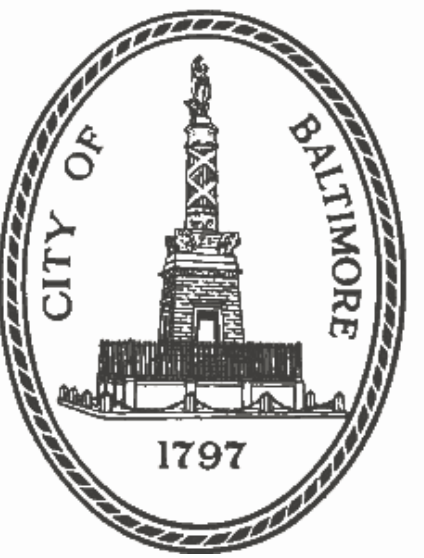


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**September 11, 2025**





# Baltimore has incredible assets







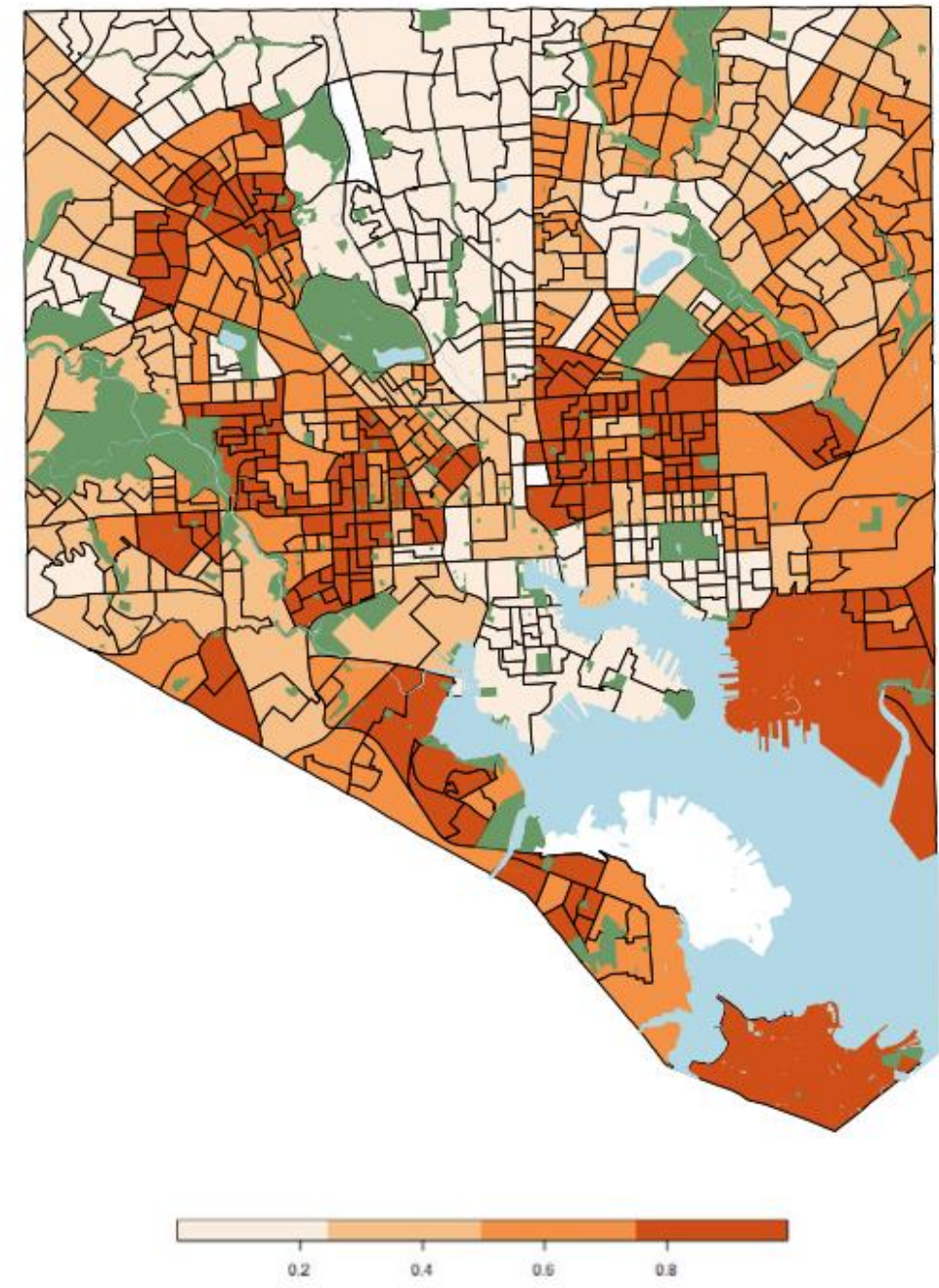
# It is difficult for our residents to access what makes our city great

