

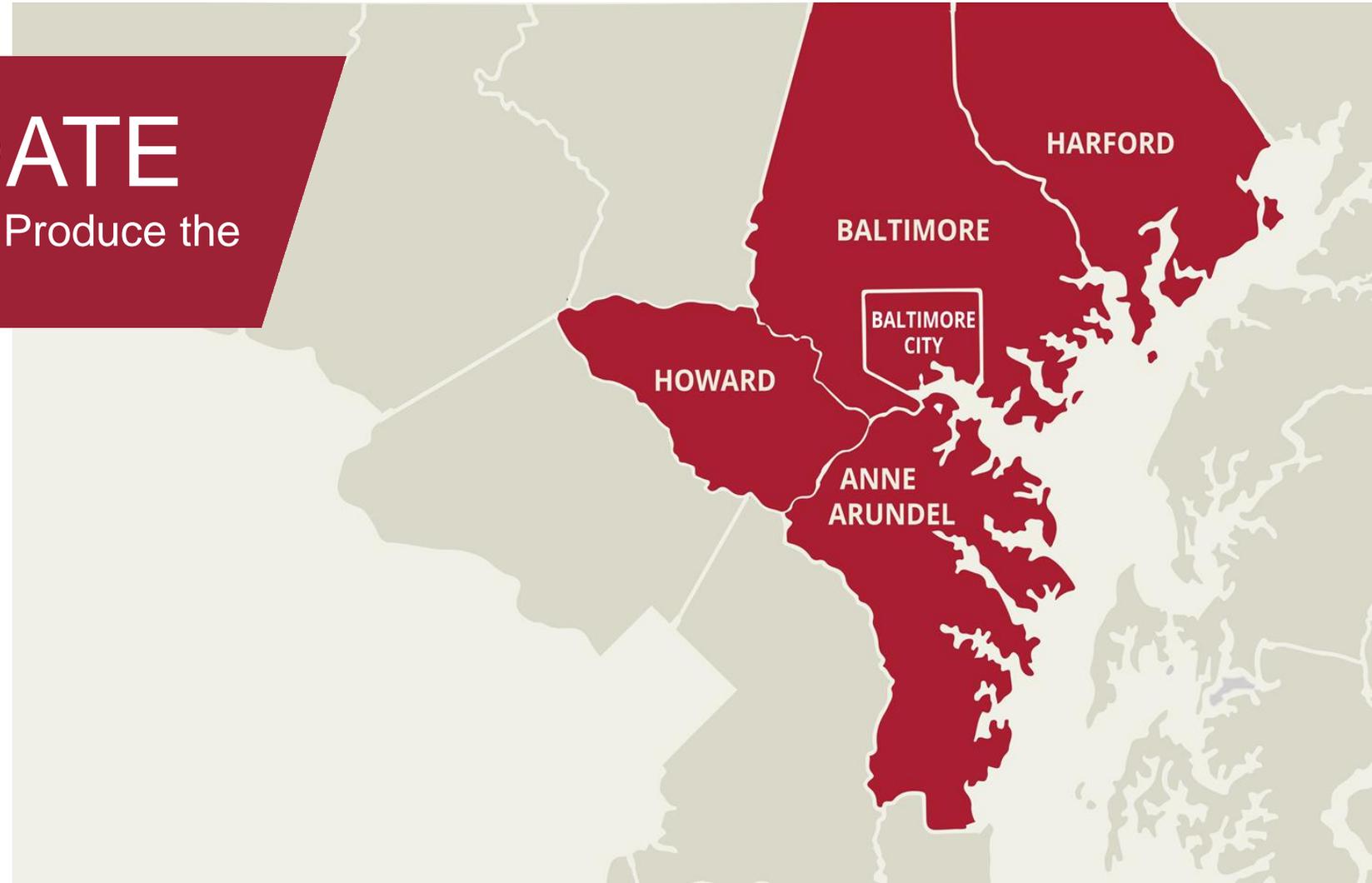
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A Regional Transit Plan for Central Maryland

PROJECT UPDATE

Synthesizing Analysis and Input to Produce the Draft Plan

Transit Choices Meeting
Impact Hub Baltimore
February 25, 2020





PRESENTATION OUTLINE

- RTP Background, Goals, & Objectives
- Key Themes and Actions
- Proposed Plan Format
- Review Process & Next Steps
- Questions



RTP BACKGROUND & APPROACH

Purpose & Approach

BACKGROUND:

- MDOT MTA is developing this 25-year plan to meet the transit needs of the Core Service Area, guided by Maryland Chapter 352 (2018).

