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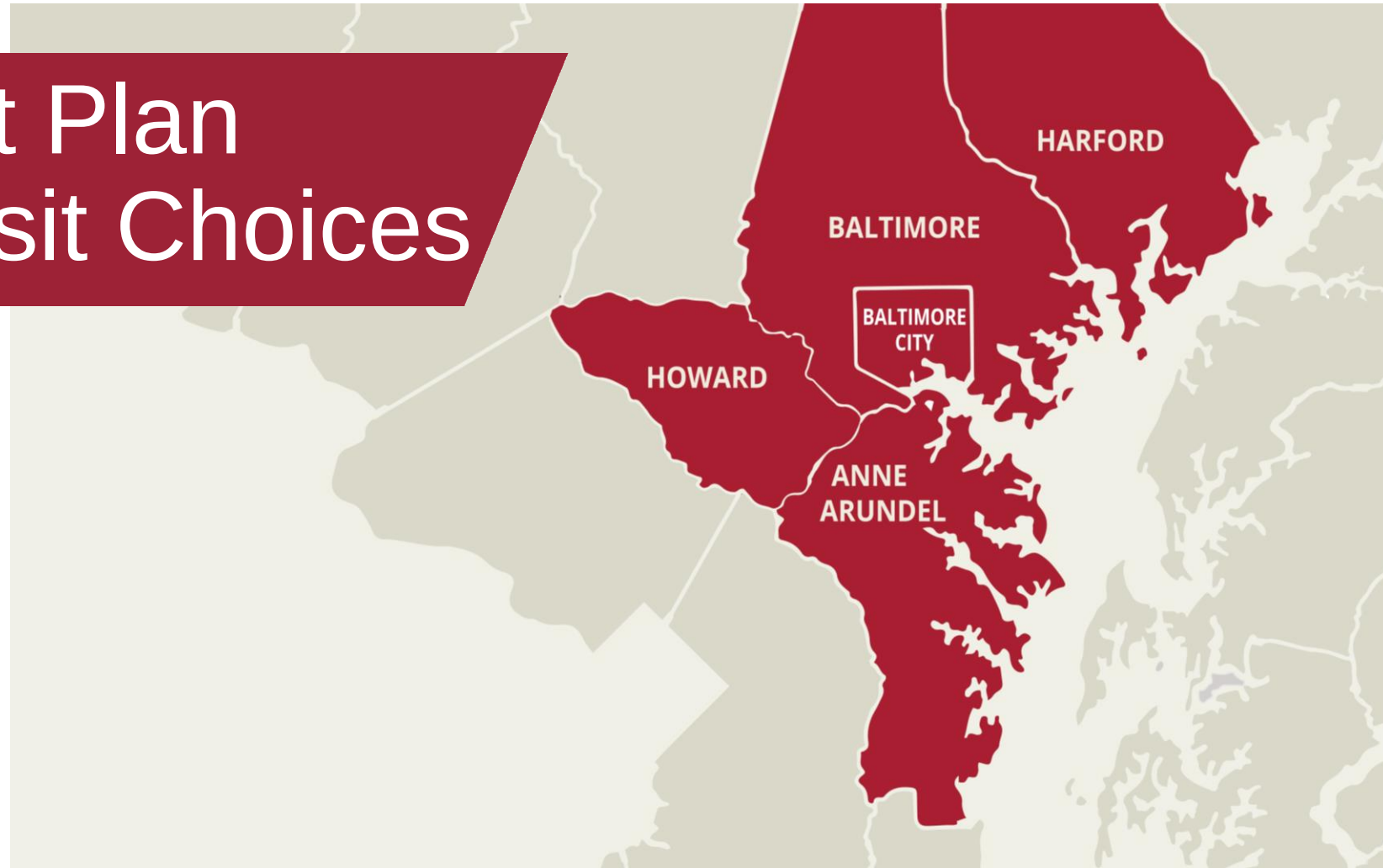
A Regional Transit Plan for Central Maryland