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Composite. Areas in Highest Need (by Transit, SVI, Pollution, Health)



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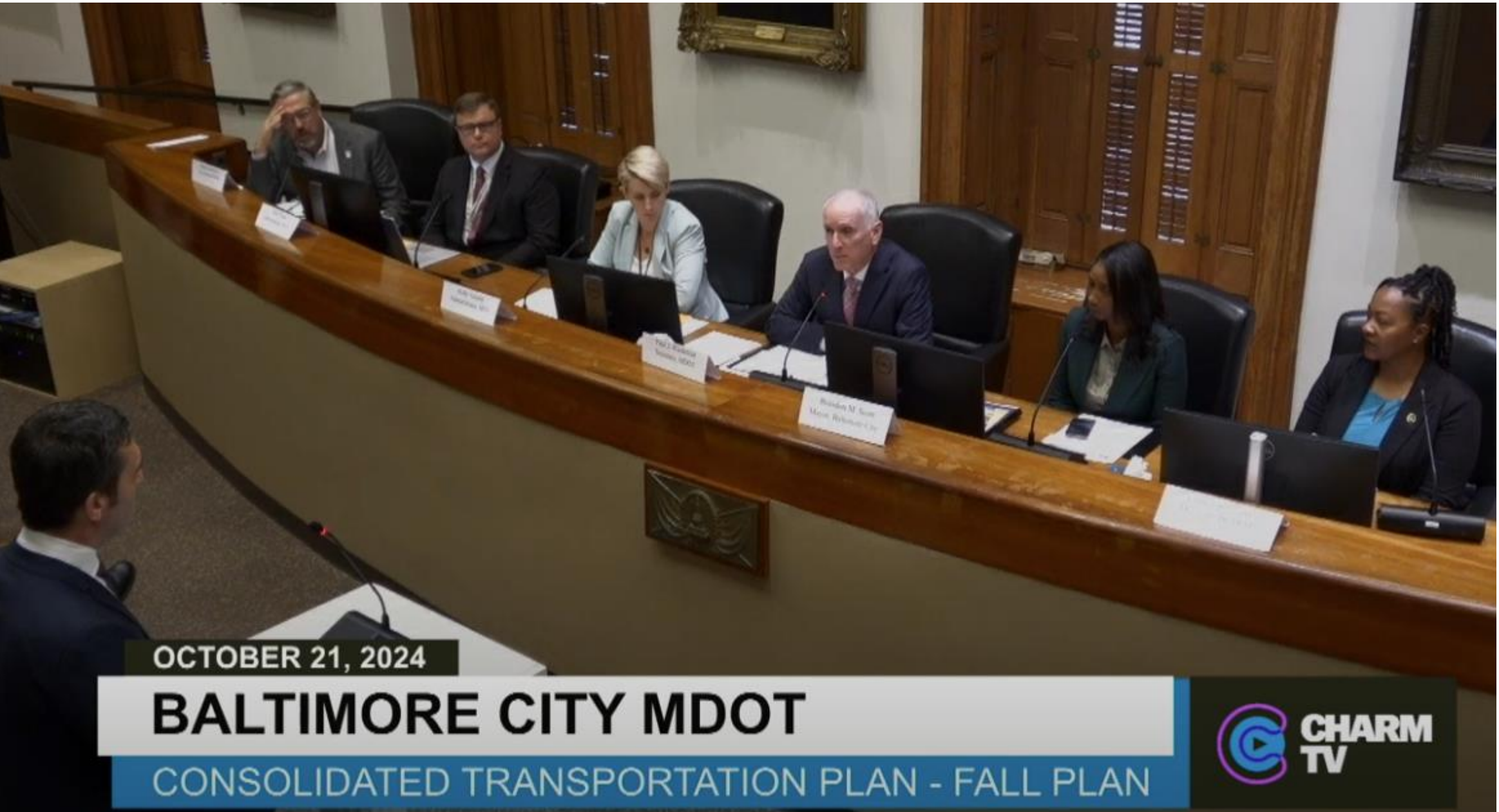


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# Great Transit Requires Investment



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# Great Transit Is Politically Difficult

- Density = ridership
- Density = more political actors







# Transit Investment is Good Municipal Politics



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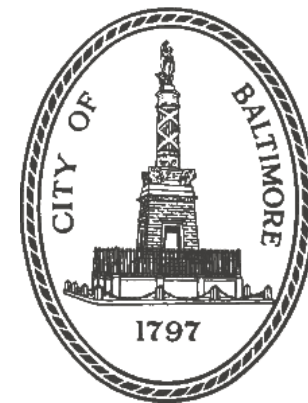
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# This is Baltimore's Moment!



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