

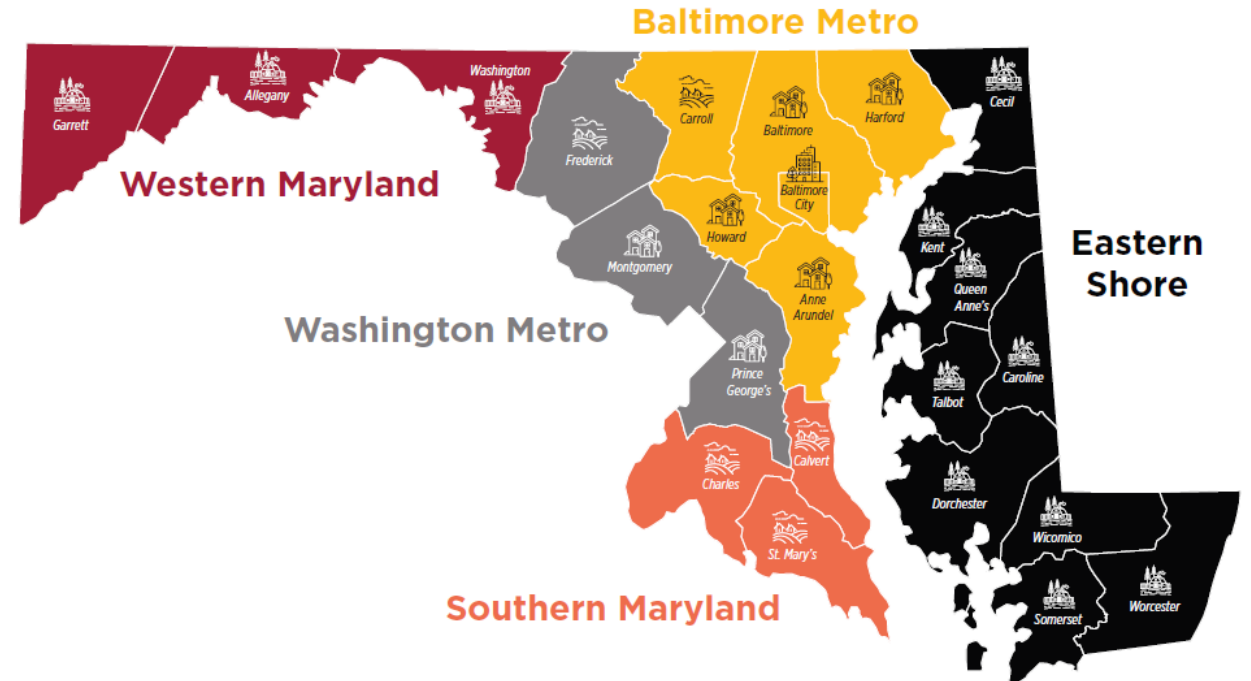
MARYLAND STATEWIDE TRANSIT PLAN

Maryland Transportation Commission— August 2, 2021



Conversation Topics

- Purpose, schedule, and context
- What we've heard so far
- Open dialog with you
- Ways to provide input
- Questions/Comments