PURPOSE

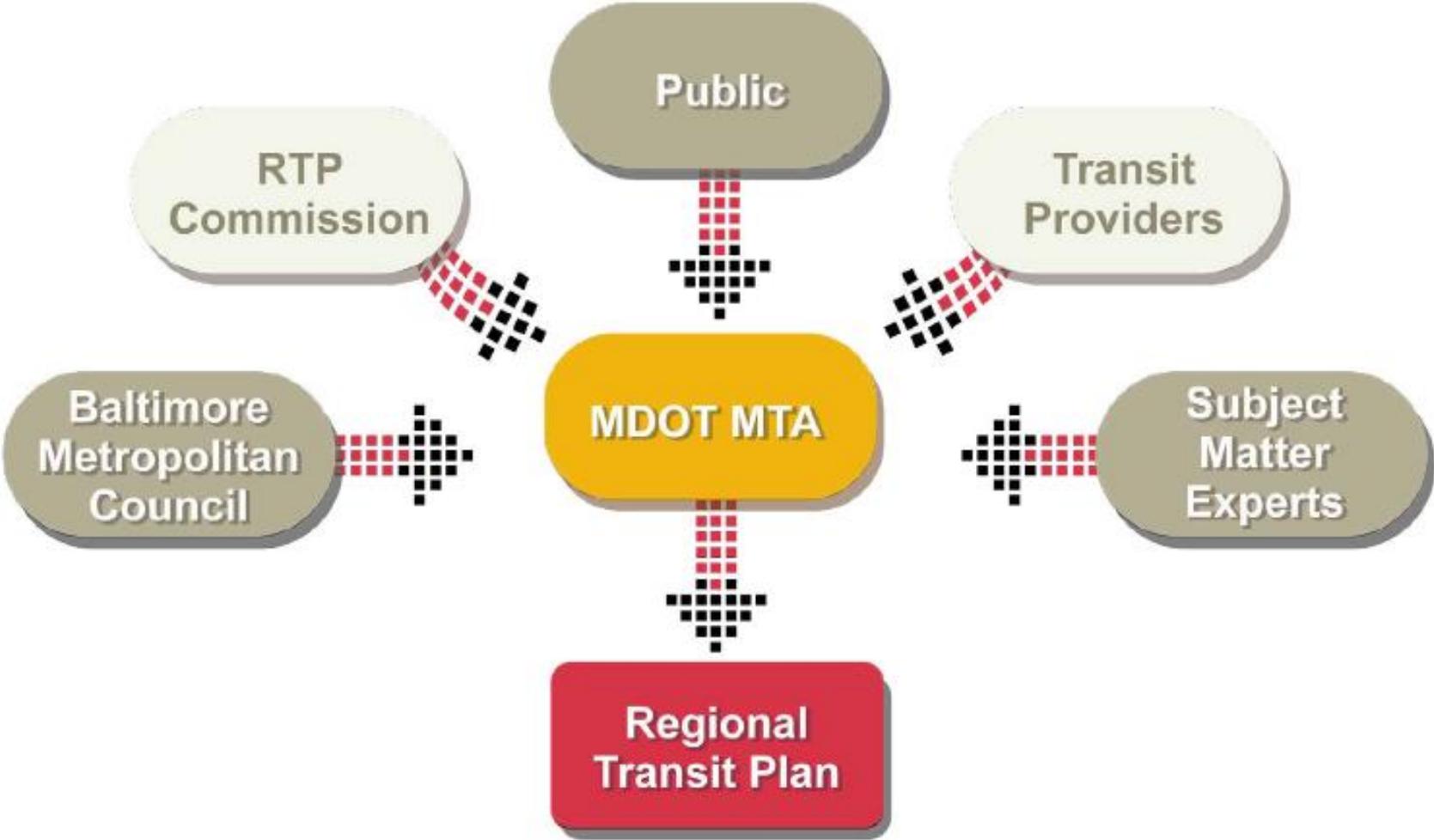
- Develop a new Regional Transit Plan (RTP) for Central Maryland that will define public transportation goals over the next 25 years

