

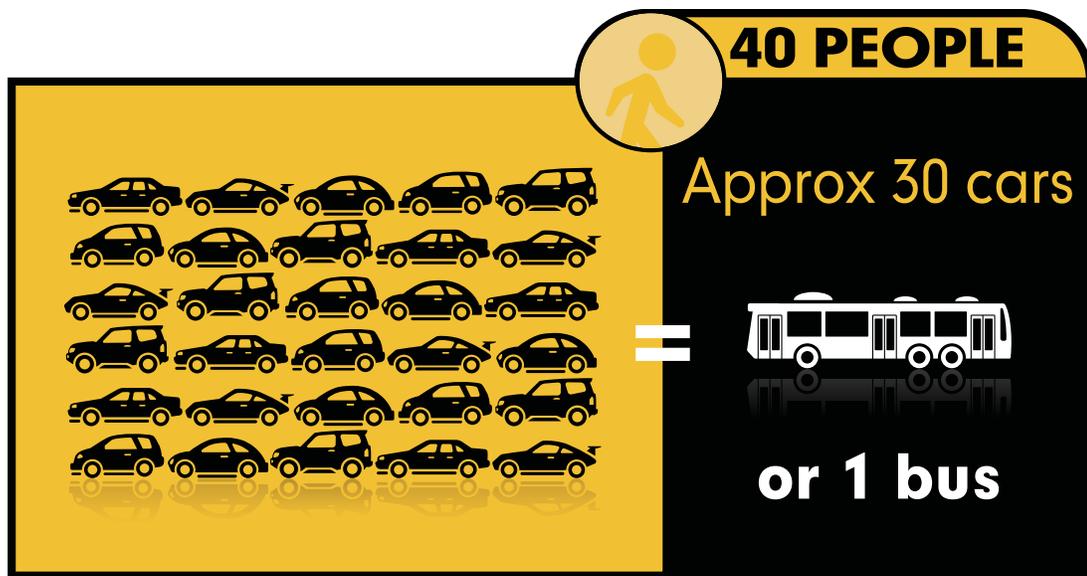
# Welcome

## Dedicated Bus Lanes Public Workshop



# Goals/Purpose

- Separate buses from mixed traffic to move all traffic more efficiently
- Increase transit reliability and speed
- Make transit a more attractive transportation option
- Support a vibrant downtown and region
- Improve safety



# Overview

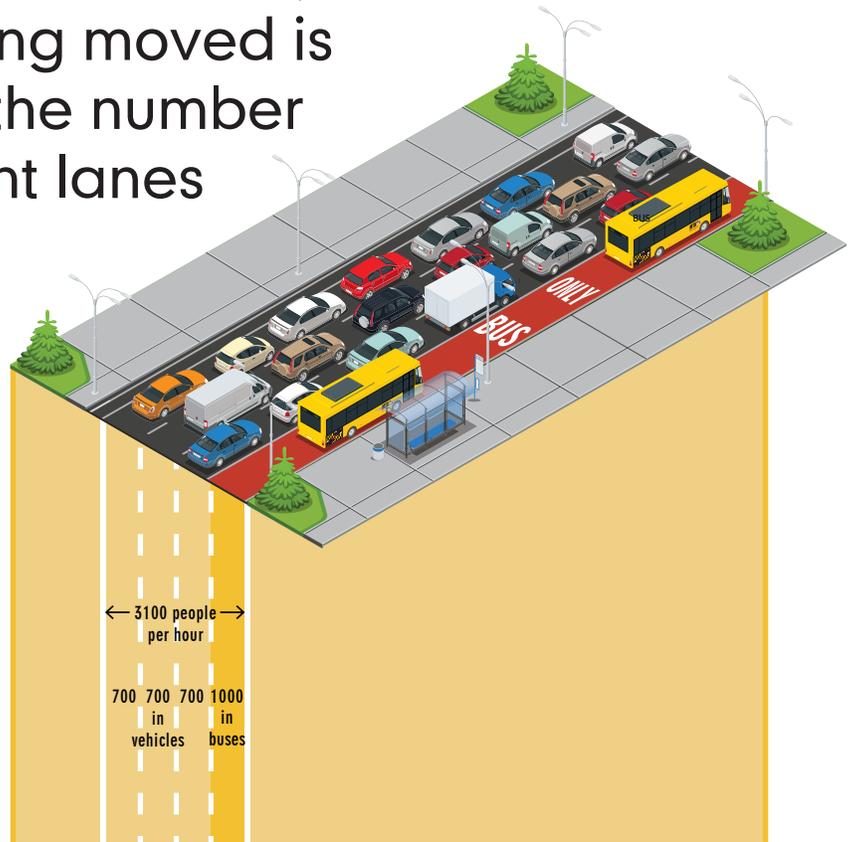
- The implementation of dedicated bus lanes is an effort to improve conditions for transit users in downtown Baltimore City
- Operate on major downtown streets with multiple bus routes
  - Full-time bus lanes will be marked with red paint and signed
  - Peak traffic period dedicated bus lanes indicated with signage but no paint
- Formalizes conditions that currently exist on some streets
- Done in coordination with other improvements to transit service