Plan 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



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

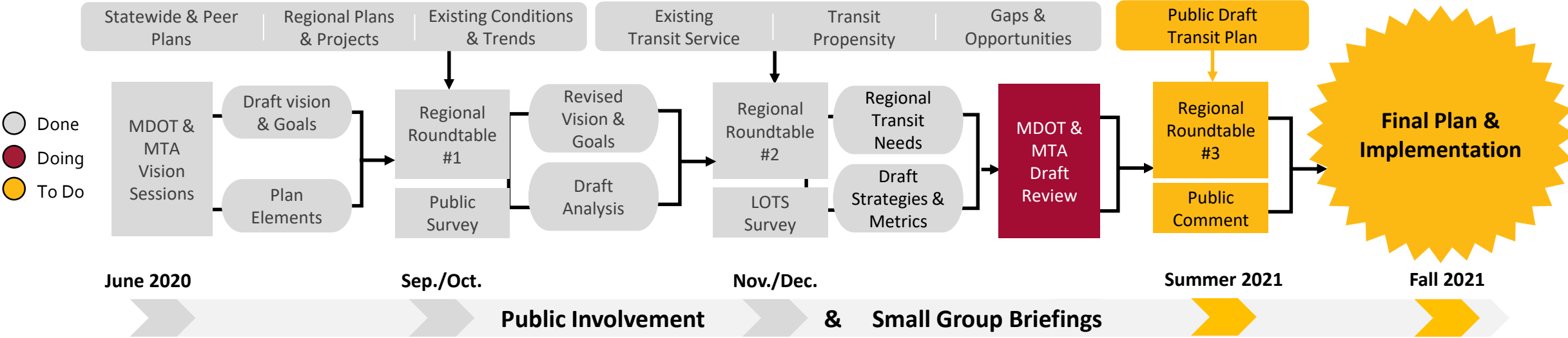


- statewide plans and policy
- peer transit plans
- local plans and projects








- regional roundtables
- public input
- stakeholder coordination

Plan Development Schedule

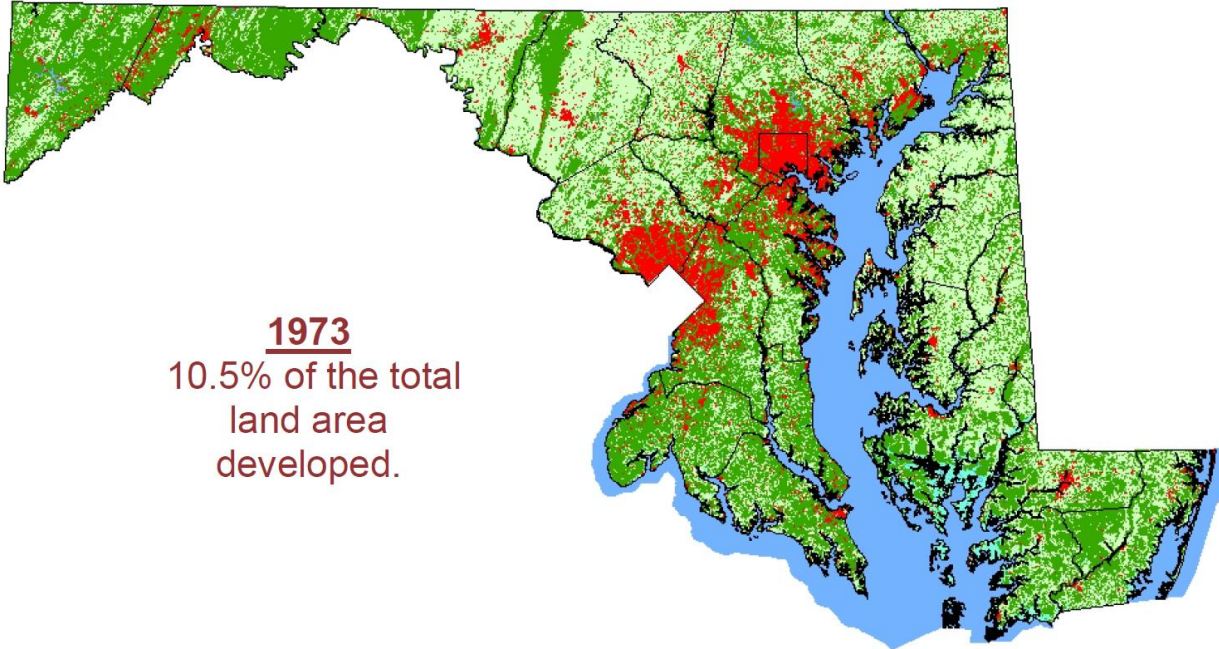


The past
50 years

	1970 MTA takes over Baltimore Transit Company	1978 MTA takes over Lutheran Family Services paratransit							2017 BaltimoreLink network redesign	
		1983 Baltimore Subway opens	1987 Subway extended to Owings Mills	1992 Baltimore Light Rail opens	1995 Subway extended to Johns Hopkins	1997 Light Rail final expansion to BWI				
	1974 MDOT first subsidizes commuter rail	1984 MARC brand is created	1986 MARC service extended to Martinsburg	1991 MARC service extended from Baltimore to Perryville	2001 Frederick Branch opens					
	1970	1980	1990	2000	2010	2020				
	1976 First RideOn fixed-route service			1990 The Bus established	1993 TransIT established	2003 Shore Transit established		2014 RTA established		
	1969 Metrorail construction begins	1978 Metrorail service to Silver Spring and New Carrollton begins				2004 Final expansion of Metrorail into Maryland		2016 Purple Line construction begins		
	1972 MDOT purchases BWI	1980 BWI Amtrak Station opens								
	1971 Amtrak is established			1992 ADA takes effect, FTA requires paratransit services be implemented by 1997						

