

The Baltimore Red Line

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Agenda

- Meet the Red Line Project Team
- Recap: Red Line Project Context
- Moving the Progress Forward
- Summer Outreach Activities & Take-Aways
- Developing & Evaluating Preliminary Alternatives
- Looking Ahead & Staying Engaged



Recap: Red Line Project Context

- The Red Line project addresses a major gap in east-west transit service between Bayview and Woodlawn, through downtown.
- East-West Feasibility Study reaffirmed the needs along this corridor.
- Project relaunched in June 2023 by Governor Wes Moore.
- Building upon the extensive technical work and community engagement conducted prior to the cancellation of the project in 2015.



Moving the Project Forward

- The project has been shaped by over 10 years of work and input:
 - Studies
 - Engineering
 - Environmental Analysis
 - Community Participation
- Final design and construction timelines depend on project characteristics and funding availability.
- Near-term complimentary projects address corridor needs and are in coordination with Red Line.



Developing the Red Line Preliminary Alternatives

MTA worked with jurisdictional partners, stakeholders, and the public to develop Preliminary Alternatives to explore:



Transit mode

- Light Rail Transit (LRT)
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)



Alignment adjustments due to development changes

- Highlandtown/Bayview
- Canton/Brewer's Hill
- Downtown Baltimore
- Woodlawn



Surface running vs. Tunneling

- Cooks Lane
- Downtown Baltimore



Adjacent Projects

- West Baltimore United Reconnecting Communities Study
- RAISE East-West Priority Corridor project
- Frederick Douglass Tunnel: West Baltimore MARC Station


Summer Engagement Activities & Take-Aways

 5 Open Houses


 20 Pop-Up Events

 30+ Institutions, Elected Official and Community Meetings

 1,500+ Interactions & Conversations

 300 Surveys Completed

What We Heard

- 
- Vocal support to get the Red Line built quickly
 - Support for creating dedicated transitway with vehicle separation
 - Strong support for Light Rail and interest in learning about the difference between Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) and bus
 - Mixed opinions of tunneling vs. stations on the surface
 - Support for economic investment and Transit Oriented Development (TOD) around future stations
 - Desire to make seamless connections to existing transit to advance a regional transit network
 - Concerns around safety (e.g., crossing to stations) and personal security (e.g., adequate lighting)

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Preliminary Alternatives Under Consideration

Six Preliminary Alternatives are under consideration, which combine three alignment options (mapped below) and two modes:

- Light Rail Transit (LRT)
- Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)

Light Rail Transit (LRT)



Alternative 1
(LRT-Tunnel)



Alternative 2A
(LRT-Surface North)



Alternative 2B
(LRT-Surface South)

Bus Rapid Transit (BRT)



Alternative 3
(BRT-Tunnel)

