

2024 Year End Update



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November 19, 2024

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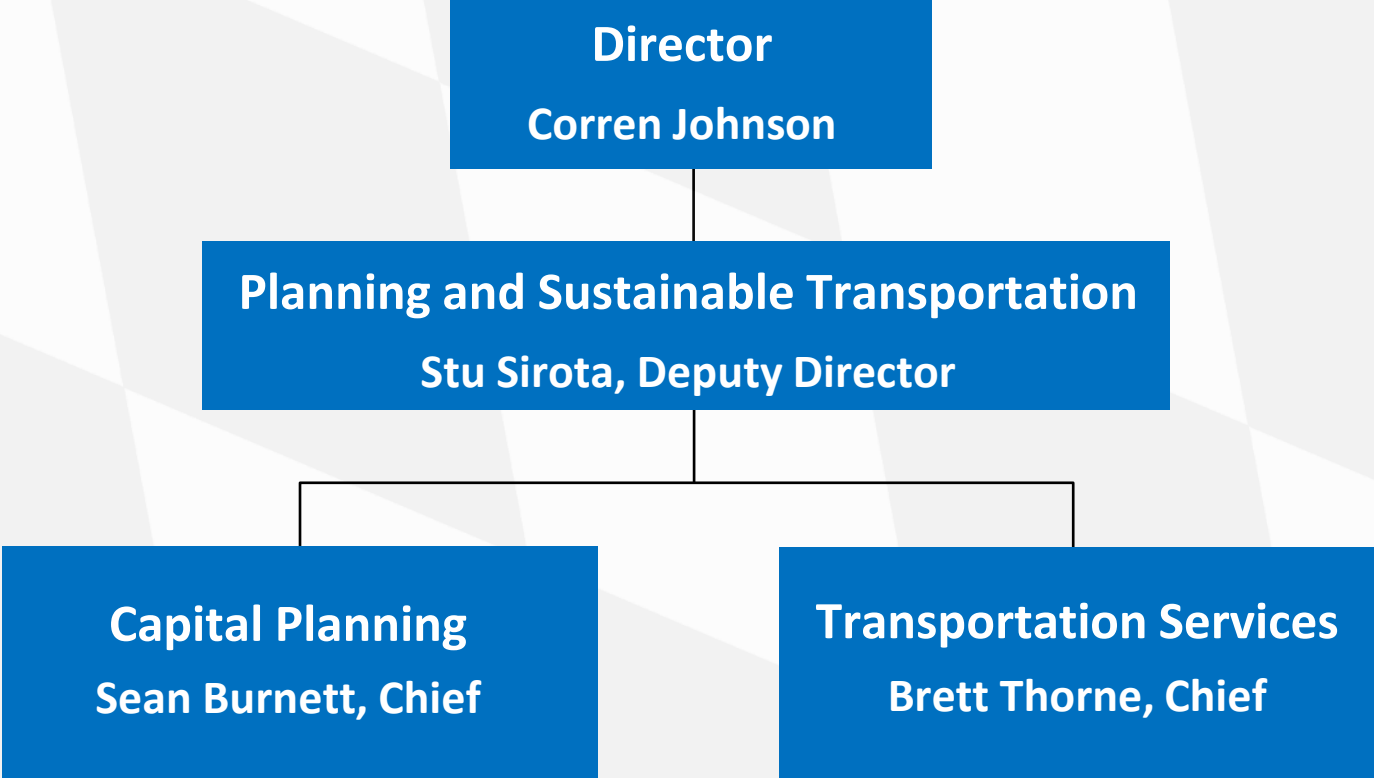
18 months, focusing on:

- **Strategic hiring + capacity building**
- **Grant pursuits**
- **Major grant funded projects**