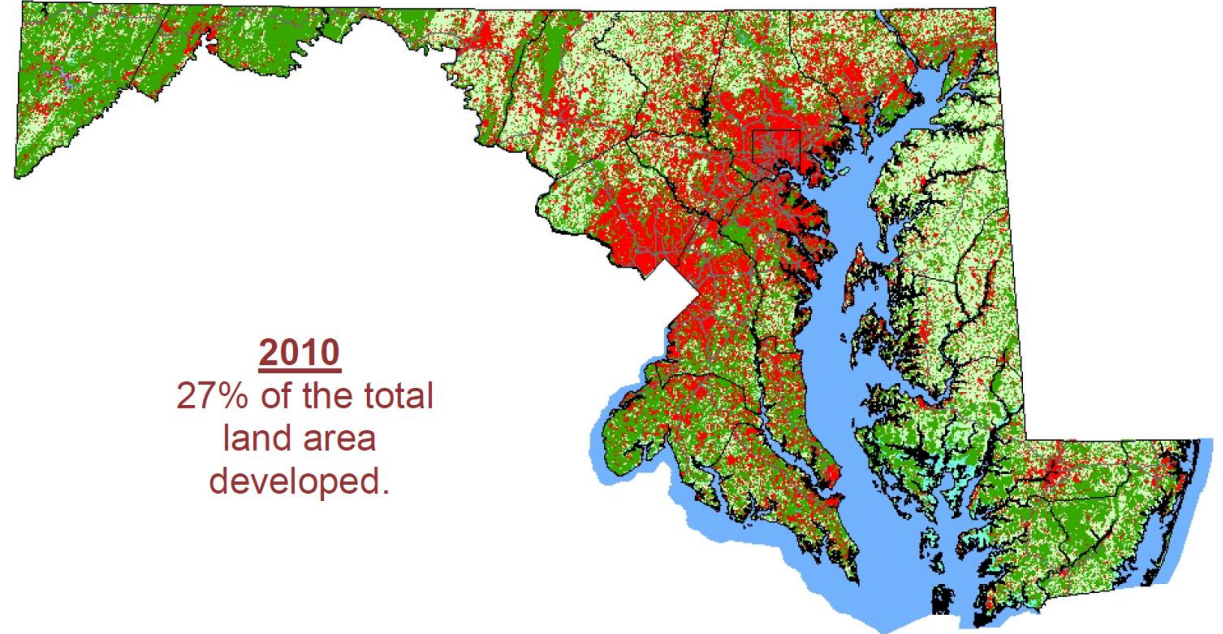
Developed Land in Maryland

1973







1973
10.5% of the total
land area
developed.

2010



2010
27% of the total
land area
developed.

Public and Stakeholder Outreach

1,500+ Interactions			
			
<p>1 public survey with 514 responses</p> <p>1 survey of locally operated transit systems with 19 responses and 18 follow-up interviews</p>	<p>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</p>	<p>63 presentations given at community meetings statewide with 775 total attendees</p>	<p>45 newsletter and social media blasts from MDOT MTA and partners</p>

“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

Public Survey Responses



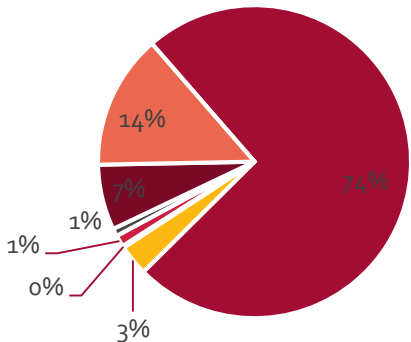
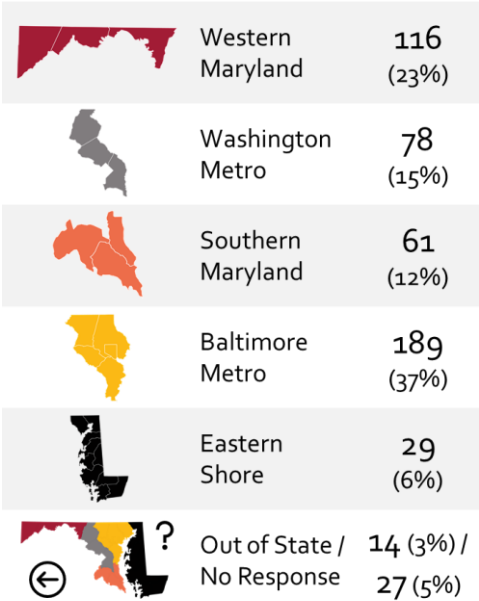
When the survey was open
Sep. 14th through Oct. 25th (42 days)



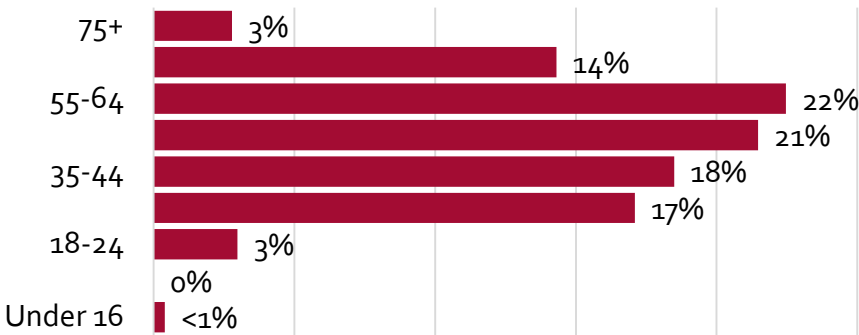
Number of responses received
514 responses statewide



