
- Richmond BRT Expansion
- and many more...



Bring leaders together to align and collaborate



Tell the story & potential for inclusive economic growth



Accelerate key investments that drive impact

Let's work together to align, collaborate, and drive impact to create the best region to live, work, and build a business.

The unity, goodwill, and cooperation which we see across the region proves that we can accomplish great things together if we harness the energy and untapped resources available to us.

Russ Ramsey
Ramsey Asset Management
Co-Founder





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