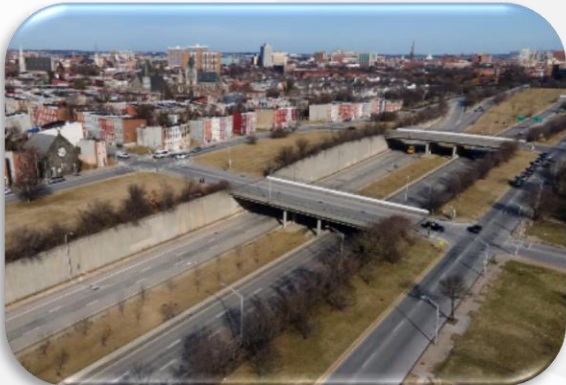
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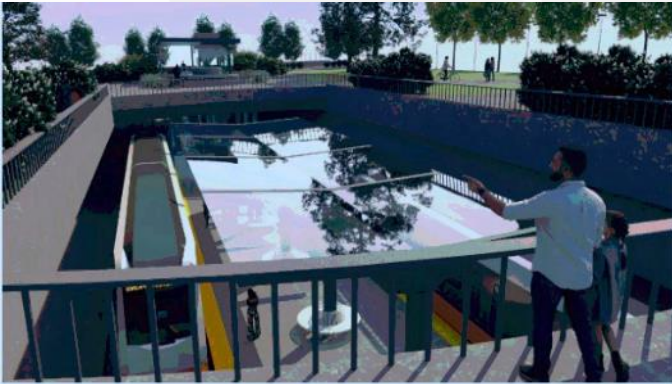
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Additional Grants Won (Total award value: \$33.8M)

- **FY 24 USDOT Safe Streets for All Demonstration Grant: \$9.9M (Quick-builds and Greenway Trails Network Ciclovía)**
- **FY 24 USDOT Reconnecting Communities & Neighborhoods: \$6M (Restoring Connections to Druid Hill Park)**
- **FY 24 USDOT RAISE: \$15.5M (Hanover Street Corridor and Bridge)**
- **FY 25 USDOT/SHA Transportation Alternatives: \$2M (Final design of the Greenway Trails Network from Druid Hill Park to Herring Run Park)**
- **FY 24 MDOT Maryland Bikeways: \$300k (Greenway Trails Network Boston Street Segment)**
- **FY 25 MDOT Maryland Bikeways: \$96k (Harford Road Corridor Separated Bike Lane Phase II)**





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Transit Choices – BCDOT Planning Division Update

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Planning Chief – Sean Burnett

Sean has previously served as the Commissioner of Transportation with Toledo, Ohio, the Active Transportation Manager for DDOT, and the Assistant Deputy Mayor for Economic and Community Development in Baltimore City. He has his MPP and MURP from the University of Michigan- Ann Arbor (Go Blue).

The Transportation Planning Division oversees the city's creation and implementation of all plans pursuant to Transportation, the Active Transportation branch, and both the Towards Zero and Complete streets initiatives.



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Planning Team



Mikah Zaslow



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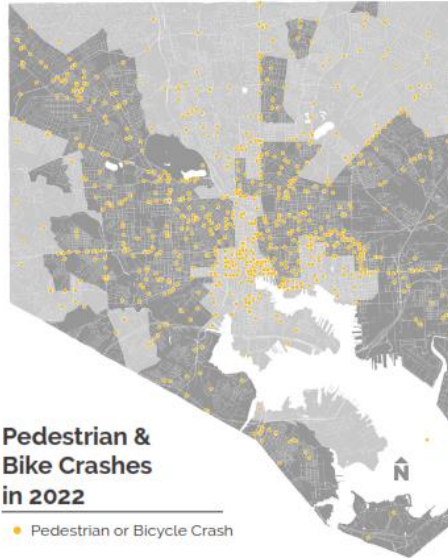


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Planning Services 2025 Initiatives

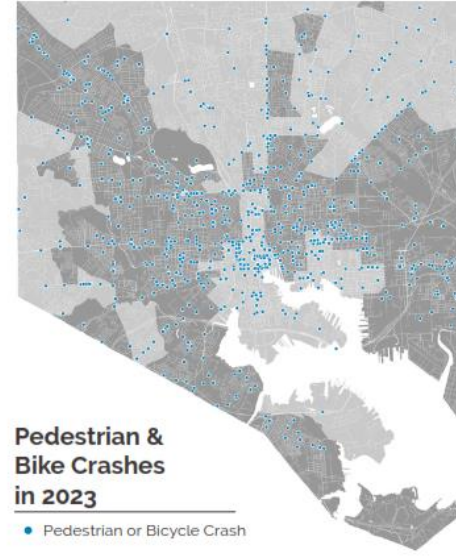
Continued focus on safety

- Development of High Injury Network
- SS4A Action Plan Development
- Community level intervention and quick-build program
- Complete Streets Communication Campaign