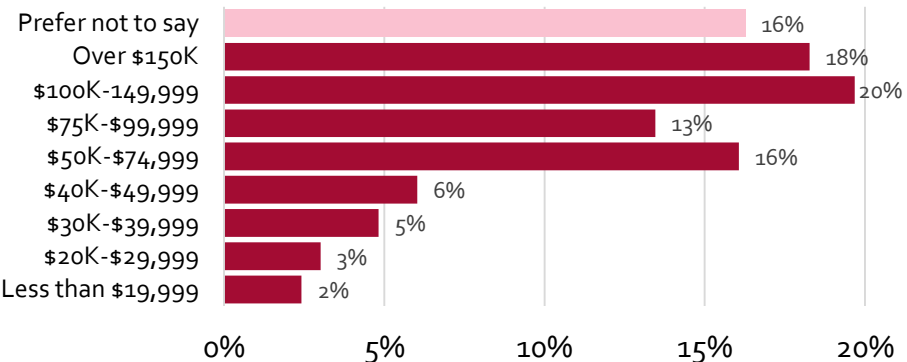
How it was distributed



Age



Income

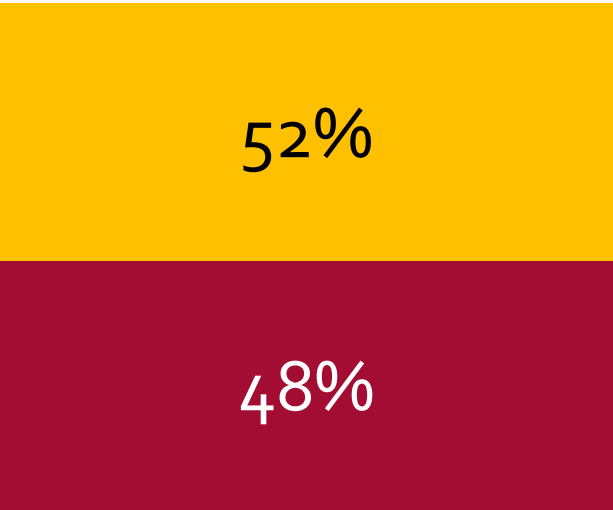


- Caucasian or White
- Hispanic or Latino
- Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaska Native
- Other
- Black or African American

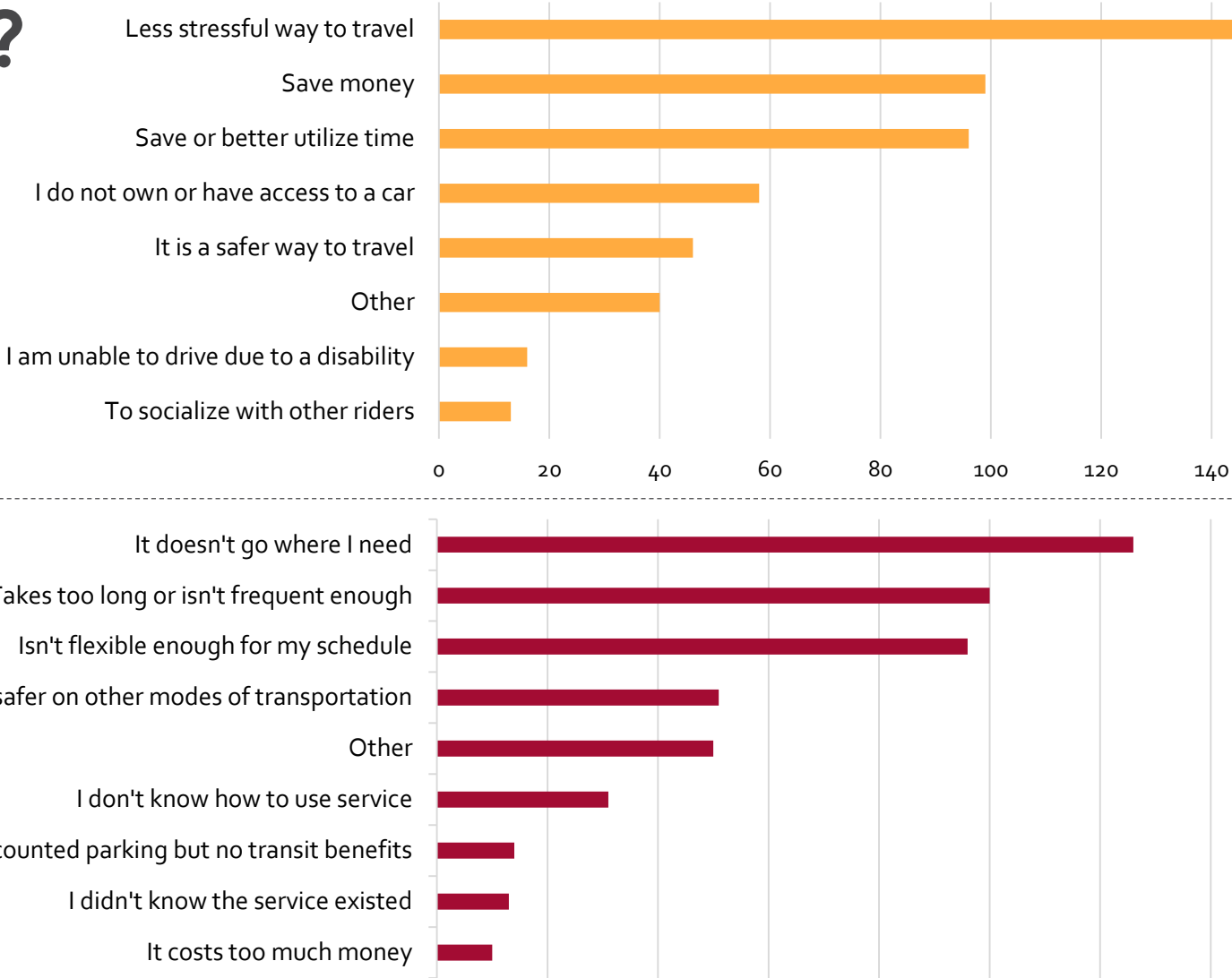


Do You Use Transit? Why?

