Frequently Asked Questions

What is the Statewide Transit Plan?

- The Statewide Transit Plan (STP) will provide a 50-year vision of coordinated local, regional, and intercity transit across the state with goals and strategies targeted toward increasingly coordinated, equitable, and innovative mobility.

Who is leading the Plan development?

- You are! The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) is developing the STP with input from a broad range of partners, including other state agencies, local and regional governments, public and private transit providers, business, and non-governmental organizations, and the public.

When will the Statewide Transit Plan be finished? What will follow?

- The Draft Plan will be open for public comment in the Winter of 2021. This feedback will be used to develop the Final Plan which will be published in Spring/Summer 2022. Implementation of the Plan will begin in Summer 2022.

Don't we already have a Statewide Transit Plan?

- We don't! While the state has the Maryland Transportation Plan and local jurisdictions statewide may have plans for their areas, this will be the first statewide transit plan in Maryland. The STP will build from existing state, regional, and local plans.

How is the Statewide Transit Plan different from the Regional Transit Plan, the Maryland State Rail Plan, and the Maryland Transportation Plan?

- 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). The plan was required under the Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act of 2018 and is in its first year of implementation.
- The Maryland State Rail Plan is a 25-year plan outlining investment needs for public and private passenger and freight rail in Maryland. The plan is required by the Federal Railroad Administration to be updated every four years. The MDOT Office of Freight and Multimodalism and Office of Planning and Capital Programming are currently engaged in updating the Maryland State Rail Plan, with FRA approval anticipated by the end of 2021.
- The Maryland Transportation Plan is a 20-year plan for all modes of transportation, including highways and aviation, across Maryland. The plan outlines the State’s overarching transportation priorities and helps create a larger context for transportation decision-making.
The Statewide Transit Plan is a 50-year plan that provides a vision for all modes of public transit in Maryland. The plan is not legislatively mandated.

What will the Statewide Transit Plan do?

- The Statewide Transit Plan will identify needs, trends, and opportunities along with short-, medium-, and long-term strategies for transit across Maryland.

How will MDOT implement the recommendations identified in the Statewide Transit Plan?

- The development of the Statewide Transit Plan involves many stakeholders and public meetings to prioritize needs across the state. MDOT MTA will continue to investigate discretionary funding sources to support the implementation of strategies identified within the Statewide Transit Plan.

How can I learn more?

- You can sign up for e-mail updates, review the survey summary, request a briefing for your organization, and provide comment on the draft plan at mta.maryland.gov/statewide-plan. You can also send messages to the project team by emailing mtastp@mdot.maryland.gov or leaving a voice message at the phone number 410-220-5497.