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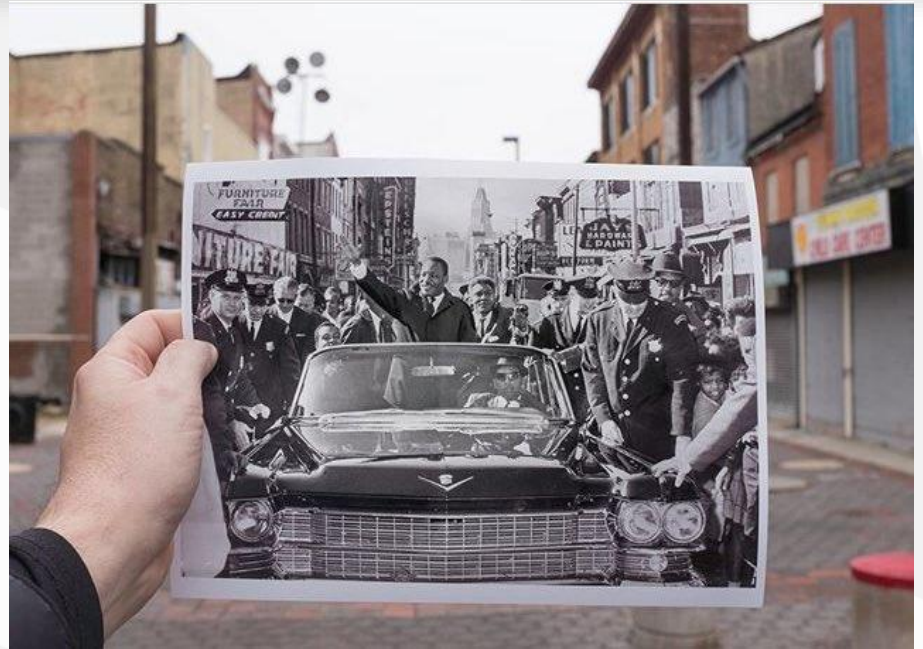
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Old Town Mall

- Baltimore DOT is re-imagining the Old Town Mall right-of-way
- This work is being done in partnership with DHCD and HABC in support of the Perkins/Summerset/Old Town project
- Project will re-instate a single lane of traffic along the historic avenue and focus on a “woonerf” style public design



Fenton, Justin “A pic of MLK making his way through Baltimore’s Old Town Mall in October 1964, held up at that spot today”



MLK Sidepath

- The MLK sidepath will run from north to south: MLK Jr. Blvd from W. Read St. (900 block) to Russell St., then Russell St. to W Ostend St., and W Hamburg St from Russell St to Eutaw St
- City is advancing to 90% designs



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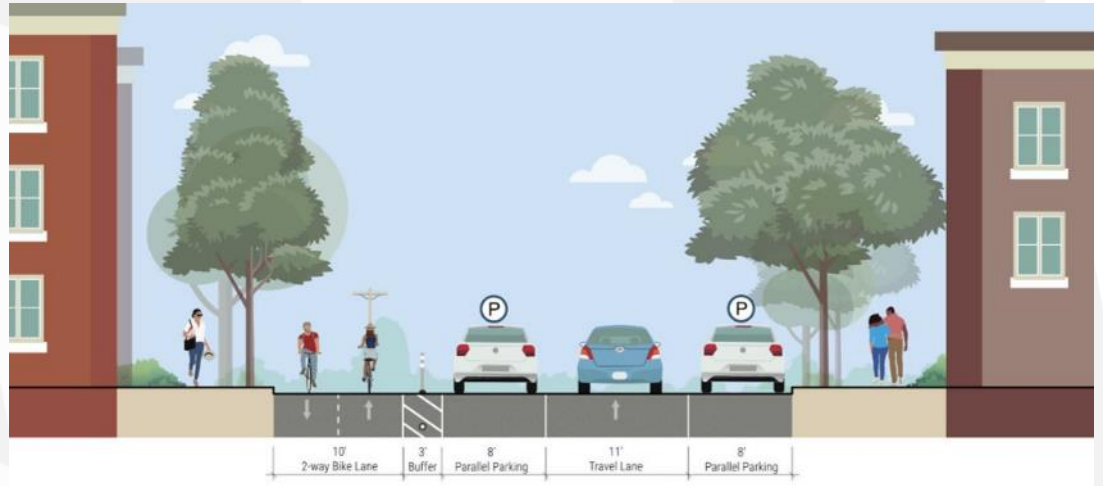
Baltimore Greenway Trail Network

- 33rd Street Greenway being progressed to 100% design
- Highlandtown-Greektown Connection acquisition is being completed by DOP
- Boston St. has been determined not to have conflicts with the MTA Red Line project and we are moving forward with 100% design
- Middle Branch Segment being progressed from 30%-100%



Washington Ave. Bikeway

- BCDOT is progressing 30% plans for Washington Ave. to 100%
- Proposed facility is 2.2 miles long between Sinclair and Aliceanna St.
- Will include updates to ADA ramps and some intersection treatments.