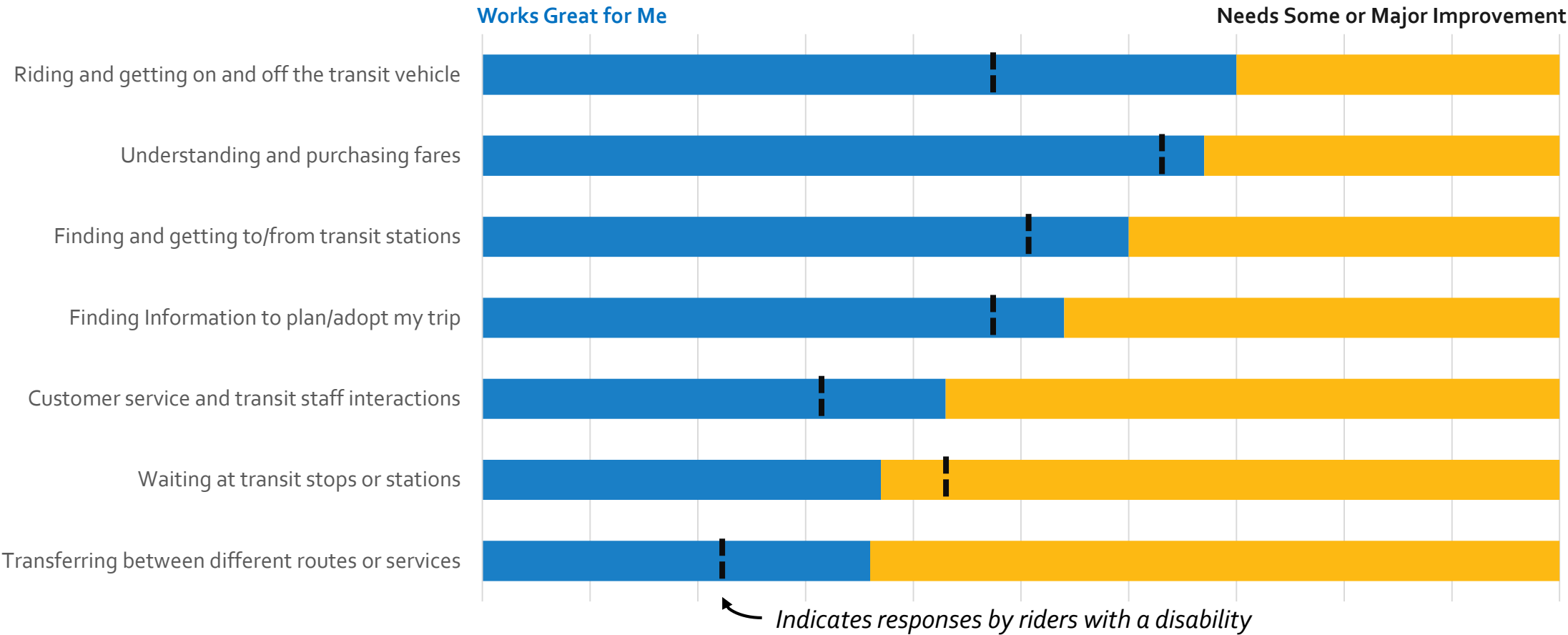
Yes, I use transit sometimes or often



No, I do not use transit



Which parts of your transit trip work well?