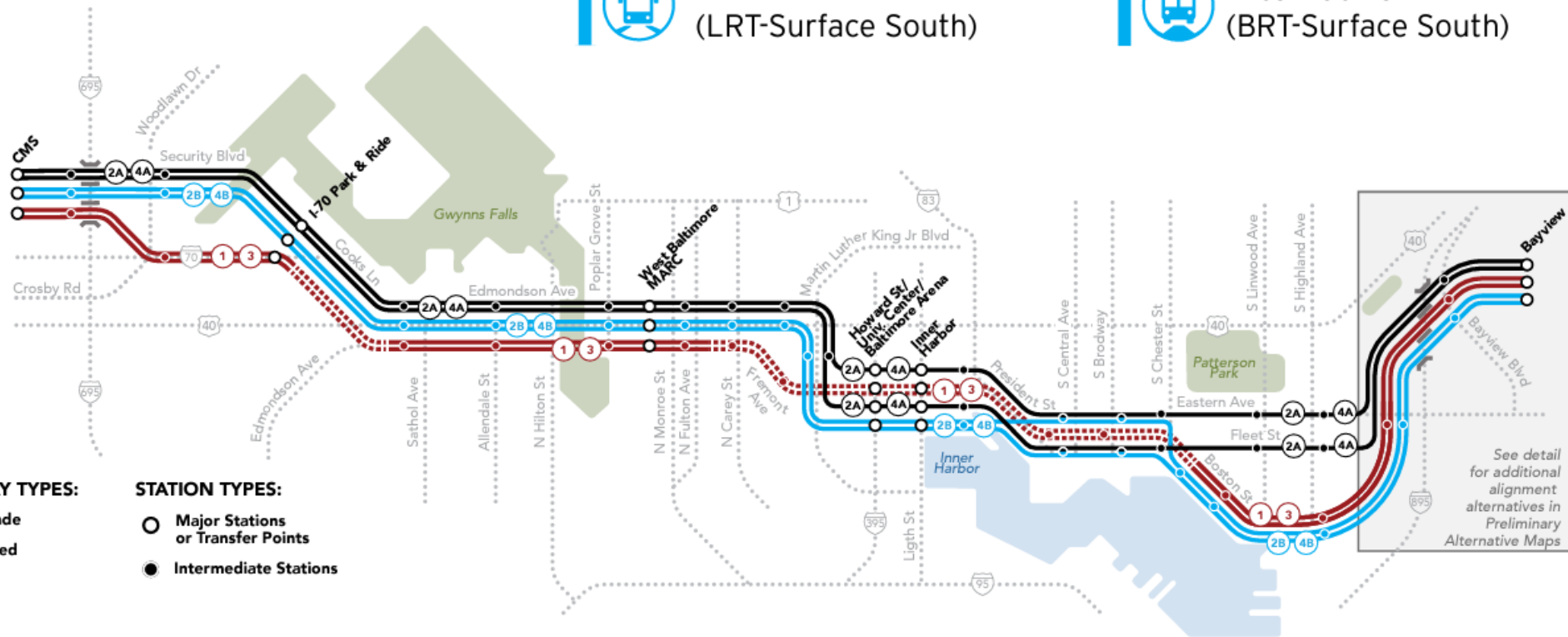


Alternative 4A
(BRT-Surface North)



Alternative 4B
(BRT-Surface South)