The future of BCDOT Planning

BCDOT planning is working on a number of improvements to things from how we engage the community to how projects are selected and initiated. Baltimore is on the move!

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Transit Choices – BCDOT Transportation Services Update

PREPARED BY
Brett Thorne

November 19, 2024

Chief of Transportation Services – Brett Thorne

I joined DOT as Chief of Transportation Services in March 2024. Prior to joining DOT, I worked as a transit planner for Whitman, Requardt & Associates, where I helped create Baltimore City DOT's Transit Development Plan and worked with other clients including the Maryland Transit Administration, Penn State University and Chatham Area Transit in Savannah, GA.

The Transportation Services Division oversees the city's contracted transportation services, including the Charm City Circulator, Harbor Connector, dockless vehicle program, commuter benefits programs and the Dockmaster's Office.



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BCDOT – Transit Services

Charm City Circulator & Harbor Connector

Transit Services – Scott Fox

BCDOT hired Scott Fox as the new Transit Services Administrator in August. In this role, Scott oversees the Charm City Circulator and Harbor Connector. Scott's previous experience includes stints working with Mead & Hunt as a transportation planner, as well as time with the Memphis Area Transit Authority working as a transit planner.

A few projects Scott is working on right now:

- Implementing changes proposed in the Transit Development Plan
- Bus stop siting and improvements
- ADA improvements at the Harbor Connector landings

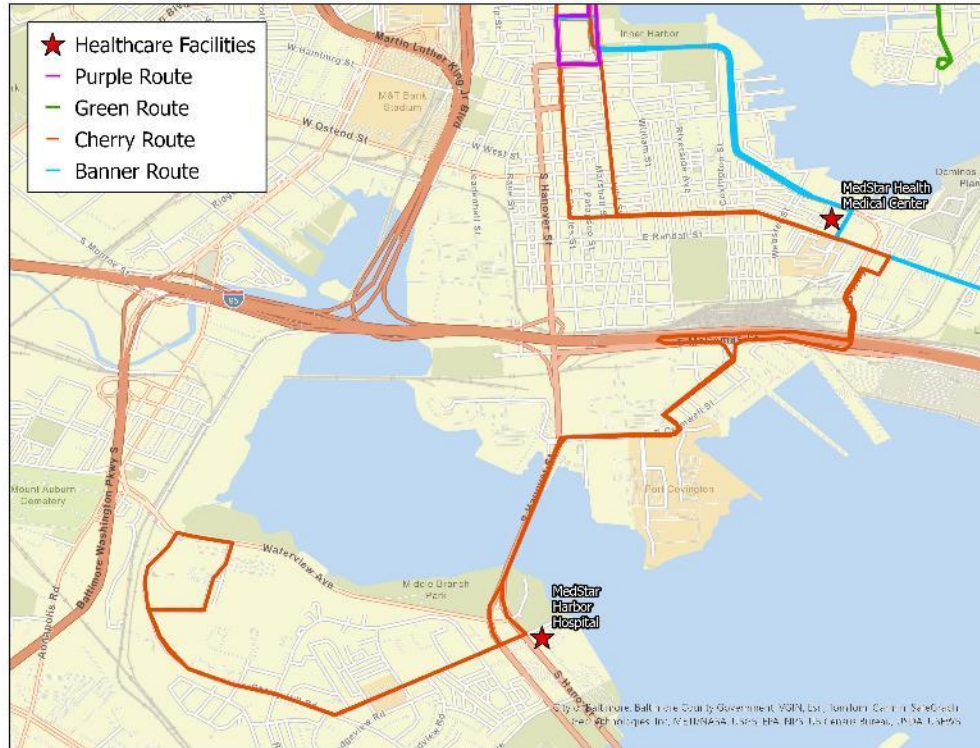


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Charm City Circulator – Cherry Route

