



MARYLAND STATEWIDE TRANSIT PLAN

Maryland Planning Directors Roundtable– September 30, 2021



Purpose and Approach

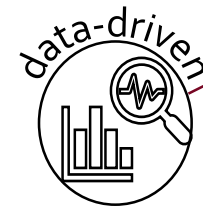
- Create a 50-year vision for transit in Maryland
- Center on desired experience and outcomes for riders
- Stitch together local and regional plans and coordinate transit across the state
- Create an action plan and performance metrics



- statewide plans and policy
- peer transit plans
- local plans and projects

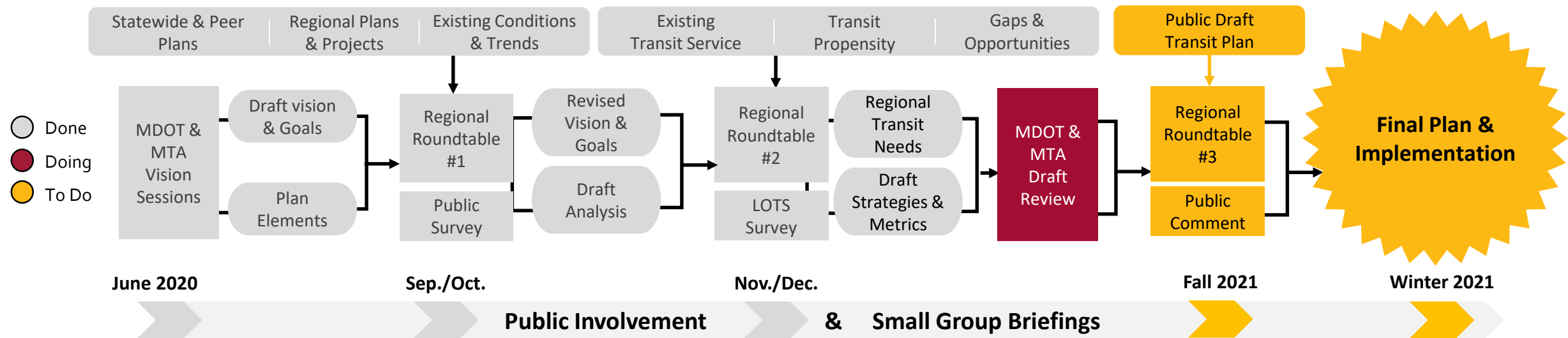


- regional roundtables
- public input
- stakeholder coordination



- existing service conditions
- propensity and market analysis
- future growth projections