# Moving People

## Sample street – Lombard Street between South and Eutaw Streets

- Congestion currently exists during peak traffic periods and will continue in the future under any scenario
- While fewer buses/shuttles will be in the dedicated bus lanes, the number of people being moved is greater than the number in the adjacent lanes
- Dedicated lanes will provide a viable transit option to sitting in congestion



Note: Lane capacity for acceptable congestion levels = 800-1000 vehicles per lane.



## Dedicated Bus Lanes



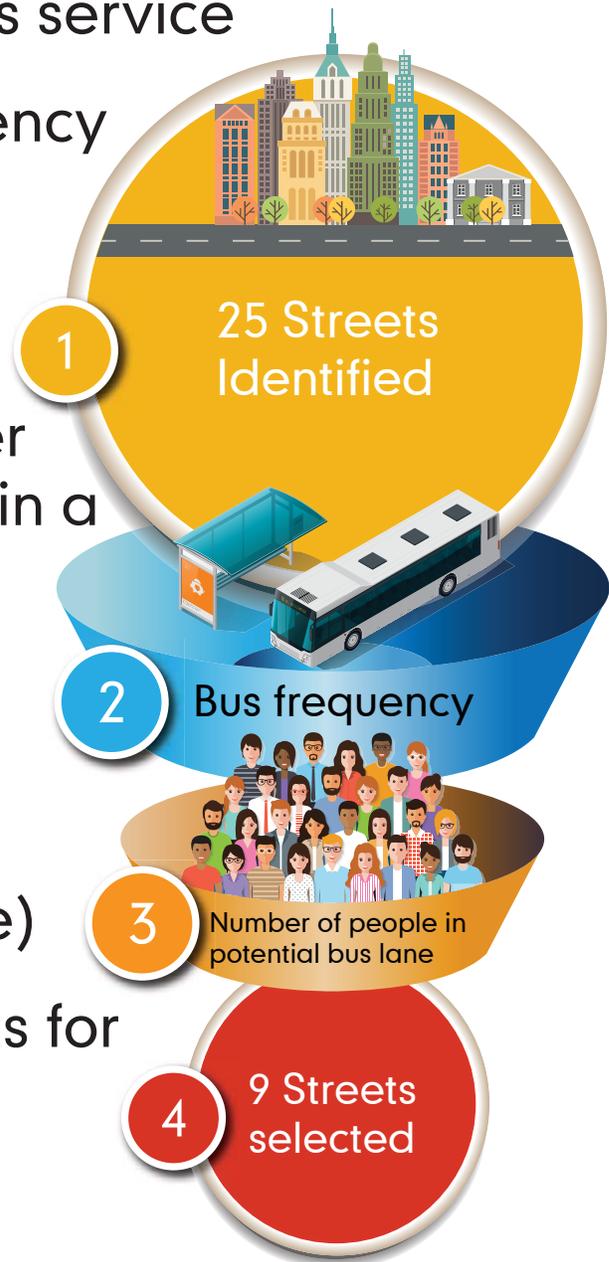
# Operation

- Existing travel/parking lanes repurposed as dedicated bus lanes
- Lanes painted red for easier motorist recognition (somewhat self enforcing)
- Enforcement by Baltimore Police Department, Traffic Enforcement Officers (TEOs), and MTA Police
- Street parking and loading zones may be impacted
- Some existing peak traffic period street parking restrictions may be lifted in favor of full-time parking