VISION

- Address traditional transit (buses and trains) as well as explore new mobility options and technology



Project Partners



RTP Planning Process



6 Elements of the Planning Process



Listen *Learn what is important to the public, stakeholders, and the Commission*



Study Existing Conditions *Determine the conditions facing MDOT MTA and the LOTS, as well as national trends*



Research Peers *Study what other transit agencies and jurisdictions are doing and how Central Maryland compares*



Develop Goals and Objectives *In collaboration with the Commission and incorporating input from the public, establish overarching goals that will guide the future of transit in the region*



Explore and Evaluate Strategies *Identify the most effective and efficient means to achieve the Plan's goals and objectives*



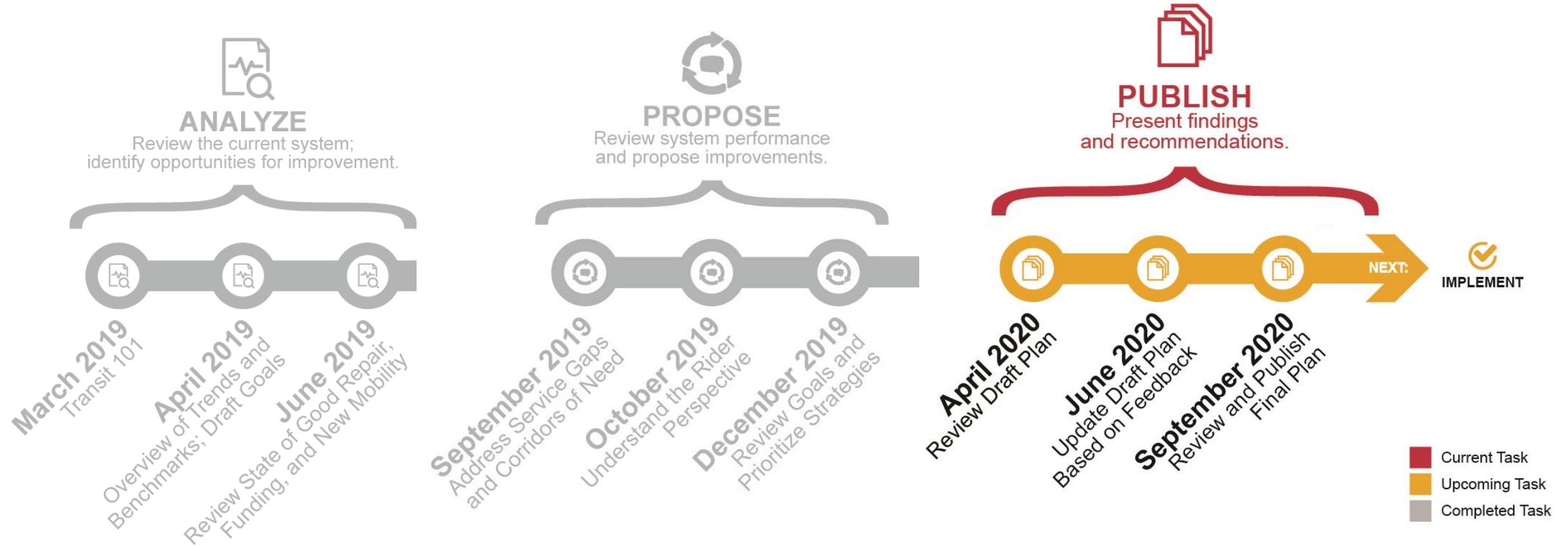
Create the Plan *Synthesize what has been learned and prioritize strategies to achieve the Plan's goals and objectives*



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Project Schedule



Draft RTP Goals



Improve connectivity and integration of existing and future transit services



Optimize existing transit services



Enhance fiscal sustainability



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PROPOSED PLAN FORMAT

Regional Transit Plan Structure



The RTP Commission established three (very broad) over-arching goals

The Plan is organized around six objectives, with specific strategies for each

The Plan's recommendations are grouped into three basic strategies

The Regional Transit Plan is organized around six objectives, with specific strategies for each



Provide Faster, More Reliable Service



Grow Ridership



Increase Access to Jobs & Opportunities



Improve the Customer Experience



Be Equitable



Prepare for the Future



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RTP Strategies

The plan proposes many different recommendations, which have been grouped in to three basic strategies:



Actions

Actions are specific steps that RTP partner agencies can take in order to achieve the six objectives.