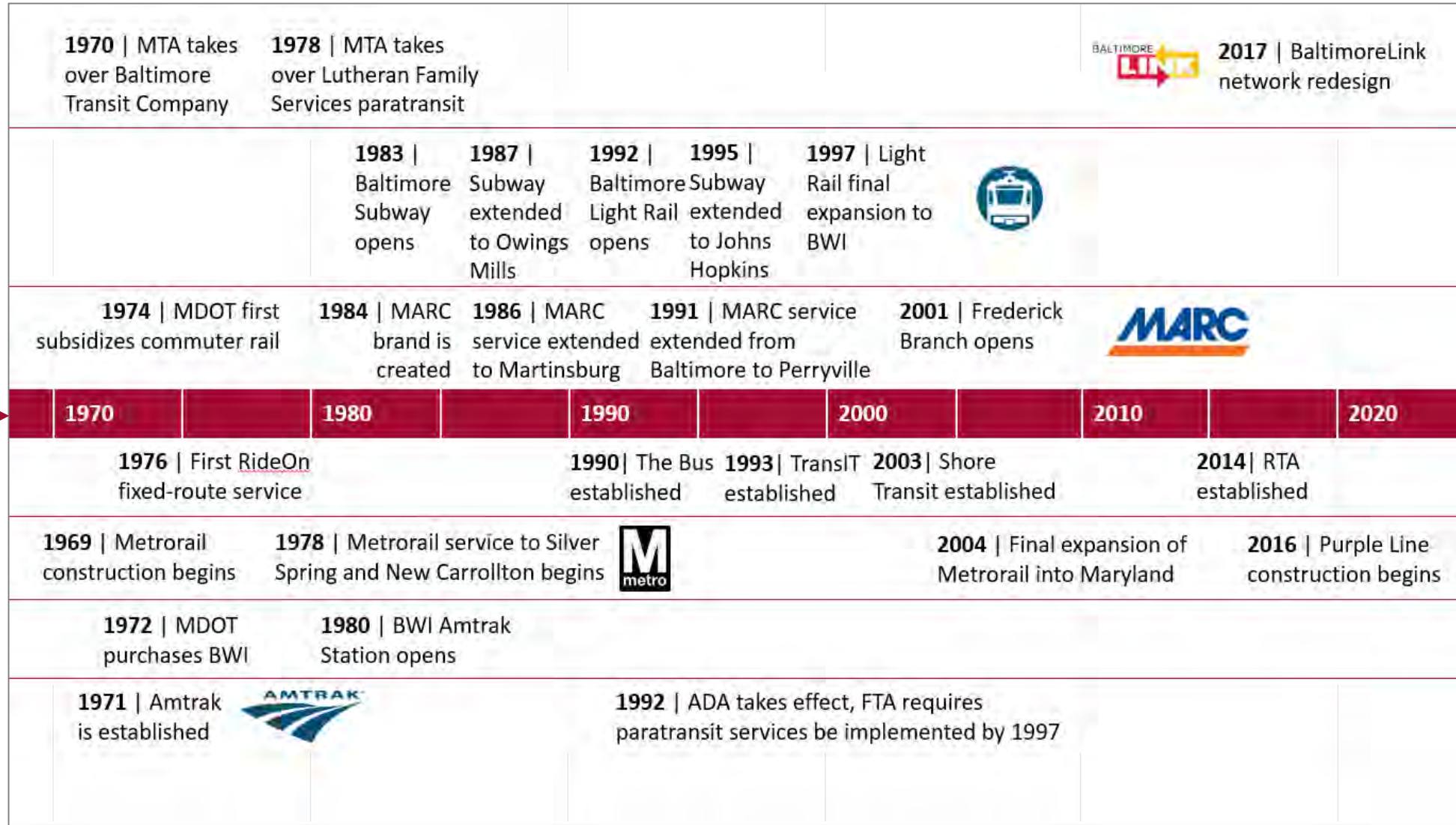
Development Schedule



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The past 50 years →

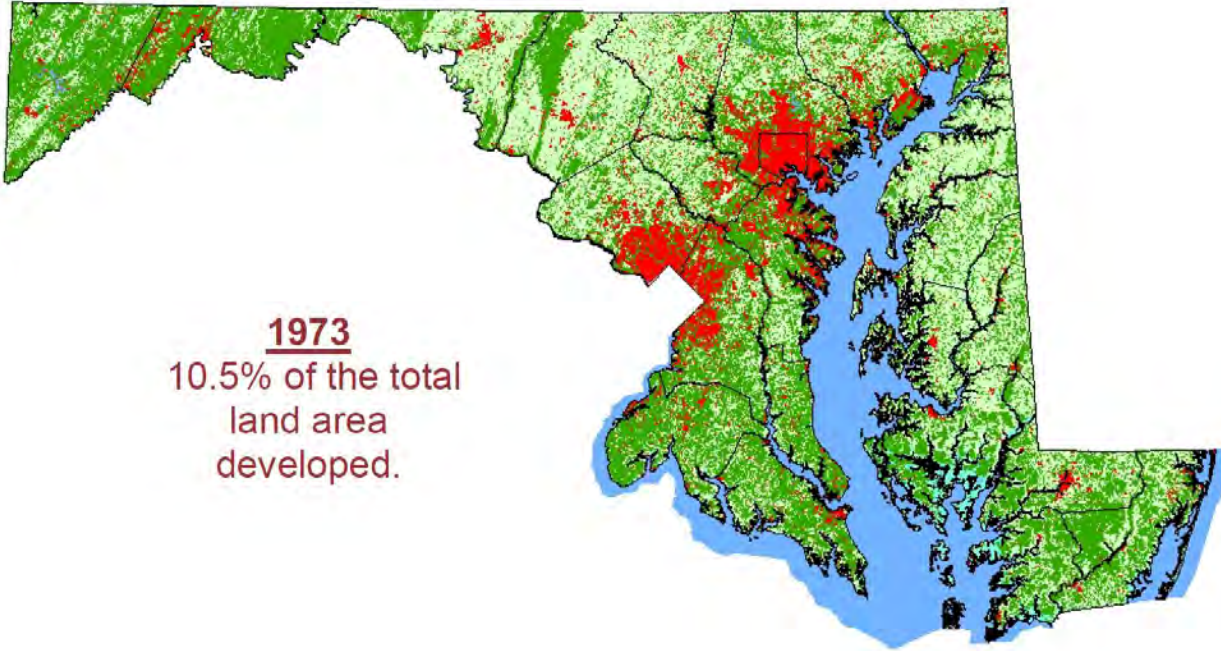
→ The next 50 years





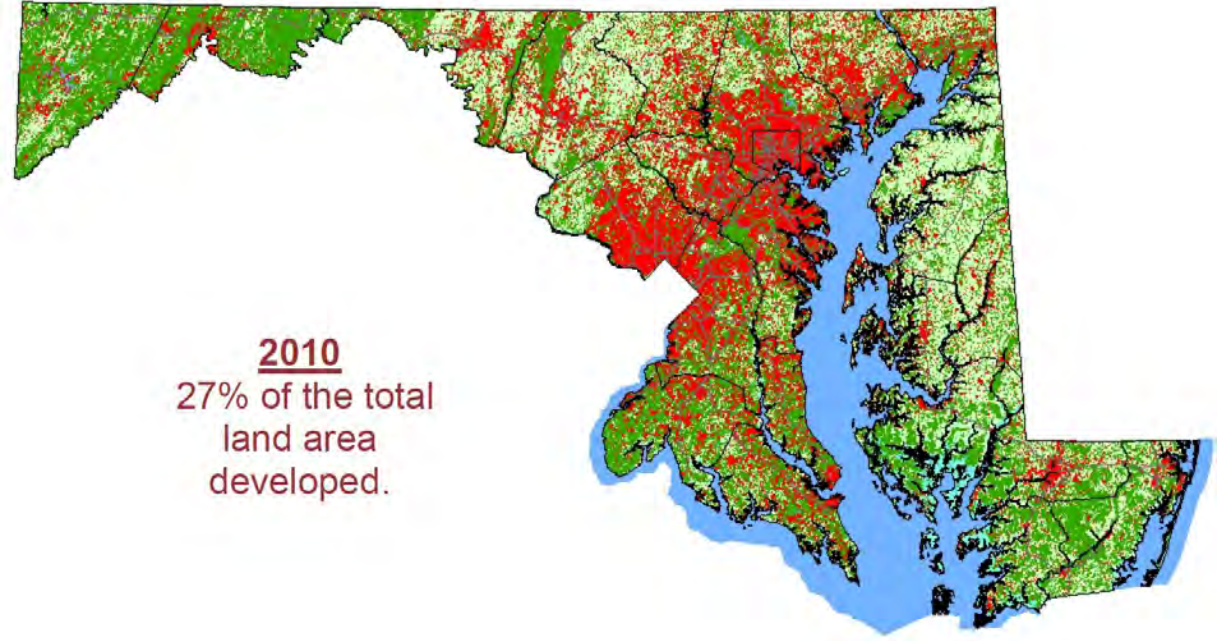
Developed Land in Maryland

1973

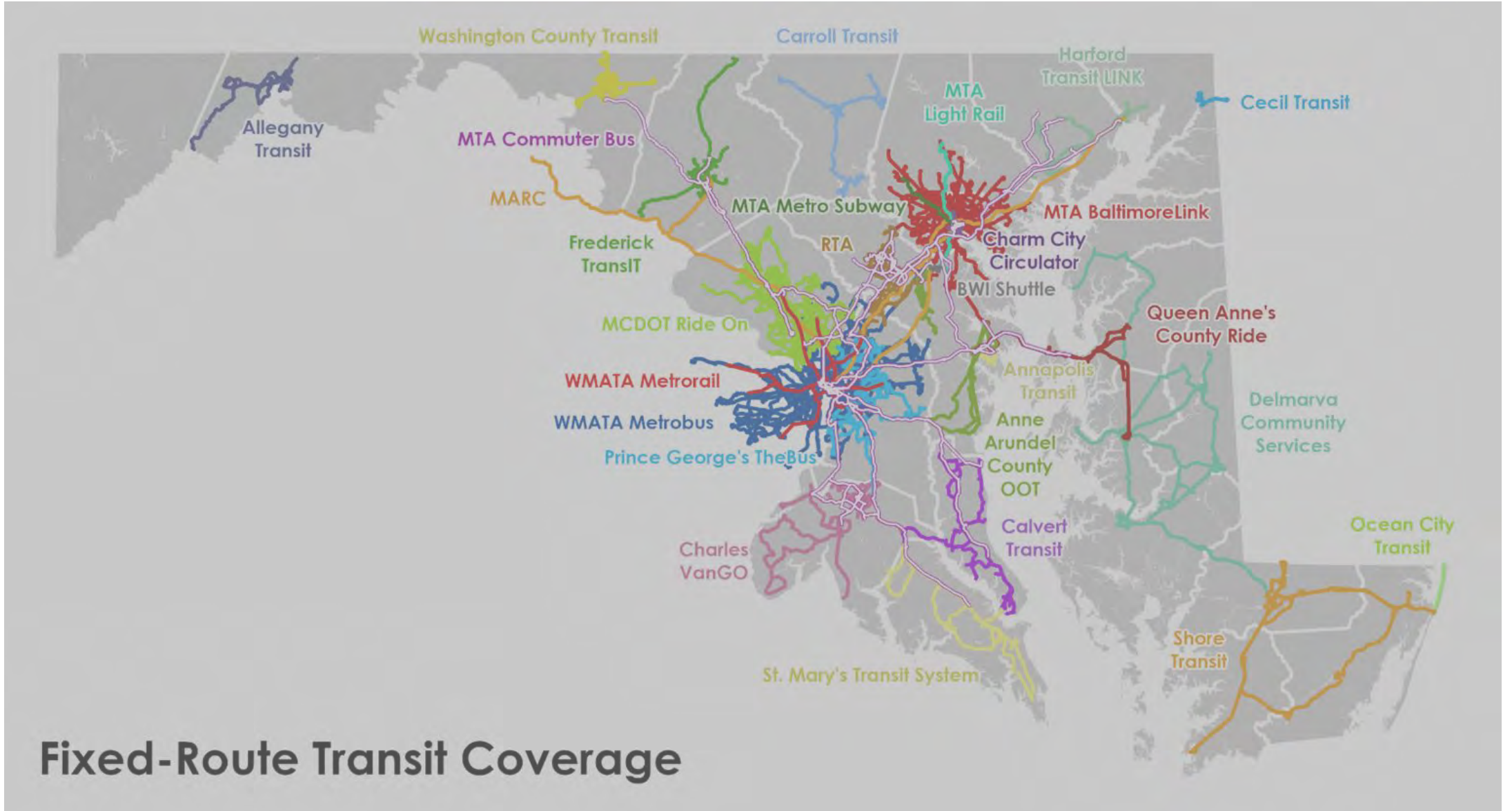


1973
10.5% of the total
land area
developed.

2010



2010
27% of the total
land area
developed.



Fixed-Route Transit Coverage



- statewide plans and policy
- peer transit plans
