

REGIONAL SUBAREA

PROJECT: REGIONAL MTA/LOTS BUS STOP STUDY

PURPOSE: The Baltimore region has many transit transfer opportunities, many that have developed by accident rather than design. However, there have not been deliberate efforts to coordinate schedules or facilitate transfers at these stops. In addition to shared stops, there are a number of bus stops that are close to each other, yet not actually shared. Bus riders, must actually walk a block, or even half a block, between stops, for no apparent reason. Signage is often confusing, and there are no schedules that would list, for instance, all routes – regardless of provider – that served one stop.

Despite the lack of a support structure, a large amount of riders are transferring between systems; a survey recently conducted of RTA riders found that over 25% were transferring to or from an MTA or the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) route. This clearly points to the essential role played by transit in linking people to the Baltimore and Washington regions.

In order to facilitate these transfers, and to encourage people to take advantage of them, this activity will undertake a regional effort to include: identify proximate stops that could become shared stops, examine route schedules and look for ways to make adjustments to facilitate transfers between systems, and examine ways that route and schedule information might be presented that would be stop-specific rather than system specific.

FY 2018 PERFORMANCE OBJECTIVES:

1. Kick-off meeting to coordinate with key stakeholders and determine roles and responsibilities. Develop scope of work, project goals and parameters, and budget.
2. Finalize scope of work for consultant. Provide consultant assistance for regional information and coordination among stakeholders.
3. Collect, compile and evaluate data on LOTS performance, travel desire lines, demographics, etc.
4. Recommend changes to LOTS/MTA routes and schedules necessary to meet transit performance standards and increase system efficiency as feasible based on public feedback and funding constraints.
5. If necessary, conduct public meetings to present findings and proposed changes to transit routes (smaller, incremental changes to stop locations and schedules would not require public meetings).
6. Develop cost estimates for transit route changes/alterations and new route planning implementation.
7. Compile findings and results, with a report listing recommendations for schedule changes, stop relocations, and possible ways to present schedule information by stop rather than provider.

BALTIMORE REGION UPWP
FY 2018-2019 UNIFIED PLANNING WORK PROGRAM

PRODUCTS/MILESTONES	SCHEDULE
Kick-off meeting with core participants and representatives. Identify appropriate consultant support, develop scope and finalize contract.	1 st Quarter
Develop project goals, parameters and data needs assessment. Collect, compile and evaluate performance data.	2 nd Quarter
Produce graphics and charts based on comprehensive evaluation for public consumption and feedback.	3 rd Quarter
Prepare revised route maps and schedules as needed.	4 th Quarter

PARTICIPANTS: Howard County, Anne Arundel County, Prince George’s County, City of Laurel, , Regional Transportation Agency, MTA, Consultant and other stakeholders

<u>BUDGET:</u>	Annapolis	\$10,000
	Anne Arundel County	\$20,000
	Baltimore City	\$20,000
	Harford County	\$20,000
	Howard County	\$20,000
	Queen Anne’s County	\$10,000
	BMC	\$180,000 (to manage consultant)
	 FY 2018 Budget:	 \$280,000