Transit Network Improvements

There are areas in the region that transit today but have a demonstrated need for smaller, localized, or express **Transit Network Improvements**.



Regional Transit Corridors

The Regional Transit Plan has identified a collection of potential new **Regional Transit Corridors**.



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Provide Faster, More Reliable Service

Reintroduce limited-stop bus service where appropriate

Implement targeted investments, such as:

- dedicated bus lanes
- transit signal prioritization
- traffic signal replacement and retiming
- all-door boarding
- off-board fare collection

Realign Light Rail tracks on Howard Street

Support Amtrak replacement of Baltimore and Potomac Tunnel

Grow Ridership

Expand the Frequent Transit Network

Pursue transit-oriented development at rail stations

Increase Access to Jobs and Opportunities

Facilitate Transfers through:

- Better signage
- Co-locating stops and stations
- Coordinate schedules

Work with local and state agencies to implement Complete Streets policies

Improve the Customer Experience

Implement an integrated payment system for all transit providers in the region

Provide underground cellular service on Metro Subway

Be Equitable

Make all stops and stations ADA-accessible

Ensure the benefits and burdens of transit projects are shared equitably, considering race, gender, and income disparities

Prepare for the Future

Transition to majority zero-emission vehicles by 2045

Use sustainable and resilient design and construction practices to reduce the risk from extreme weather events

Transit Network Improvements

- Expand or enhance current or previous investments.
- Four types of Transit Network Improvements:



Expanded Existing or New Fixed-Route Service



Development of Small Area Plans or Shared Mobility or Microtransit Studies



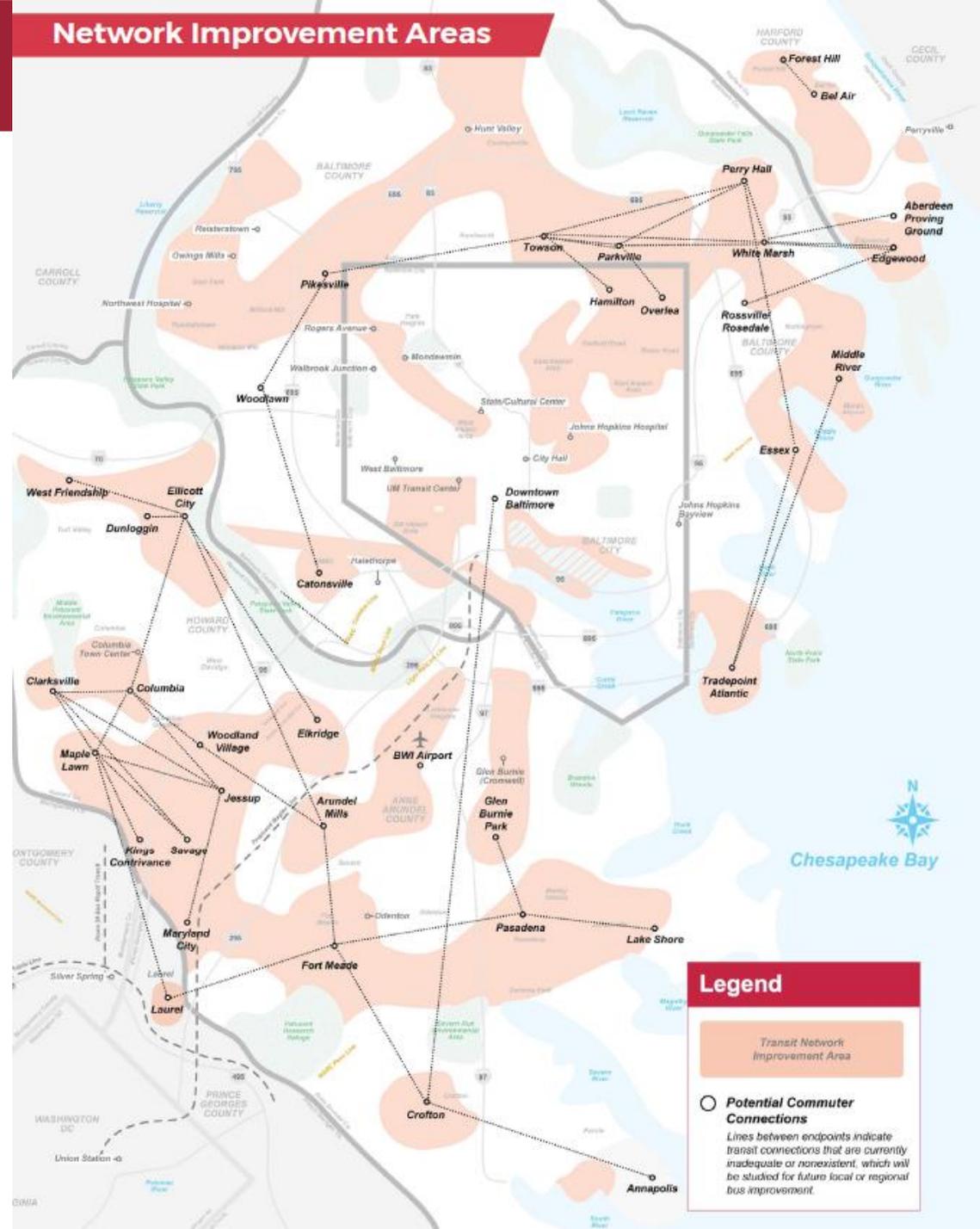
Improvements to Existing Rail Corridors



Creation and Enhancement of Transit Hubs



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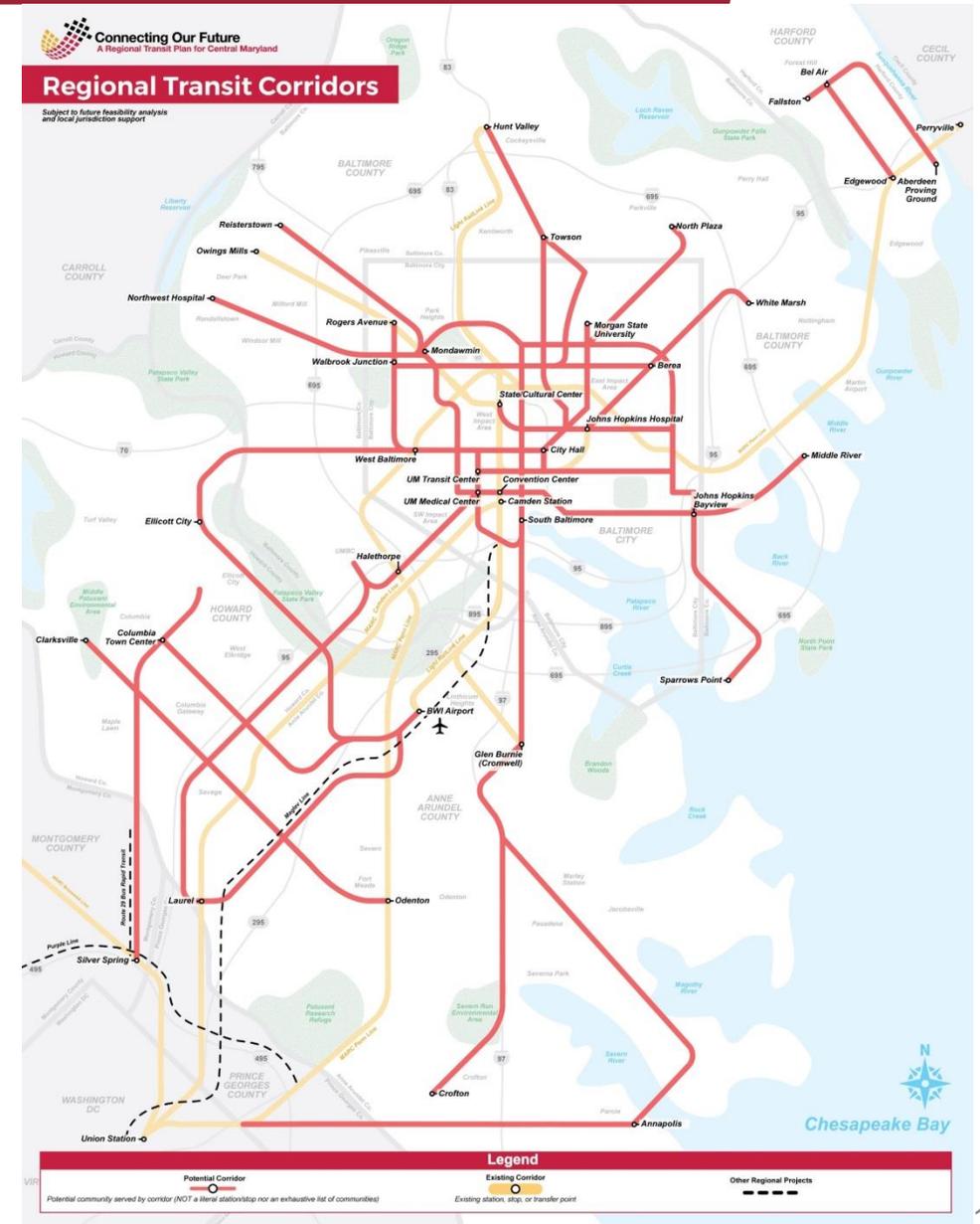