- local plans and projects

- Reviewed **other states'** transit plans
 - Colorado, Maine, North Carolina, Utah, and Virginia
 - Approach to rural, suburban, and urban areas, goals and metrics used, etc.
- Reviewed **our own plans**
 - Maryland Transportation Plan, State Rail Plan, SHA Mobility Report
 - Regional Transit Plan, Cornerstone Plans, major studies and projects
- Reviewed **your plans**
 - Comprehensive Plans, Transit Development Plans, Long Range Transportation Plans, major transportation studies and projects



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1,500+ Interactions



1 public survey
with **514** responses

**1 survey of locally
operated transit
systems** with
19 responses and
**18 follow-up
interviews**



15 regional roundtables
(three with each of
the five regions) with
184 total attendees,
including staff from
local and regional transit
providers and planning
agencies



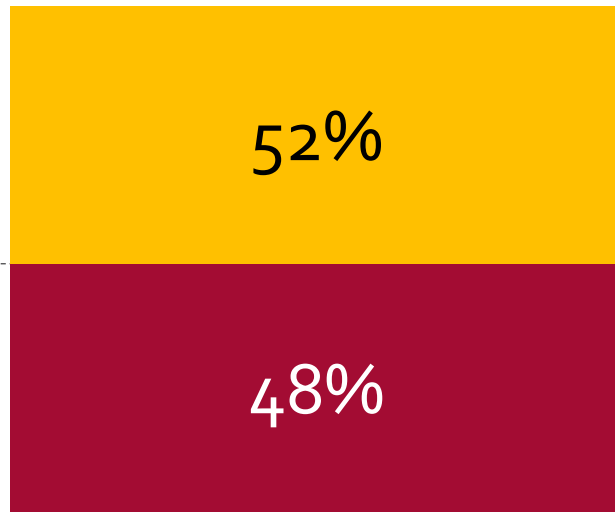
63 presentations given
at community meetings
statewide with **775 total
attendees**