- 2A
- 4A
- 2B
- 4B
- 1
- 3

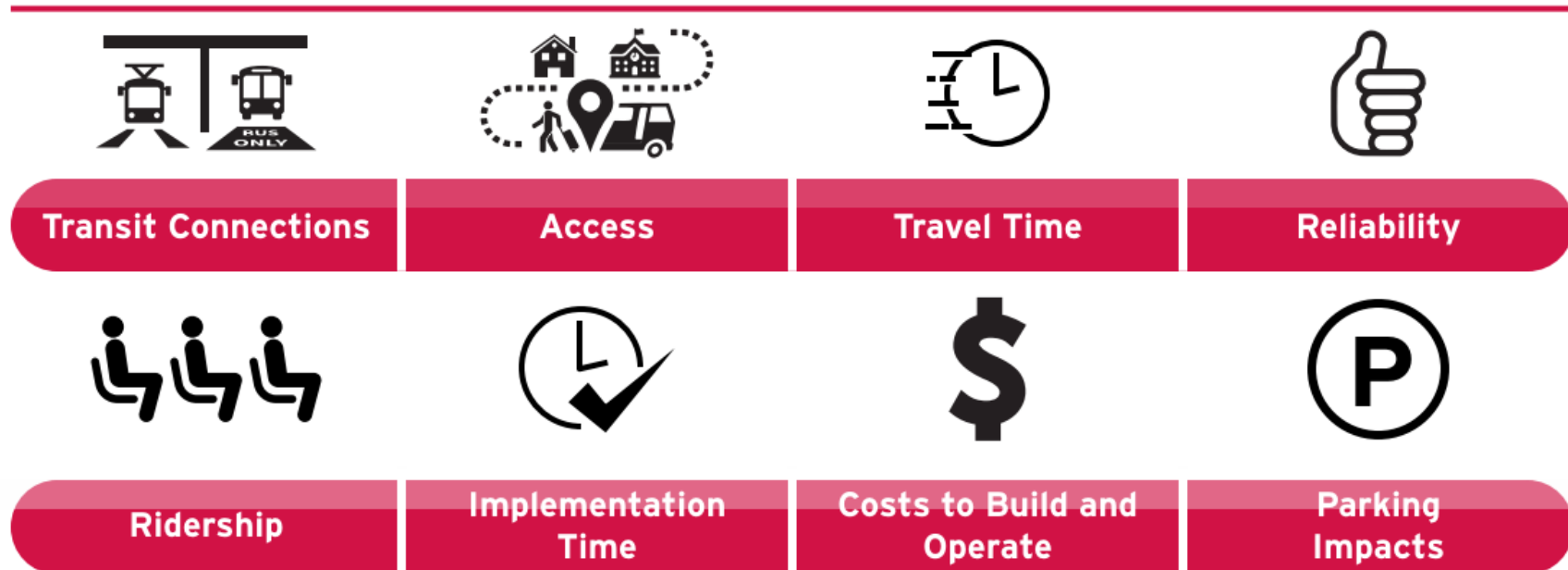


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Evaluating the Preliminary Alternatives

- Different alternatives present their own benefits and challenges.
- Preliminary Alternatives' performance will be compared using quantitative and qualitative metrics, or Measures of Effectiveness.
- Evaluation results shared at open houses & website; survey Nov.1-Dec.1.

Measures of Effectiveness



November Open Houses - Join Us...And Bring A Friend!

November 2, 2023

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Woodlawn High School

1801 Woodlawn Drive, Baltimore, MD 21207

Transit Accessible:

CityLink Blue, LocalLink 31, 37, and 79

November 8, 2023

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Greektown Square & Event Center

700 Quail Street, Baltimore, MD 21224

Transit Accessible:

CityLink Blue and Navy, LocalLink 22

November 4, 2023

10:00 am - 1:00 pm

University of Maryland, Baltimore

SMC Campus Center Ballrooms A & B

621 W. Lombard Street, Baltimore, MD 21201

Transit Accessible: CityLink Brown, Navy,

Orange, Yellow, LocalLink 69, 70, 73, 75 and 76

November 9, 2023

6:00 - 9:00 pm

Edmondson Westside High School

501 N. Athol Avenue, Baltimore, MD 21229

Transit Accessible:

CityLink Orange, LocalLink 38, 40, 77, and 78



For those who are unable to attend an in-person open house, the project team is creating a **narrated version of the boards and materials**, which will be available on-demand via the project website.

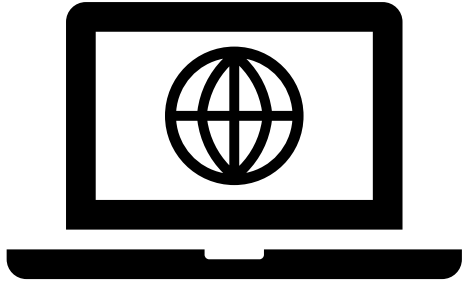
Look-Ahead Timeline

- ✓ **September** | Shared Preliminary Alternatives
- ✓ **October** | Pop-up events & community meetings
- **November** | Conduct open houses and pop-ups along the corridor; survey to gather input
- **Winter 2023-24** | Incorporate feedback to define preferences on trade-offs
- **Spring 2024** | Reach a state preferred alternative that reflects current and future conditions and priorities

Process Timeline



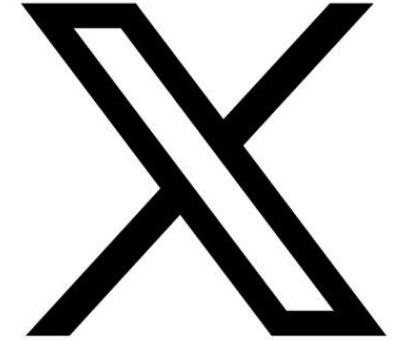
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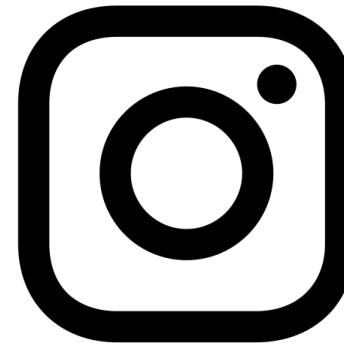
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Thank you!

We look forward to seeing you – and a friend! – at an upcoming open house.

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