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

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

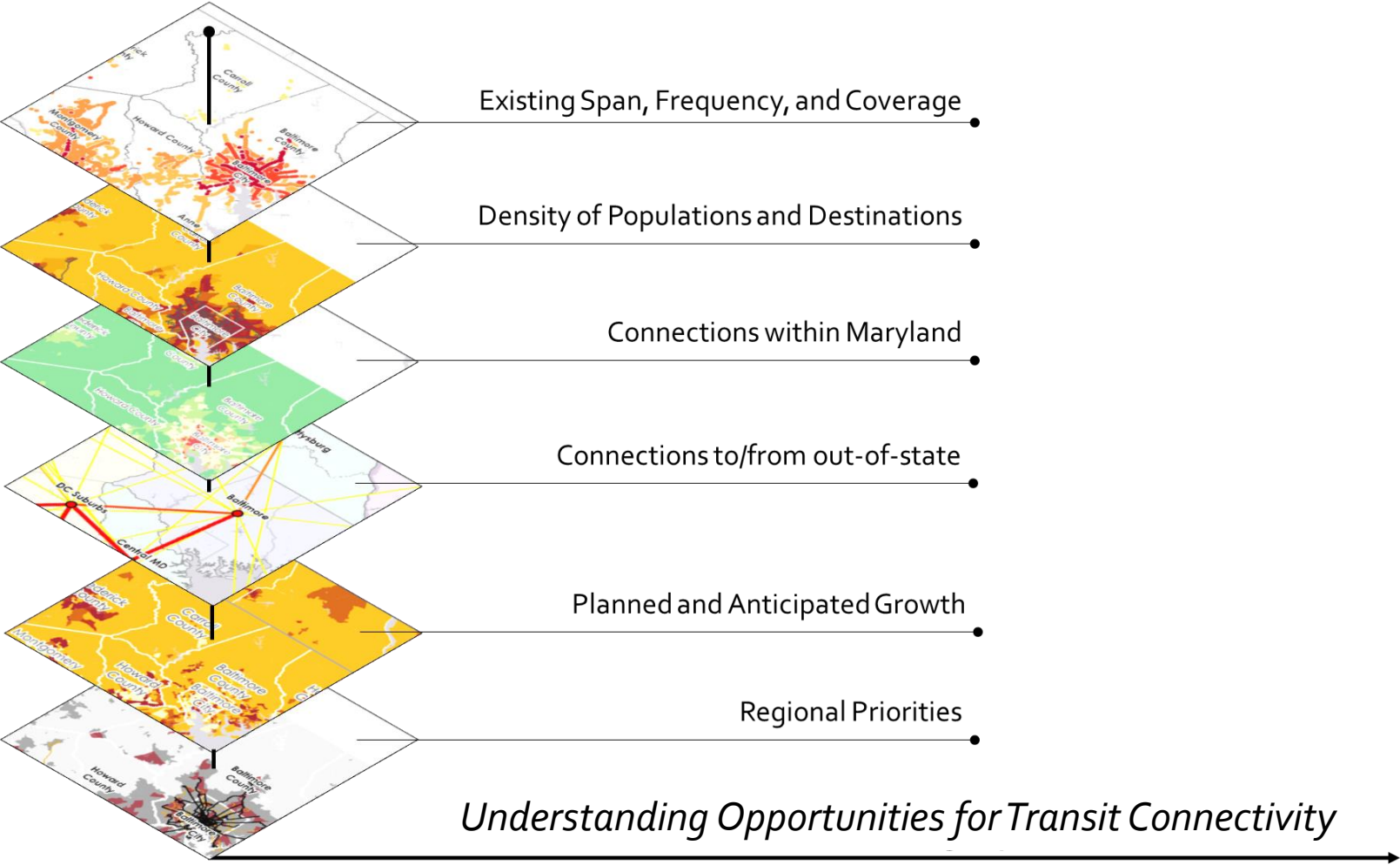


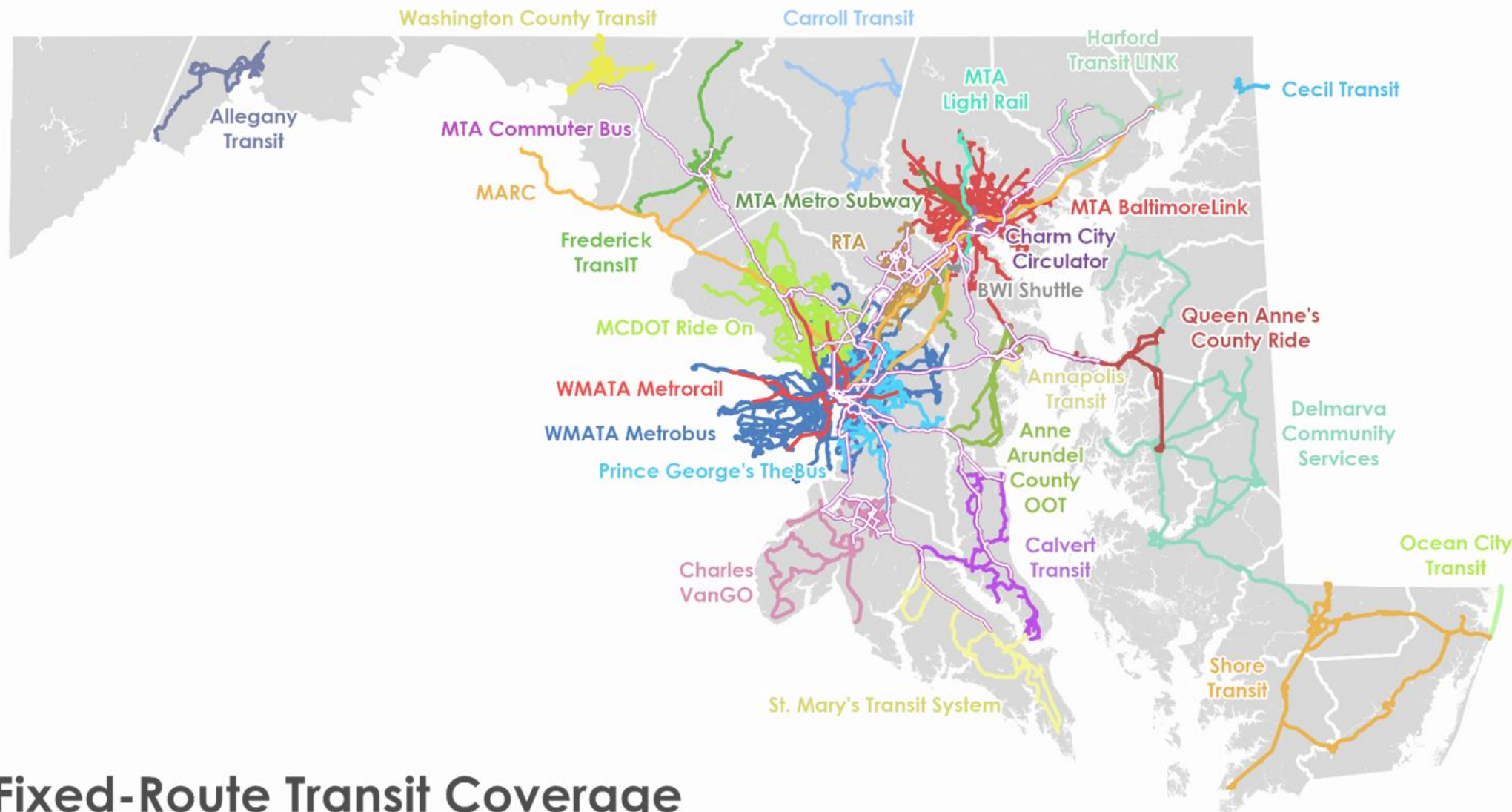
Be sustainable, nimble, and innovative



Invest wisely and sustainably

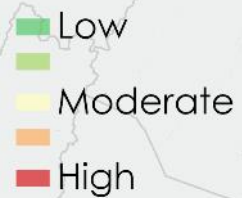
Mapping and analyzing transit needs



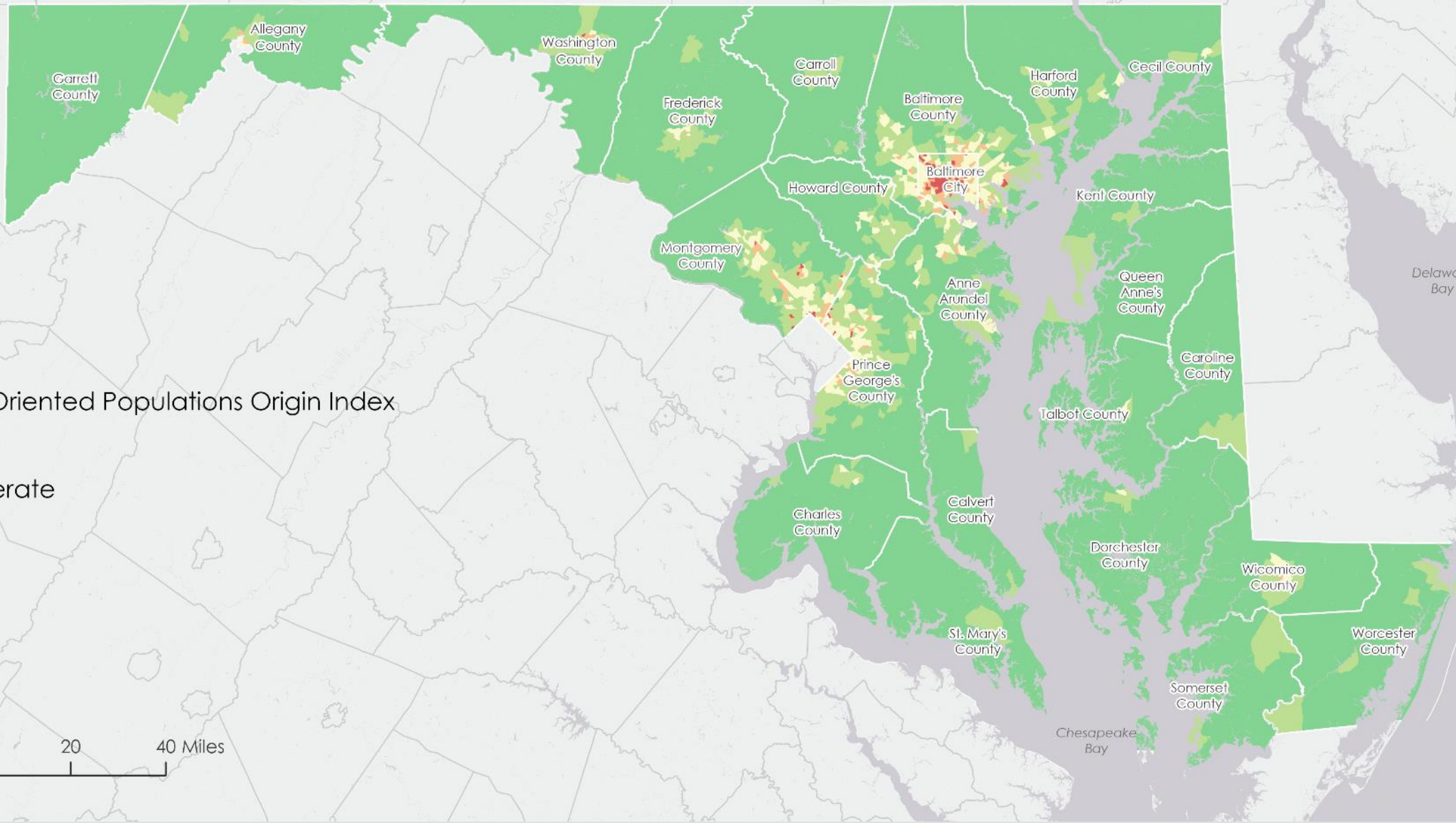


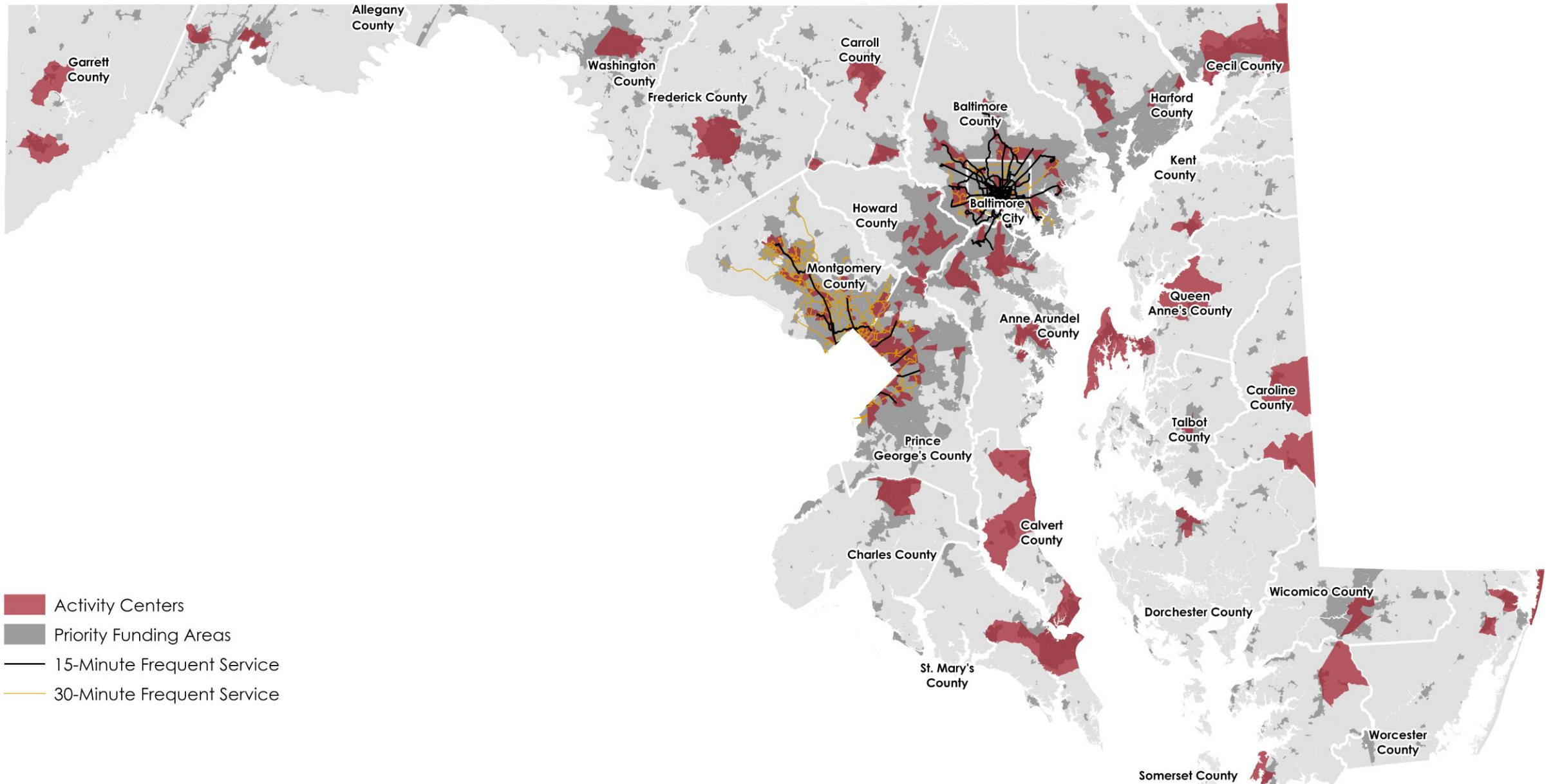
Fixed-Route Transit Coverage

Transit-Oriented Populations Origin Index



0 20 40 Miles





Priority Funding Areas, Activity Centers and Frequent Transit