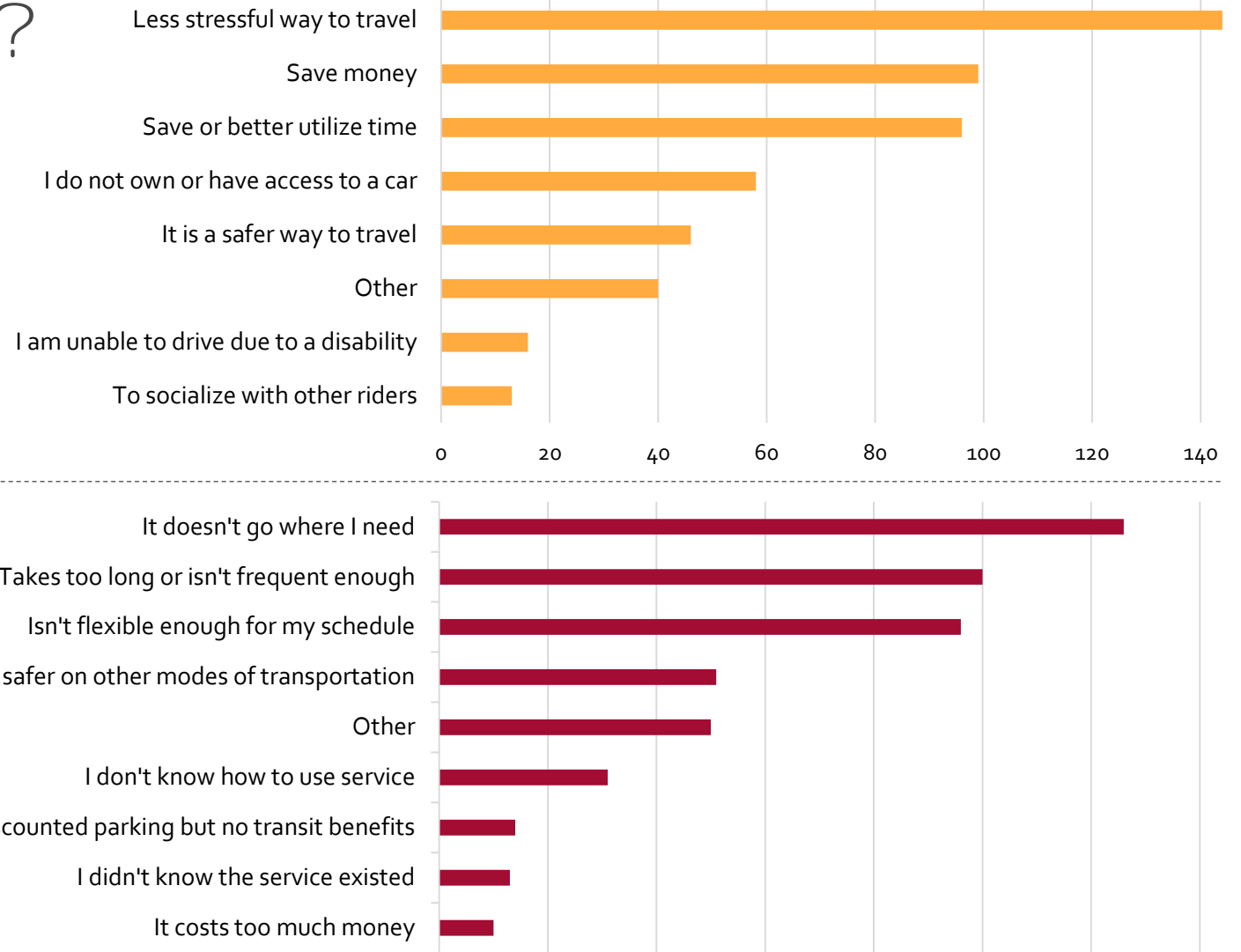
**45 newsletter and
social media blasts**
from MDOT MTA and
partners

Do You Use Transit? Why?

Yes, I use transit sometimes or often



No, I do not use transit



In 50 years, my top priorities for transit in Maryland are...