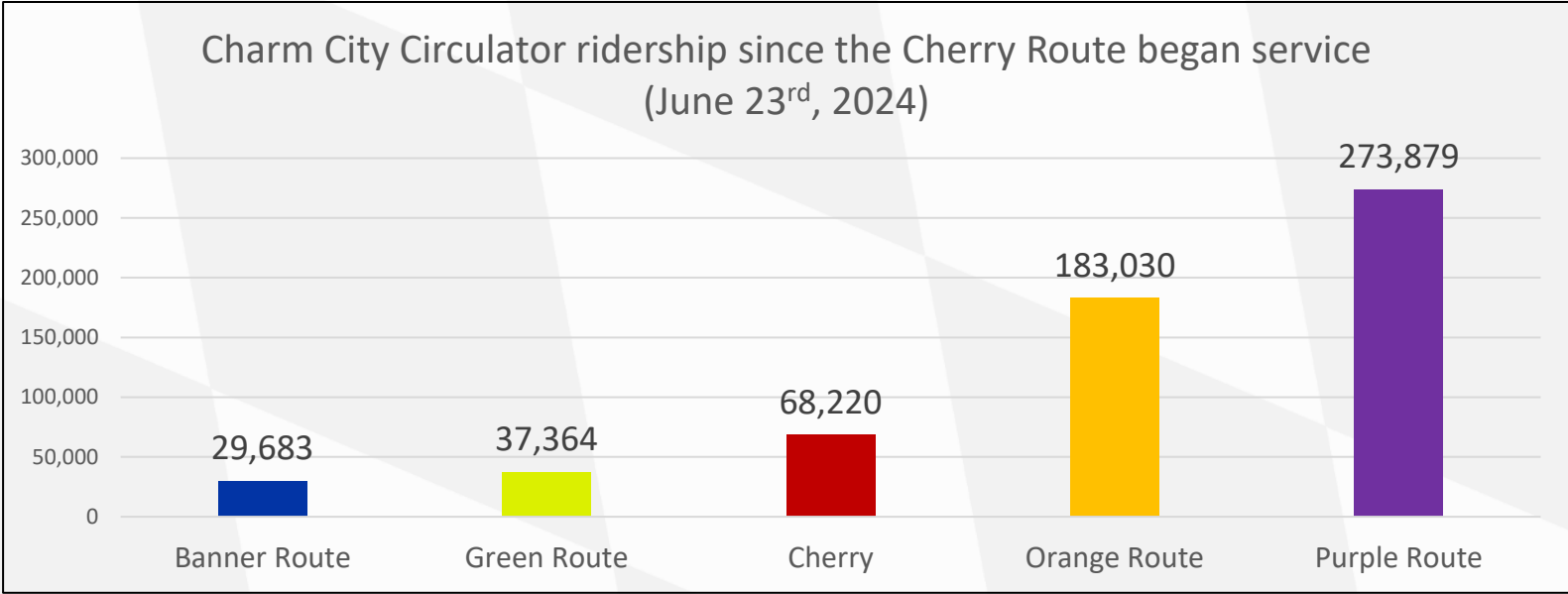
The Cherry Route began running on June 23, 2024. Provides Cherry Hill residents a free transit connection to Locust Point, Riverside, Federal Hill and Downtown.

In Cherry Hill **47.5%** of households do not have access to a car, so the CCC provides a vital transportation option.



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Charm City Circulator – Cherry Route



The Cherry Route is already the third most popular route in the CCC system. Since starting service on June 23, the route has carried more than 68,000 rides. In calendar year 2024, we are on pace to see about 1.4 million rides, a 30 percent increase compared to CY 2023.