Regional Transit Plan Update for Transit Choices

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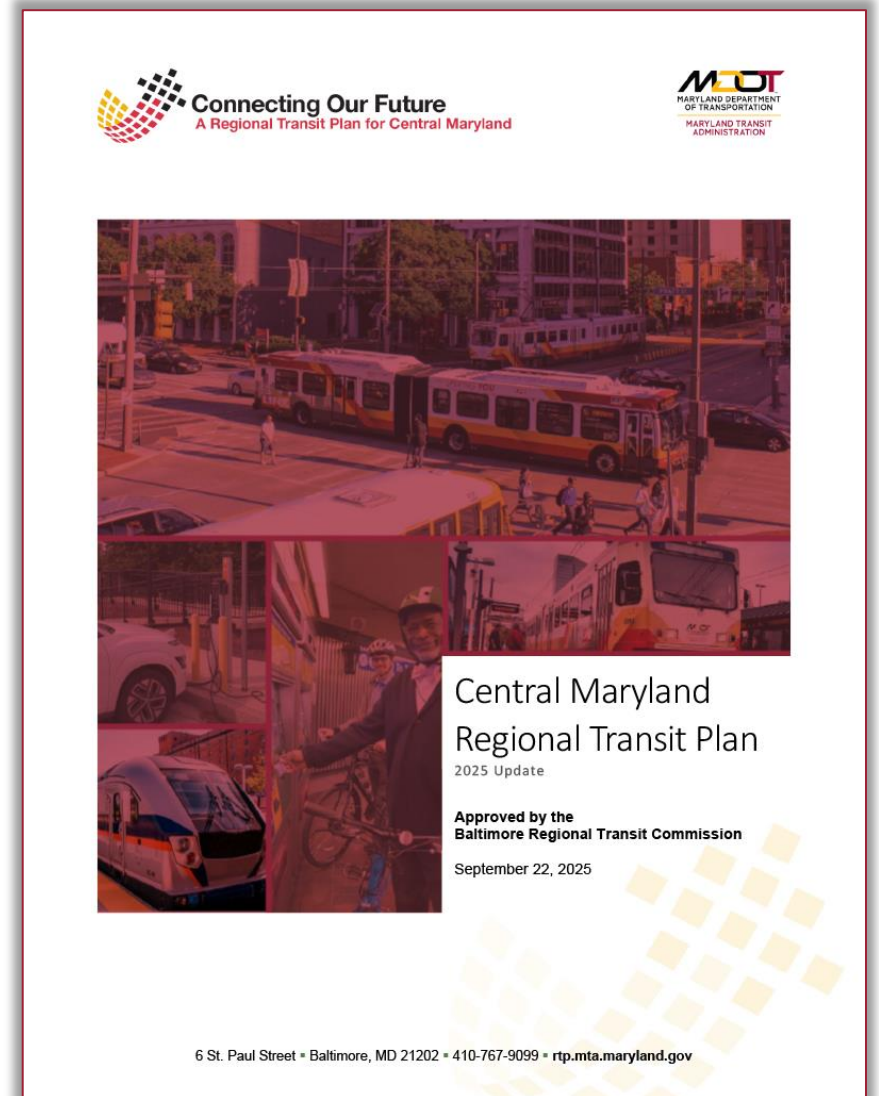
Agenda and RTP Status

Status of the RTP

- The Baltimore Regional Transit Commission (BRTC) approved plan update on September 22
- Full plan document soon to be published

Goals for Today:

- Review RTP Update development process
- Summarize key points of RTP Update



Updating the RTP



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The RTP is intended to:

- 1) Lay out a 25-year vision for public transportation in the Central Maryland Region.
- 2) Identify ways to
 - i. Improve existing MTA transit
 - ii. Better coordinate transit region-wide and across providers
 - iii. Show places/corridors that would most benefit from new infrastructure investments
- 3) Provide an opportunity to coordinate transit planning with local land use and other statewide transportation planning efforts

Updating the RTP

RTP Update Contents:

1. Introduction
2. Regional Transit Plan Progress
3. Transit Market and Demand in the Region
4. Updated RTP Corridor Recommendations
5. Updated Strategy Recommendations
6. Updates to Transit Network Improvement Areas
7. Five-Year Implementation Plan

What has changed in the Update?:

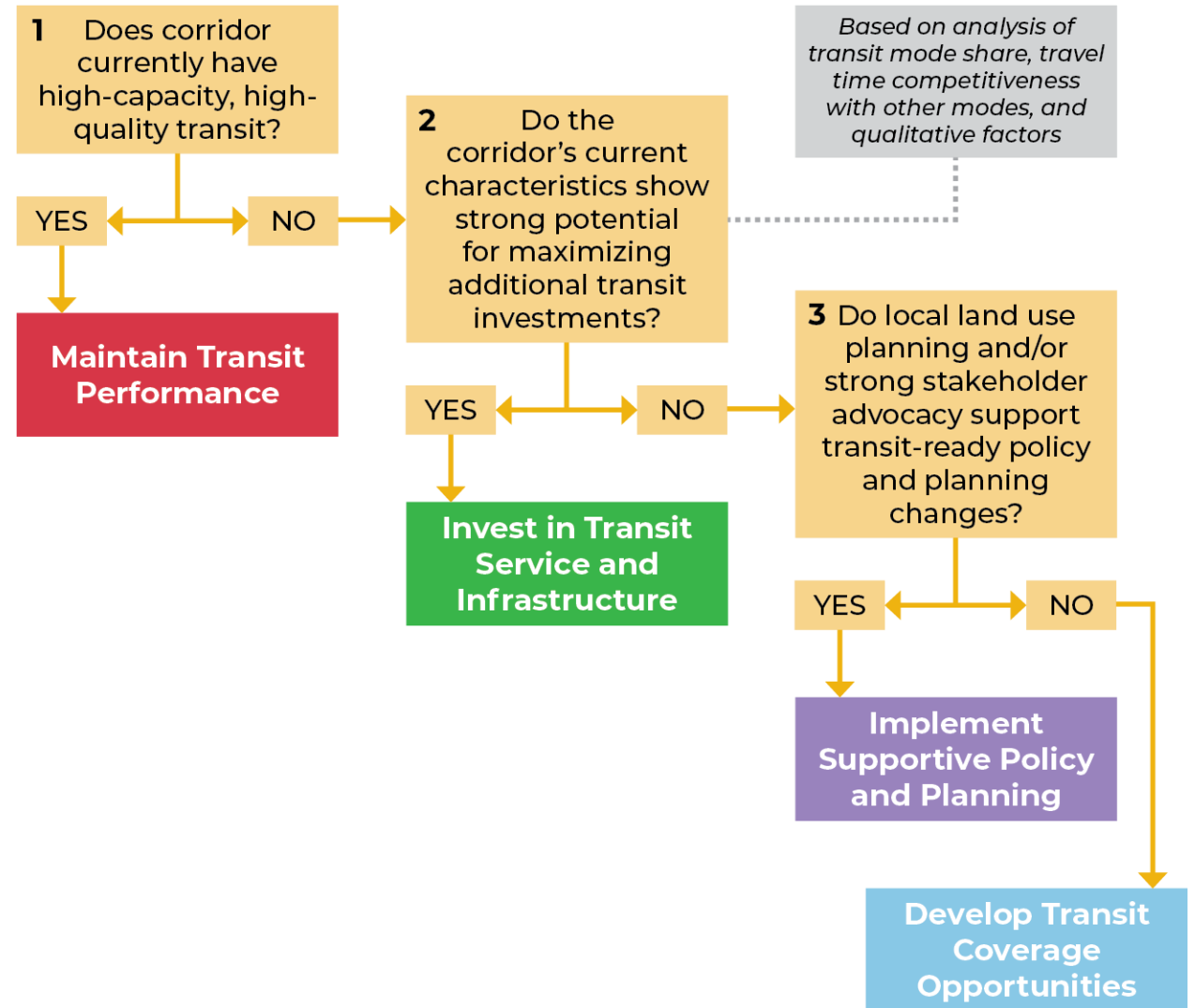
- 1) The inclusion of the BRTC as a partner in developing and approving the RTP Update
- 2) Adjusted expected travel trends using post-Covid market data
- 3) Used updated understanding of travel trends to develop a more focused set of high-priority corridor investments, as well as developing policy recommendations for other settings
- 4) Revised RTP strategies to ensure that they are still both relevant and useful
- 5) Inventoried actions by agencies in the region which advanced improvements identified in 2020, and identified new actions for the next five years