Statewide Ranking of Priorities

1. Providing **equitable mobility** for people of all abilities, races, and incomes
2. Providing **regional connections**/long trips within a region or statewide
3. Providing **local connections**/short trips within a community or county
4. Supporting the **ability to live car free** or with less car travel
5. Contributing to **reduced environmental impacts**
6. Ensuring a **safer and more comfortable** experience
7. Adopting the **latest technology** to improve efficiency and convenience

What We Heard – Statewide Themes

“We need a reliable transit system that connects the individual county and local transit systems.”

“Access to medical care, employment, and overall daily needs are very limited.”

“We need safe areas to walk when we get off transit.”



“Employees should be able to rely on public transportation for all shifts and hours.”

“Transit needs to allow for the ‘I’m not perfect today’ kind of days.”

“The plan should be flexible, nimble, and maximize ways to build and support a world-class multimodal transportation network.”



What We Heard— Regional Themes

Baltimore Metro

- More rail and intercity service
- East-west across city and suburb-suburb connections

DC Metro

- Interstate connectivity
- More intercity weekend service

Southern

- Connections to DC and beyond
- Access to military installations and colleges

Eastern

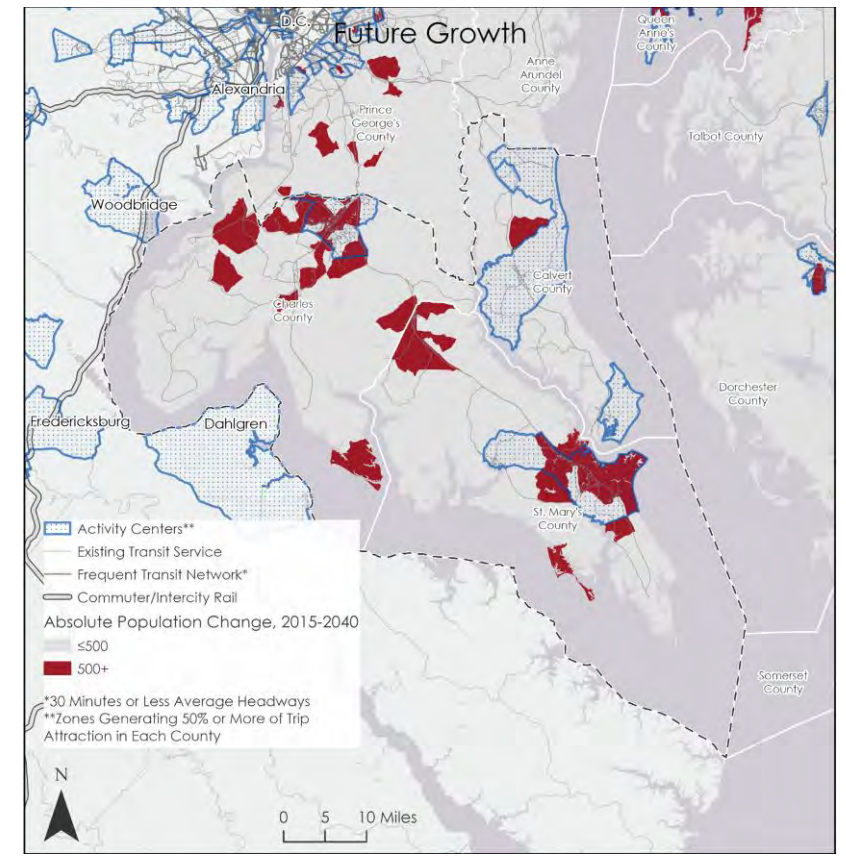
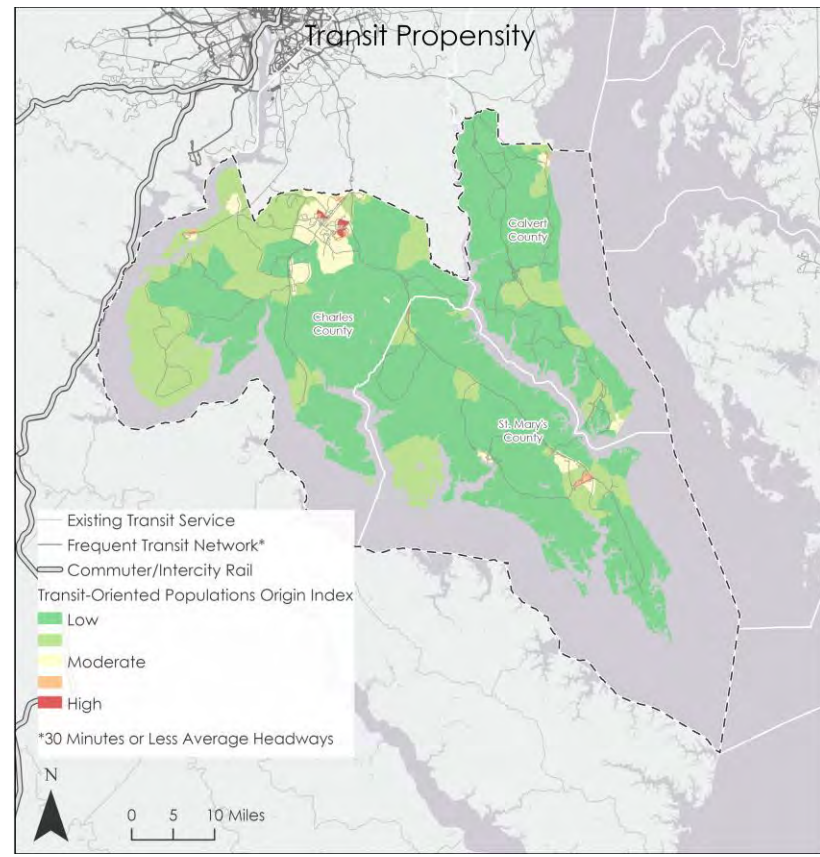
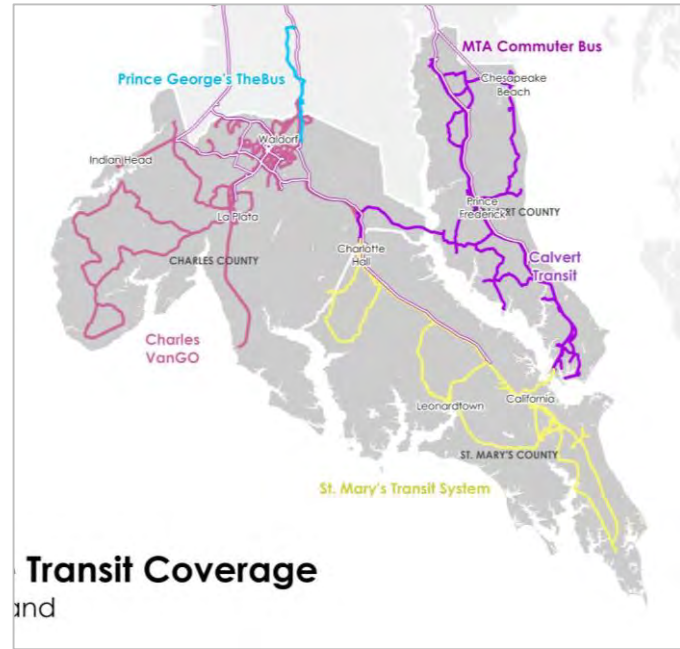
- More transit service overall
- Serving aging populations and access to medical care