What would you prioritize in this plan?

- What are areas of your Region that need more transit?
 - More frequency, coverage, or span (overnight, weekend, etc.)
- What Improved or New Infrastructure would best support transit?
 - Pedestrian connections, dedicated lanes, transfer hubs, or other
- What Policy or Technology Upgrades should be leveraged?
 - Real time info for riders, fare enhancements, coordinated service between transit systems, etc.
- What overall outcomes should transit achieve?

Recap of Schedule

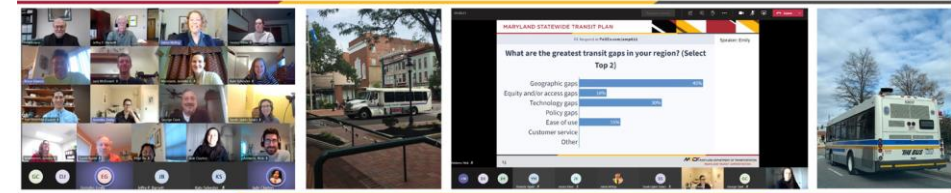


Coming Soon! →

- Social media posts and partner newsletters
- Virtual Open Houses
- Website with interactive commenting
- E-mail blasts and comment inbox
- Local notices and printed copies
- Voice message option for phone comments
- 5 roundtables and other small group briefings

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



Sign Up For Updates

Enter your contact information into the form below to receive updates about the plan.

First Name*

Last Name*

Email Address*

Submit

Schedule of Plan Development



Questions?