Strategies | Regional Transit Corridors

Corridors have been identified because they:

- Demonstrate transit demand that justifies **infrastructure, service, and/or technology** improvements.
- Demonstrate demand supporting **all-day frequent service**.
- Have **regional significance**, often providing connectivity between different jurisdictions.

Corridor identification and prioritization is the first step in the process.

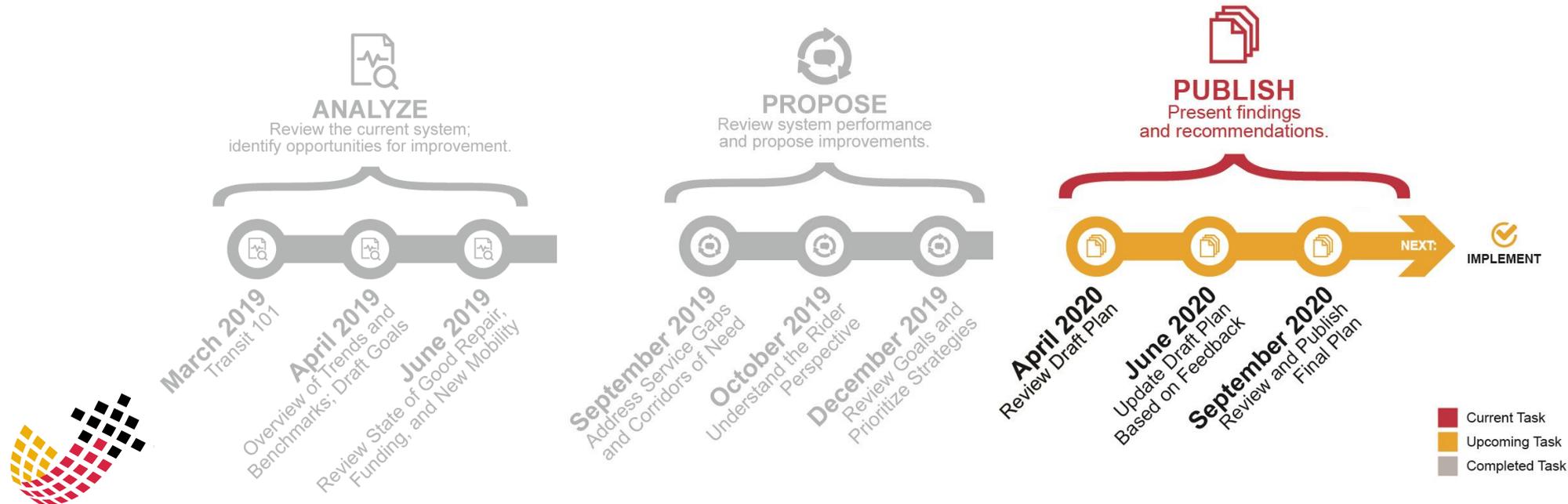




REVIEW PROCESS AND NEXT STEPS

Draft Plan Review Process

- The Draft Plan released this spring for public comment
- Available for review and comment online on an interactive website
- Outreach events throughout the region
- Commission meets in June to discuss comments and public input
- The Plan must be finalized prior to October 1, 2020





Questions?