



# **TRANSIT CHOICES**

**An Overview of Transit Choices Activities**

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## **Transit Choices serves on the following committees**

- Baltimore City DOT Transit Advisory Committee

Baltimore City DOT is working on a Transit Development Plan for the Charm City Circulator and Harbor Connector services which will outline possible service changes over the next 5 years. Being on this committee provides us with the opportunity to input on route changes, sustainability, and the integration of these systems with other transit modes such as MTA buses, scooters, and bikeshare. A final report will be issued in spring 2022.

- MDOT MTA Regional Transit Plan (RTP) Implementation Team

The Regional Transit Plan is a 25-year plan for improving public transportation in Central Maryland. Being on this committee gives Transit Choices the chance to input on what transit projects get prioritized.

- Transform MD Transportation Coalition

A coalition of diverse stakeholders who believe that a stronger equitable, safe and effective transportation system is necessary to strengthen our communities and our regional economy. This Coalition successfully lobbied for passage of the MD Transit Safety & Investment Act and for the overriding of Governor Hogan's veto. The coalition is working now to establish its next campaigns.

- Electrification Workgroup

A diverse workgroup advocating for the Electrification of our vehicles - passenger cars, transit and school buses, and trucks. It is a critical strategy to reduce climate and air pollution and must be accompanied by creating a strong public transit system and encouraging smart growth.



## Transit Choices Monthly Meetings

- The goal of our monthly meetings is twofold:
  - 1)** To give key leadership in the public transit arena an opportunity to speak on specific issues they are working on.
  - 2)** To give the public an opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback to these leaders. No other organization does this and we feel that we provide a real value.
- Greg Slater, Former MDOT Secretary - **"Impact of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act on Maryland's Transportation System"**
- Steve Sharkey, BCDOT Administrator - **"Baltimore 2021 and Beyond"**
- Holly Arnold, MDOT MTA Administrator - **"MDOT MTA 2021: Opportunities and Initiatives in the Year Ahead"**
- Don Halligan, Baltimore Metropolitan Council Senior Transportation Planner - **"Baltimore Regional Transportation Board - Baltimore Regional Transit Governance and Funding Study"**
- Samuel Jordan, President Baltimore Transit Equity Coalition, Wes Guckert, President & CEO The Traffic Group, Inc., Al Barry, Owner AB Associates - **"The Future of the Red Line"**



## **Upcoming Meetings with Transportation Leadership**

- Director Steve Sharkey - Baltimore City DOT
- Secretary James Ports - Greg Slater's replacement as head of MDOT
- Administrator Holly Arnold - Maryland Transit Authority



## Our Advocacy and Support

- MTA Senate Bill 208

Increasing the penalties for intentionally causing physical injury to certain individuals providing public transit services; and generally relating to penalties for assault.

- 2021 Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE) Grant Program

The proposed East - West Priority Corridor Project will cohesively improve transportation and economic opportunities for the Baltimore region by improving public transit connections between East and West Baltimore, connecting both residential communities and regional job centers.

- Accessibility Improvements

Proposed improvements to pave the way to improving safety, multi-modal connectivity, and access to economic opportunities for residents in Southwest Baltimore, a community that continues to experience long-term economic distress and a history of under-investment in accessible mobility infrastructure.

- Accelerating Zero-Emissions Toward a Cleaner Future

The purpose of the project is to expand MDOT MTA's zero-emission bus fleet and charging infrastructure.



**Potential 2022 Campaign:**  
**“All the Buses All the Time”**

Transit Choices will address the issue of the lack of bus operators so that we can have a reliable bus system.



**Thank you for your time and attention!**

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