



# Dedicated Bus Lanes

The Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) is implementing dedicated bus lanes in downtown Baltimore in order to improve conditions for transit users in the City.

These dedicated bus lanes will be located in the far right travel lanes and will be clearly marked with red paint and/or signage. Only buses and vehicles making right turns will be allowed to use the lanes.

*Dedicated bus lanes have been observed to reduce bus travel time by 34% to 43% in congested conditions in major cities.\**

*\*Transit Capacity and Quality of Service Manual*

## Benefits both Transit Users and Motorists

Today, buses get stuck in the same traffic as everyone else. Separating buses from the rest of the traffic will increase transit speed and reliability and make transit a more attractive transportation option. The implementation of dedicated bus lanes is part of the BaltimoreLink project to redesign the entire bus system throughout the region in order to improve conditions for people using transit and to support a vibrant downtown and region.



Dedicated bus lanes will operate on major downtown streets with multiple bus routes. Full-time bus lanes will be marked with red paint and signs. Peak-period bus lanes will be marked with signs only.

## Proposed Project Schedule

Fall 2016	Final Design Second Round of Public Meetings
Winter/Spring 2017	Bidding and contract award
Spring/Summer 2017	Construction Before and After Evaluation

## Tell Us What You Think!

- Fill out a comment card
- Send an email to: [dedicatedbuslanes@mta.maryland.gov](mailto:dedicatedbuslanes@mta.maryland.gov)
- Mail comments to: Maryland Transit Administration  
6 St. Paul Street, 9th Floor  
Baltimore, MD 21202

**Comments need to be received by Dec. 14, 2016**

For more information visit [BaltimoreLink.com](http://BaltimoreLink.com)

**40 PEOPLE**



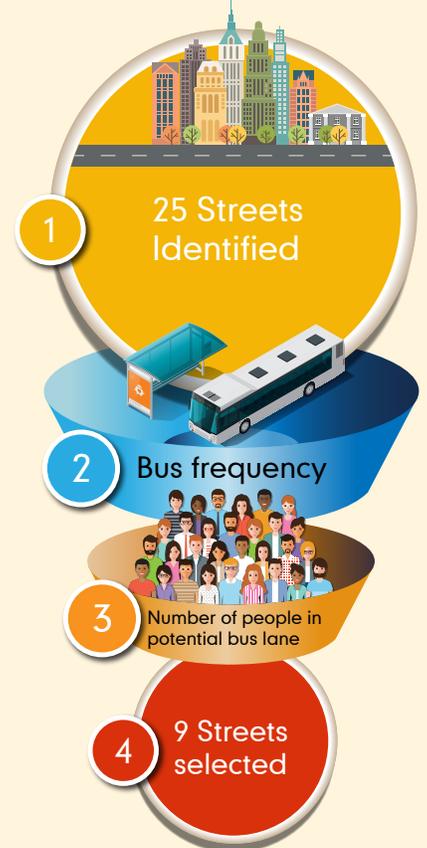
Approx 30 cars



or 1 bus

Buses can carry an average of 40 or more people in one vehicle and provide for a more efficient use of congested streets. Some streets support more people in buses and on foot than those traveling by car.

## Selection Process



- 1 Identified 25 streets** with CityLink or frequent local bus service
- 2 Checked bus frequency** (must be more than 18 buses per hour)
- 3 Checked person through-put** (number of people traveling in a potential dedicated bus lane must be greater than the number of people traveling in an adjacent travel lane)
- 4 Selected nine streets** for further evaluation

# Proposed Dedicated Bus Lanes



**Curbside Bus Lane** 

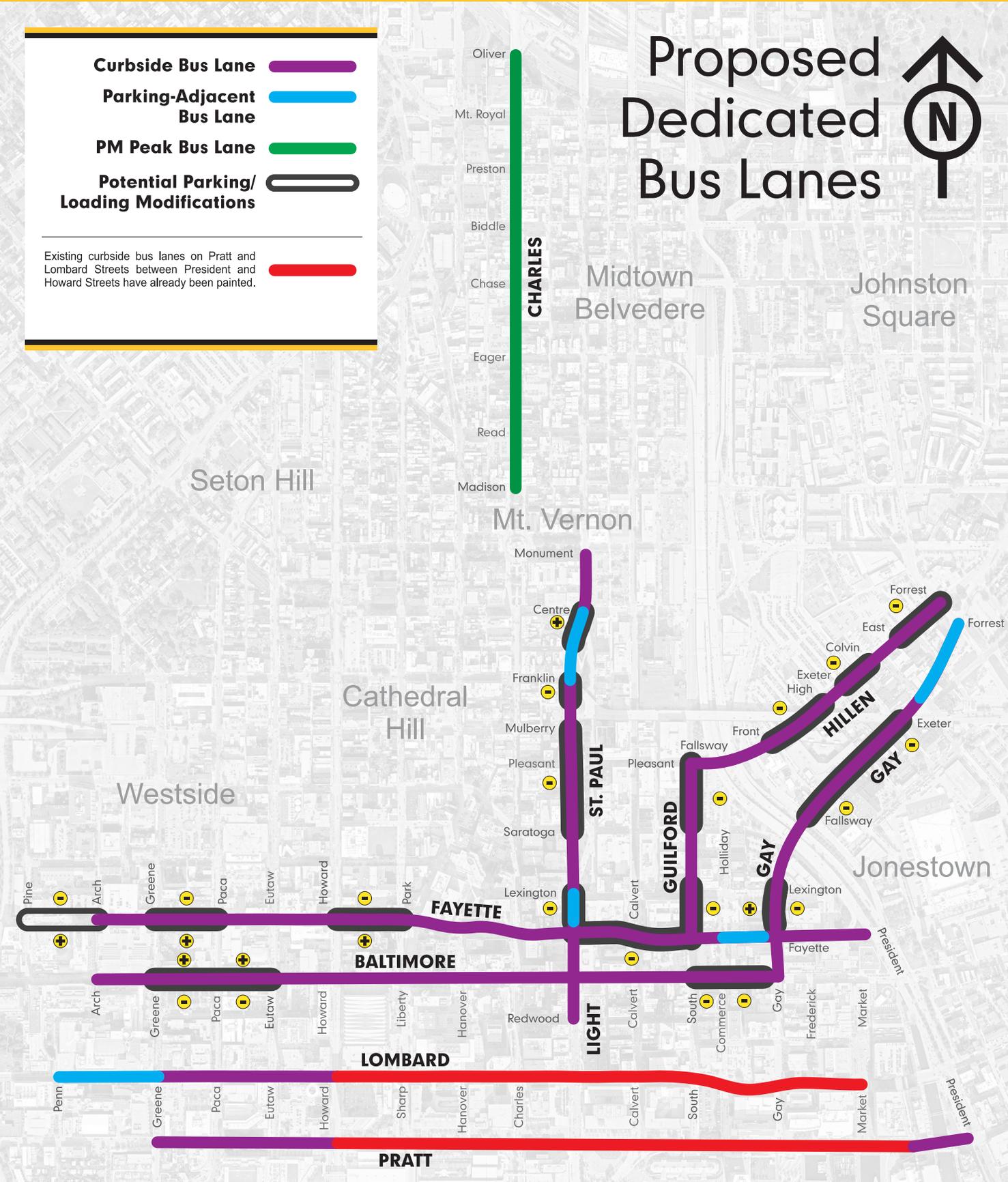
**Parking-Adjacent Bus Lane** 

**PM Peak Bus Lane** 

**Potential Parking/Loading Modifications** 

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Existing curbside bus lanes on Pratt and Lombard Streets between President and Howard Streets have already been painted. 



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