

## Baltimore's Transit Future - August Update

Greetings,

Thank you for your continued support of the [Baltimore's Transit Future](#) campaign. Every week there is another exciting news story or commentary about the importance of transit in Greater Baltimore. Momentum is building behind transformative changes and investments in the region's transit system. This monthly update is meant to share the campaign's progress, key transit news, and ideas for how you can help champion Baltimore's transit future. This is a team effort, so please share any updates we missed and any creative ideas to extend our collective reach.

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**BALTIMORE'S  
TRANSIT FUTURE**

**“Decades of failed policies provide a roadmap of the harm inflicted on our communities when they cannot rely on consistent, efficient transit. The gateway to opportunity for so many Baltimoreans is closed. I am intent on transforming vestiges of a bygone transit era into an icon of Baltimore’s renaissance and I thank leaders like the Greater Baltimore Committee and the Greater Washington Partnership who are working with partners in the region to deliver on this promise.”**

**Brandon Scott**  
Mayor  
Baltimore City

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***In case you missed it:*** Check out why [Al Hutchinson](#), President & CEO of [Visit Baltimore](#), thinks transit is essential to the economic health and vitality of this region.

### What's New with the Campaign's Strategic Priorities?

#### ***Priority 2: Frequent Reliable Bus Service to all Regional Job Centers***

- MDOT MTA [announced fall service changes](#) to take effect August 28, including new late-night service on the CityLink Silver line extending to Morgan State University
- MTA Administrator Holly Arnold visited [BWI Light Rail Station on August 11](#) to talk with riders about how MTA can improve real time communication about service disruptions.

**Priority 3: Support Regional Coordination, Decision Making, and Funding**

- BMC [announced the members appointed to the Transit Governance and Funding Workgroup](#) who will identify the preferred coordination, decision making, and funding structures for the region's transit system, building on the Baltimore Regional Transportation Board's (BRTB) [Transit Governance and Funding](#) study (Aug 2021) and the Eno Center for Transportation's [Transit Reform for Maryland](#) study (Nov 2020). We look forward to the region aligning behind a preferred approach so we can all push together for improved regional coordination, decision making, and funding.

**Priority 5: Prioritize Regional Rail Investments**

- U.S. DOT awarded Maryland \$20 million grant to fund the [final design for the Susquehanna River Rail Bridge Replacement](#) which will improve rail access to Perryville and the Northeast Corridor.

**Priority 6: Equitable Development at Transit and Rail Stations**

- U.S. DOT awarded Maryland \$6 million as part of the [RAISE Grant](#) program for [transit and pedestrian accessibility improvements at Baltimore's Penn Station](#).

*\*\*\*If you need a refresher, the other priorities for the [campaign](#) include: 1 – Address MTA Repair Backlog & Operator Shortage and 4 – Implement a 10-Year Rapid Transit Expansion Program*

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**GBC 2022 TRANSPORTATION SUMMIT: SEPT. 28**



The graphic features a blue background with a blurred image of a train. It includes the GBC logo and the text '2022 Transportation Summit Building a Better Transit Future... Get on Board!'. It lists five speakers with their names and affiliations: Dr. Celeste Chavis (Morgan State University), Lacey Everett (MIBOR REALTOR® Association), Yonah Freemark (Urban Institute), Michael B. Kelly (Baltimore Metropolitan Council), and Jon Laria Esq. (Ballard Spahr LLP & Chair CBC Transportation & Mobility Committee). It also specifies the date as Sept. 28, 2022, the time as 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m., and the format as Webinar via Zoom.

 GREATER BALTIMORE COMMITTEE

## 2022 Transportation Summit

Building a Better Transit Future...  
Get on Board!

 Sept. 28, 2022

 9:00 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.

 Webinar via Zoom

  
**Dr. Celeste Chavis**  
Morgan State University

  
**Lacey Everett**  
MIBOR REALTOR® Association

  
**Yonah Freemark**  
Urban Institute

  
**Michael B. Kelly**  
Baltimore Metropolitan Council

  
**Jon Laria Esq.**  
Ballard Spahr LLP & Chair CBC  
Transportation & Mobility Committee

Join the Greater Baltimore Committee's 2022 Transportation Summit September 28 from 9-10:15am for an engaging virtual discussion on working collaboratively to improve transit in the Baltimore region. Panelists will discuss the region's current transit system and opportunities for improvement, explore how quality transit impacts social equity and inclusive economic growth, and take a deeper dive into recent transit successes in Indianapolis and the business community's role in those successes.

[Register here.](#)

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## How to Champion Baltimore's Transit Future This Month

1. Check to see if your organization's logo is listed on our [campaign website](#). If not, please encourage your comms department to get in touch.
  2. Attend the first [Baltimore Regional Transit Governance and Funding Workgroup](#) meeting on Friday, September 2 at BMC's office. Meetings are open to members of the public.
  3. Share the [campaign strategy document](#) and/or this email update with your constituents and your elected representatives.
  4. Keep an eye out for MDOT MTA's Phase 1 of the North-South Transit Corridor Study. We aren't sure when it will drop, but it should be coming soon.
  5. Invite GBC & the Partnership to present and share the goals of the campaign to your team or constituents.
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## Transit News

- ["Worker shortage causing transit cancellations in Greater Baltimore; here's how to address it"](#) | Op-Ed | Baltimore Sun, 7.27
  - ["What can be done about Baltimore's unreliable transit?"](#) | Editorial | Baltimore Sun, 8.11
  - ["Maryland again sets its sights on Baltimore east-west transit plan"](#) | Baltimore Banner, 8.15
  - ["It's time to build the Red Line and other equitable transportation options in Baltimore"](#) | Op-Ed | Baltimore Banner, 8.19
  - ["Baltimore County spent millions on a free bus, looks to expand despite low ridership"](#) | WYPR, 8.19
  - ["A plan to revive Baltimore transit is now under development"](#) | Op-Ed | Baltimore Sun, 8.21
  - ["6 priorities Baltimore needs to focus on to jumpstart its transit network, business leaders say"](#) | GGWash, 8.25
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Thank you for your continued support and for helping to champion Baltimore's Transit Future. We are stronger by working together. Let's accelerate progress to create a more inclusive and economically thriving Greater Baltimore region.