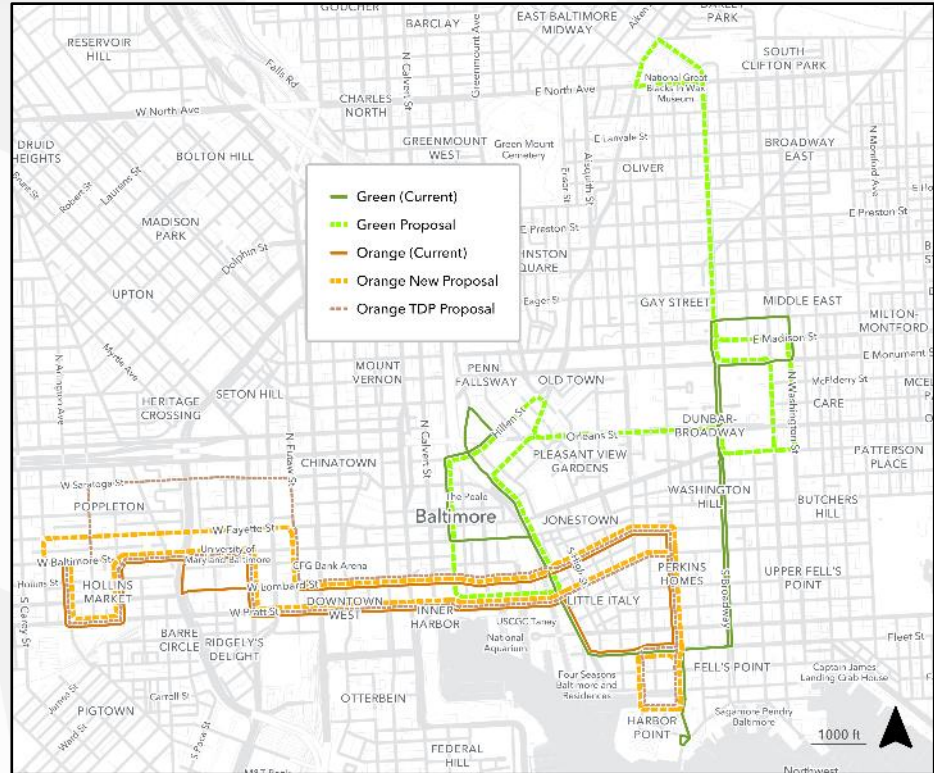


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Charm City Circulator – TDP implementation

The proposed Orange Route change would bring CCC service to Harbor Point and the recently redeveloped subsidized housing at Perkins Homes on the east side and would add service to Lexington Market downtown.

The proposed changes on the Green Route would provide a much more direct connection between Johns Hopkins Hospital and downtown and would add transit service on North Broadway Ave up to North Avenue.



Harbor Connector – new ferries and landings

In 2022, BCDOT was awarded \$5.1 million of grant funds to design and build two new hybrid-electric ferries for the Harbor Connector service and improve ADA accessibility at the Connector's five landings.

Earlier this year we completed a conditions assessment of the landings. We are working with engineers to design new landings that will be accessible to all riders.



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Transit services – Other exciting projects



- We are in the early stages of a Transit Equity Gaps study, which will explore how our transit system and the wider transportation network can provide better accessibility/mobility to historically underserved communities in Baltimore.
- Working on procuring 8 new buses for the CCC fleet.
- Early stages of an electric bus pilot program - in Summer 2024 BCDOT was notified it was receiving a \$3.5 million grant to purchase 3 electric buses





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BCDOT – Dockless vehicles

Rentable scooters & e-bikes

Dockless Vehicles – Tyler Smith

BCDOT hired Tyler Smith as our new dockless vehicle program manager in August. Tyler previously worked with the Capital Bikeshare program in DC and led the installation of 200 bikeshare stations throughout the district.

Tyler has hit the ground running and in his first few months with BCDOT, he has:

- ✓ Updated criteria for dockless vehicle inspections
- ✓ Updated criteria for reviewing dockless vehicle operator's fleet increase requests
- ✓ Assisted in onboarding the city's newest dockless vehicle permit holder - Lime



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Dockless Vehicles – About the program

Baltimore City permits privately owned micromobility companies to operate in the city.

Baltimore currently has two permit holders – Spin and Lime. Between the two operators, there are currently over 4,000 scooters and e-bikes available for rent in the city.