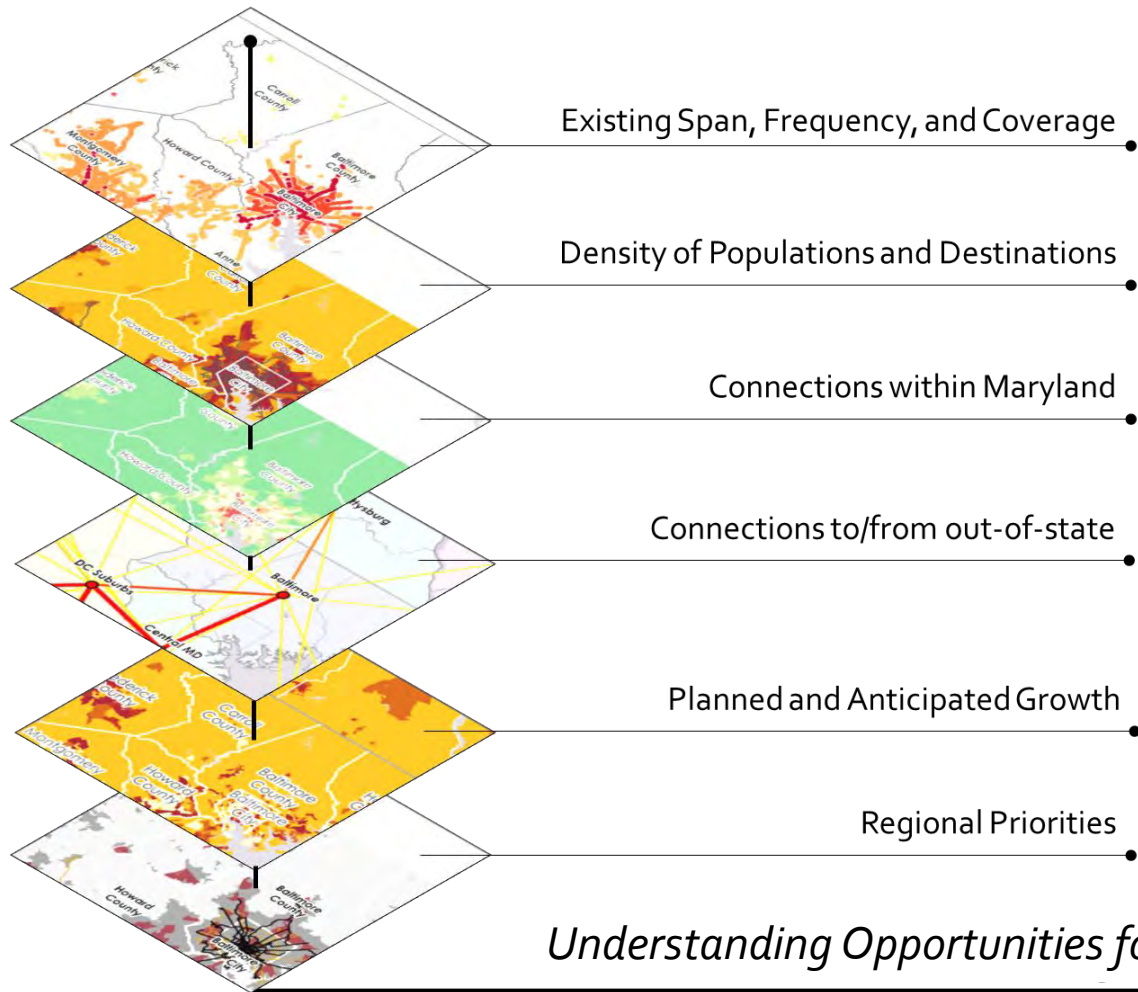
Western

- Out-of-state job connections
- Connect other regions to recreation and tourism in Western Maryland



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Who rides transit now and how well are they served?
Who doesn't ride but would with more or better service?
How many trips could be transit trips that aren't?

Who will ride transit in the future and to/from where?
What are local jurisdictions and the state already planning?

Vision

Maryland's public transit system will **connect people, places and opportunities**, supporting Maryland's economy with **efficient, equitable, sustainable and innovative** transit.

Transit riders across the state will experience **convenient and coordinated** travel and a **dignified customer experience**.

Goals



Be equitable, accessible, and affordable



Provide mobility between regions



Connect people to jobs and opportunities



Deliver a reliable and convenient service



Ensure a safe and healthy transit environment





Be sustainable, nimble, and innovative



Invest wisely and sustainably

Past and Upcoming Outreach

Outreach Round	Regional Roundtables	Broader Public Outreach
<p>Sep. 2020 (1st Round)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Introduce project purpose, vision, and goals • Discuss existing conditions and region-specific context • Understand challenges and needs 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicit survey responses • Virtual presentations to regional groups
<p>Nov.-Dec. 2020 (2nd Round)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Share survey findings • Present and discuss preliminary gap analysis 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • “You spoke, we listened” sharing survey responses and how we intend to use them
<p>Fall 2021 (3rd Round)</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Present and discuss draft plan elements for implementation: connections, strategies, and metrics. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Solicit draft plan feedback • Public: 5 virtual open houses • Local pop-ups and comment card distribution

Learn More and Stay Updated!

- Project webpage:
www.mta.Maryland.gov/statewide-plan
 - Schedule of activities to develop the Statewide Transit Plan
 - Summary of survey responses and takeaways
 - FAQs and how to reach the project team
 - Where draft plan will be published for public comment
- Email questions or comments:
MTASTP@mdot.maryland.gov
 - Sign up for newsletters so you know when the public draft is released for comment





Thank you!





Questions?

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