RTP Update Highlights: Corridors



Corridor Recommendations - Analysis

- The RTP Update organizes the 30 corridors into four tiers based on investment readiness
- Tiers are defined by quantitative characteristics & qualitative input & assessment
- Each tier has different approaches to most effectively advance transit in the region
- Detailed recommendations are provided for corridors in most investment-ready tier, "Invest in Transit Service & Infrastructure"



Major Project Corridors

- Red Line Corridor
- North-South Corridor
- Bayview to Essex and Sparrows Point
- Halethorpe to White Marsh via Downtown
- Mondawmin to Northwest Hospital

Service Enhancement Corridors

- Mondawmin to South Baltimore
- Rogers Ave to City Hall
- State Center to Bayview
- Walbrook Junction to Berea
- Laurel to Halethorpe
- Mondawmin to Hopkins Bayview

Corridor Recommendations

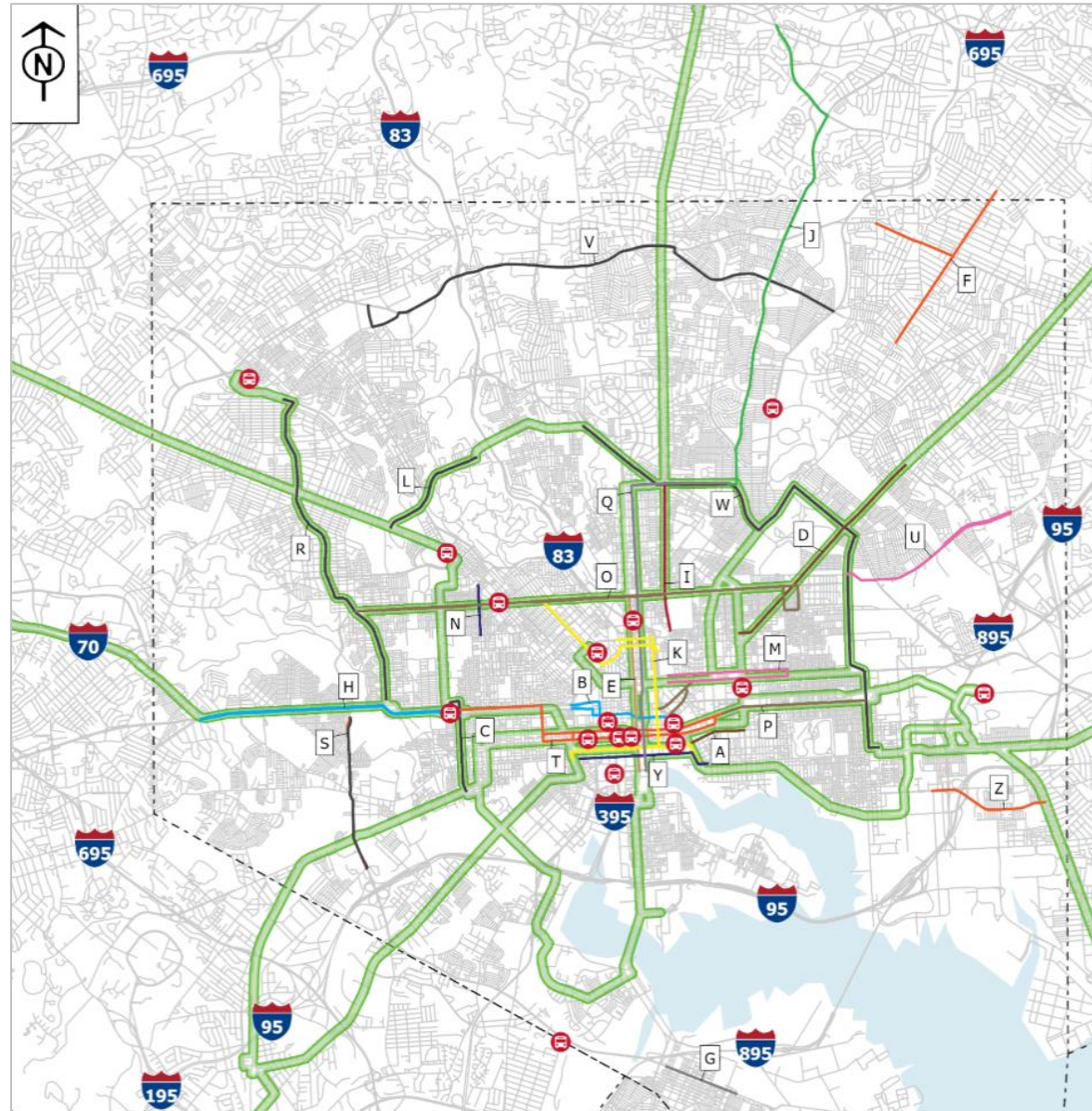
Major Project Corridors:

- Taken together with MTA's existing rail transit, show a vision for a comprehensive and connected premium transit network
- The most investment-ready subset of the 2020 RTP corridors



Corridor Recommendations

- Transit Priority
Treatments such as red painted lanes, queue jumps, bus bulbs, and Transit Signal Priority (TSP) are also critical to improving transit performance
- These investments are feasible for a larger array of RTP corridors



SEGMENT	ROUTE
A	BROWN
B	BLUE
C	26
D	BROWN
E	SILVER/GREEN
F	54
G	SILVER
H	BLUE
I	RED
J	GREEN/SILVER
K	NAVY/YELLOW
L	22
M	PINK
N	NAVY
O	GOLD
P	RED/54
Q	SILVER
R	80
S	29
T	ORANGE/PURPLE/BLUE
U	PINK
V	30
W	22/ORANGE/PINK
X	ORANGE
Y	NAVY
Z	NAVY

Potential Transit Priority Improvements Along RTP Corridor

Potential Transit Hubs

Essential Facility Needs

This RTP Update identifies the facility needs to allow for additional MTA bus service and to unlock operational potential. Although these are not corridor investments, they would support corridors and MTA service systemwide and should be advanced as MTA capital priorities alongside the RTP corridors.



Fifth Bus Division:

The fifth bus division is a high priority capital investment that unlocks many benefits

- Frequency improvements including Bmore Bus implementation
- Increased provision of School Trippers as well as overall increased bus network performance



Downtown Transfer and Layover Space:

- Downtown layover space is currently at maximum capacity
- Service increases in BMORE Bus and the RTP will require additional layover space for additional trips
- RTP recommends securing a downtown transit hub



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RTP Update Highlights: Strategies



Strategy Recommendations

- The 2020 plan recommended actions beyond corridor investment for advancing toward the RTP vision, organized into Strategies
- Several strategies have been updated to account for changes such as naming conventions, language, and the end of the COVID-19 pandemic
- Three new strategies have been added:
 - Transition Transit Signal Priority (TSP) to a cloud-based system
 - Identify locations for additional vehicle layover space, especially in downtown Baltimore
 - Support and coordinate with local and statewide efforts to promote transit as a Transportation Demand Management (TDM) strategy

RTP Update Highlights: Transit Network Improvement Areas



Transit Network Improvement Areas

- Transit Network Improvements Areas designate where local jurisdictions can take actions to advance and expand transit in the region
- These are transit-supportive local actions that aren't tied to a specific RTP Corridor, such as LOTS extensions and transit hub investments
- The RTP Update lists:
 - Actions completed that support Transit Network Improvement Areas identified in the 2020 RTP
 - Actions with substantial progress but not yet complete and encourages completing them
 - Select new Transit Network Improvement Area actions

RTP Update Highlights: Five-Year Implementation Plan



Five-Year Implementation Plan

- The RTP Update defines a new five-year implementation plan lasting until 2030, synthesizing the recommendations in the updated plan
- Collaboration between local governments and transit agencies will continue to be vital
 - Responsible parties are now shown in the implementation plan
- The implementation plan includes:
 - Planning, analysis, or project development for the Major Project Corridors and the Essential Facility Needs
 - 22 implementation actions across the six RTP Objectives

Five-Year Implementation Plan

- As a long-range plan the RTP Update provides specific and focused project recommendations without capital funds
- The five-year implementation plan offers steps to improve transit performance in the near term, while moving towards the long-term vision of a connected and comprehensive transit network
- Actions in the implementation plan are meant to be achievable steps that will position the region to best take advantage of future resources