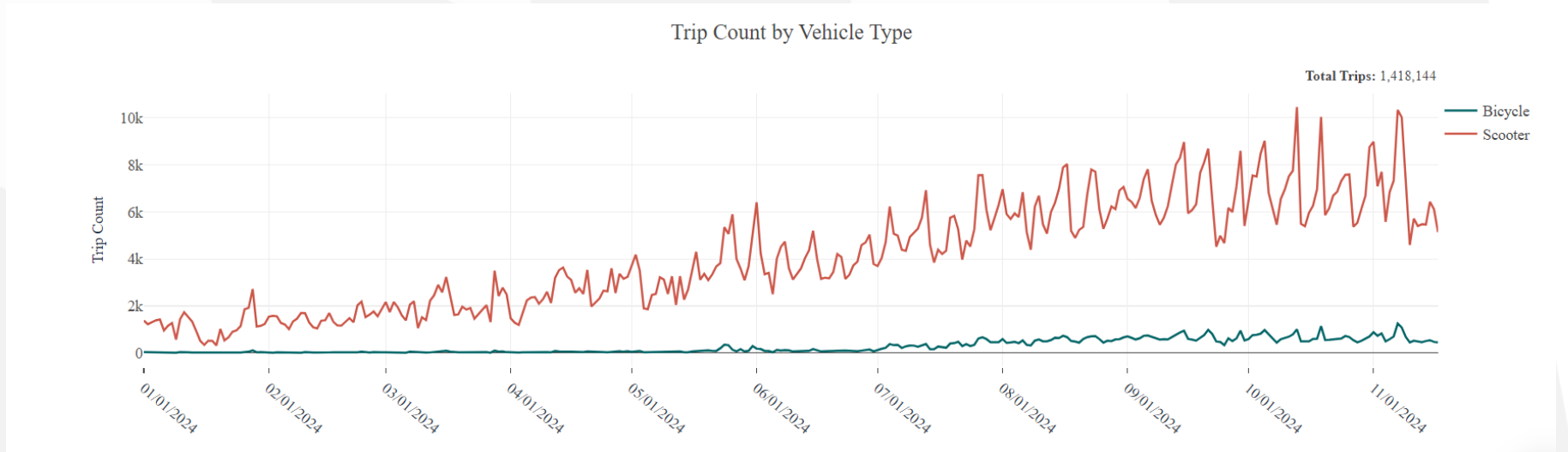
Last year, 1.5 million trips were taken using rentable dockless vehicles in Baltimore.

SPIN



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Dockless vehicles – 2024 ridership so far



So far in 2024 Baltimore City has seen **1.4 million rides** on scooters and e-bikes. We are on pace for 1.5 million rides this year, about 125,000 more rides than we saw last year.



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Dockless vehicles – Ongoing projects

Things we're working on now:

- Holistically reviewing the program's rules and regulations to provide better clarity and accountability for permit holders
- Examining strategies for how micromobility and dockless vehicles can further reduce congestion and traffic in downtown Baltimore
- Creating a service request in 311, so residents can report illegally parked scooters and e-bikes, bringing more accountability to riders and operators.



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BCDOT – Transportation Marketing

Carpooling, vanpooling, commuter benefits and sustainable transportation promotion

Transportation Marketing Coordinator – Aniya Smith

BCDOT hired Aniya Smith as our Transportation Marketing Coordinator in August. Aniya holds a Master of Business Administration from the University of North Carolina, as well as an International MBA in Marketing from the University of Valencia (Spain).

Since starting with BCDOT, Aniya has been working to relaunch the department's iRide program, which aims to encourage use of sustainable transportation modes such as bicycling, walking, car/vanpooling, micromobility and transit.



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Transportation Marketing Coordinator – Rideshare

Currently, Aniya is working on:

- Organizing Bike to Work Week 2025
- Managing commuter programs
- Creating a social media presence for iRide to promote BCDOT's sustainable transportation initiatives



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Transportation Marketing Coordinator – Bike to Work Week 2025

Bike to Work Week is May 12-18, 2025. The week culminates with a celebration of bicycling as a mode of transportation on Friday, May 16.

Aniya is working with businesses and institutions such as Johns Hopkins to encourage participation around bicycling.

For more information on Bike to Work Week 2025, visit <https://biketoworkmd.com/>



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BCDOT – Dockmaster

Docking activities at the Inner Harbor

Dockmaster

BCDOT – Transportation Services hired a Dockmaster in early November, and we anticipate him starting on November 25.

The Dockmaster Office has been vacant for a few years. We are relaunching this office, which will oversee and help coordinate Inner Harbor docking activities.



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BCDOT E-Bike Voucher Pilot Program

Over the summer, Baltimore City DOT created an e-bike voucher pilot program, whereby Baltimore City residents can apply for a voucher worth \$750-\$2,000 to help them cover the cost of a new electric bike from one of three participating local bike shops.

The application period closed in October, and BCDOT sent vouchers to recipients on Oct. 31. So far, more than a third of vouchers have been redeemed.



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