



# Maryland Transit Administration Overview

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## **Maryland Transit Administration**

6 13<sup>th</sup>

~3,500

\$14.0B

~\$1.2B

~\$5.7B

#### **Service Modes**

Core Bus, Light Rail, Metro, Mobility, MARC, and Commuter Bus

#### **Largest Transit System**

Out of all transit agencies in the United States by total ridership in 2024

vehicles underway

#### **Employees**

1,600 operators, 700 mechanics, 80% union

#### **In Total Asset Value**

Includes assets for which MTA has direct capital responsibility

#### **Operating Budget**

For FY25, includes contracted service, salaries & benefits, LOTS

#### **Capital Budget**

For FY25-30, major projects include vehicle overhauls & replacements, transit facilities



### Core Bus Light Rail

Serves Baltimore region
with over 60 routes;

largest mode by ridership

Walley to Cromwell and
BWI Airport; 57 miles of
track; mid-life overhaul of



### Metro

Heavy rail service with 14 stations from Owings Mills to Johns Hopkins Hospital; fleet replacement underway



### **Mobility**

Paratransit service for individuals with disabilities who are unable to use the MTA fixed route system; service is contracted



#### **MARC**

Commuter rail service with 3 lines; 42 stations in MD, WV, and DC; service is contracted



#### **Commuter Bus**

Peak-period limited-stop bus service; 4<sup>th</sup> largest system in United States; service is contracted



### The Vision for MTA

- Frequent
- Reliable

Easy





















### Recent Agency Momentum



Ridership up by 15%

Over 68 million rides

Increases and post-pandemic highs on all modes



Reduced agency hiring time by 40%

Hired more than 400 new operators for second consecutive year

Ended year with operator vacancy rate at 1%

Launched bus maintenance apprenticeship program



Preventable safety incidents down 5% Person-related crimes down 13% 76% Part 1 crime clearance rate

### **Recent Agency Momentum**



**Transit Royale** 

**Real-Time Improvements** 

**Easier Fare Payments** 







90%+ Real-Time Availability



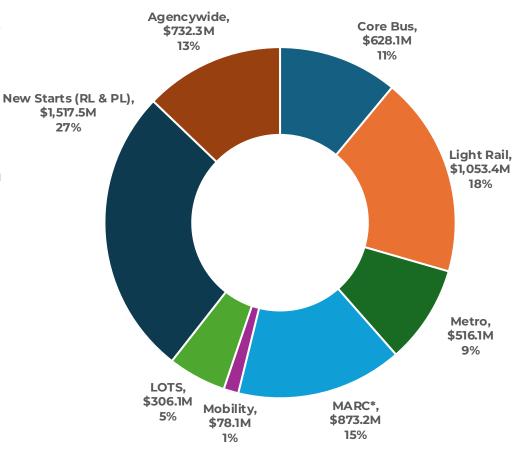
Cut Service 2%



## \$5.7 Billion 6-Year Capital Investment in MTA

### Highlights of MTA's 6-year capital budget:

- Addressing critical state of good repair needs across MTA
- Advancing planning efforts for the Baltimore Red Line
- Annual purchase of buses to support MTA's fleet and maintain needed service levels
- Modernizing Baltimore's Light Rail system in conjunction with the State's \$213 million federal grant award
- Fully matches all federal formula and discretionary grant programs including the \$7+ billion Amtrak-led projects, including Frederick Douglass Tunnel, Susquehanna River Bridge, Baltimore Penn Station, the Bridge to Burgos Catenary Renewal Project, & Mid-Atlantic South Signal System Upgrades.





## Capital Projects – Expanding the System

## Purple Line

- Over 74% complete
- 18 stations under construction and more than 56,000 feet of track laid
- Major construction continues at key locations
- Revenue service in Winter 2027



- Project advancing
- Light Rail announced as mode in June 2024
- Environmental study underway
- Ongoing engagement and outreach
- Alignment anticipated in 2025



### Capital Projects - Prioritizing State of Good Repair

MARC Maintenance, Layover, & Storage Facilities



Mobility Vehicle Replacements



Metro and Light Rail Systems, Station Rehabilitations, & Maintenance of Way



Fare Collection System & Equipment Replacement



**Bus Replacements** 



MARC Vehicle Overhauls and Replacements



## Capital Projects – Modernizing Infrastructure

### Metro Railcar and Train Control Replacement



- Replacement of aging Metro fleet and installation of new Communication-Based Train Control system
- Improved safety, reliability, frequency, and rider experience
- Testing underway

### Light Rail Modernization Program



- Replacement of aging Light Rail Fleet with low-floor, accessible vehicles
- Program includes facility modernization and station upgrades
- \$213 million federal award

# Frederick Douglass Tunnel (Amtrak Lead)



- Centerpiece of B&P Tunnel replacement program
- Project includes new, fully ADAaccessible West Baltimore MARC station
- Will triple capacity and increase travel speeds
- Associated Northeast Corridor projects



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