# Selection Process

- 1 Initially evaluated 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** 

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

Oliver  
Mt. Royal  
Preston  
Biddle  
Chase  
Eager  
Read  
Madison

**CHARLES**

Midtown  
Belvedere

Johnston  
Square

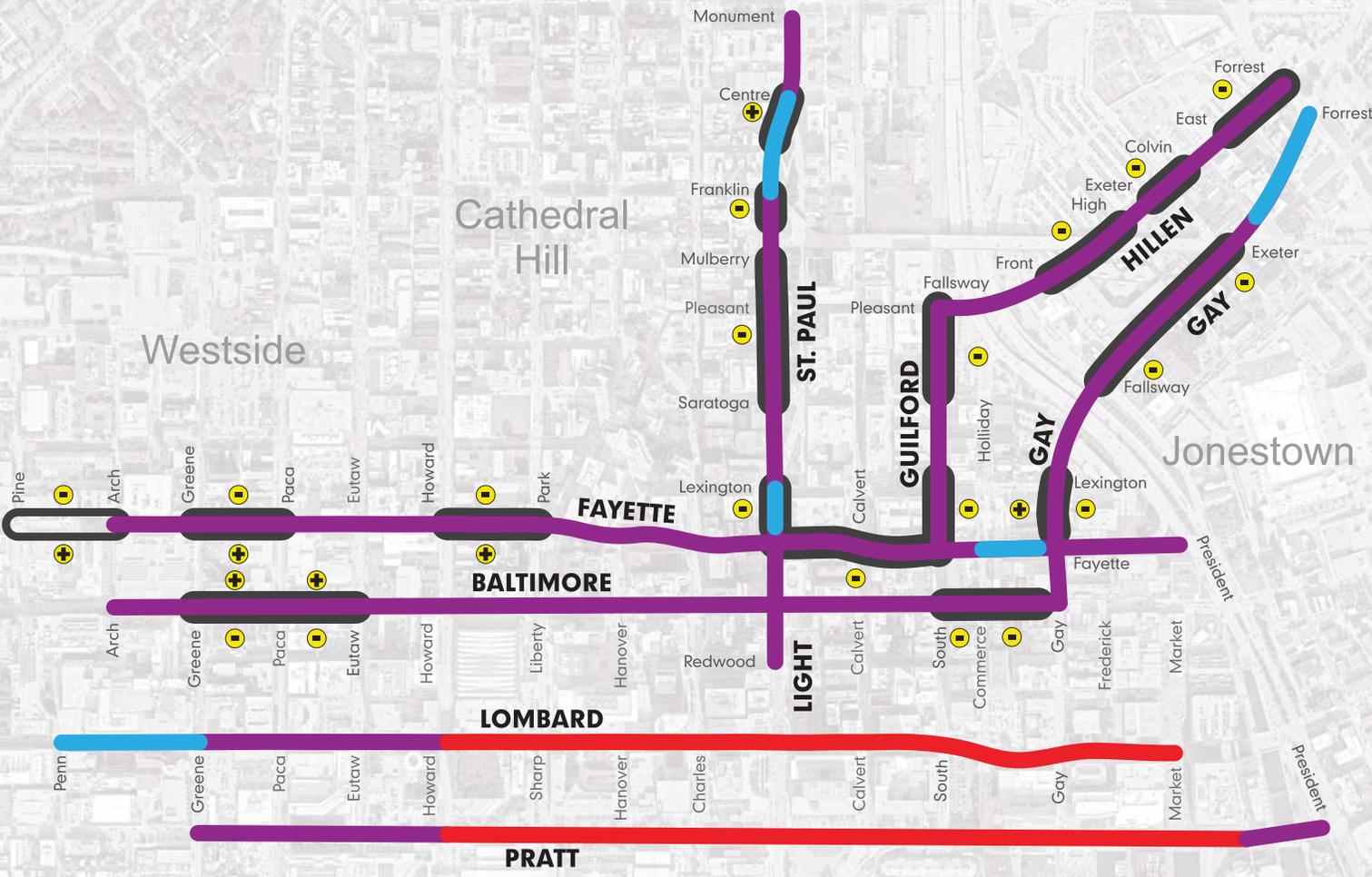
Seton Hill

Mt. Vernon

Cathedral  
Hill

Westside

Jonestown



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# Dedicated Bus Lanes along Lombard & Pratt Streets

**Dedicated bus lanes have been installed in the downtown area:**

- **From Howard Street to President Streets (for both Lombard and Pratt Streets)**
- Part of MTA's BaltimoreLink project to improve service and reliability
- Only transit vehicles, school buses, bicycles, and emergency vehicles may use the Dedicated Bus Lanes at all times
- Allow buses to move through downtown quickly & keep them on time
- Motorists should not utilize the **RED** bus lanes, except in dashed red areas for making right turns
- Violators will receive a \$90 fine and 1 point on their license



**Dedicated Bus Lanes**



# Lane Usage

## Vehicles allowed in Dedicated Bus Lanes

- MTA buses
- Charm City Circulator
- Other transit vehicles
- Right-turning vehicles in dashed red areas
- Emergency vehicles
- Bicycles
- Cars while parallel parking in adjacent on-street parking
- The Dedicated Bus Lane on Charles Street will be in operation during peak traffic periods only

## Vehicles not allowed

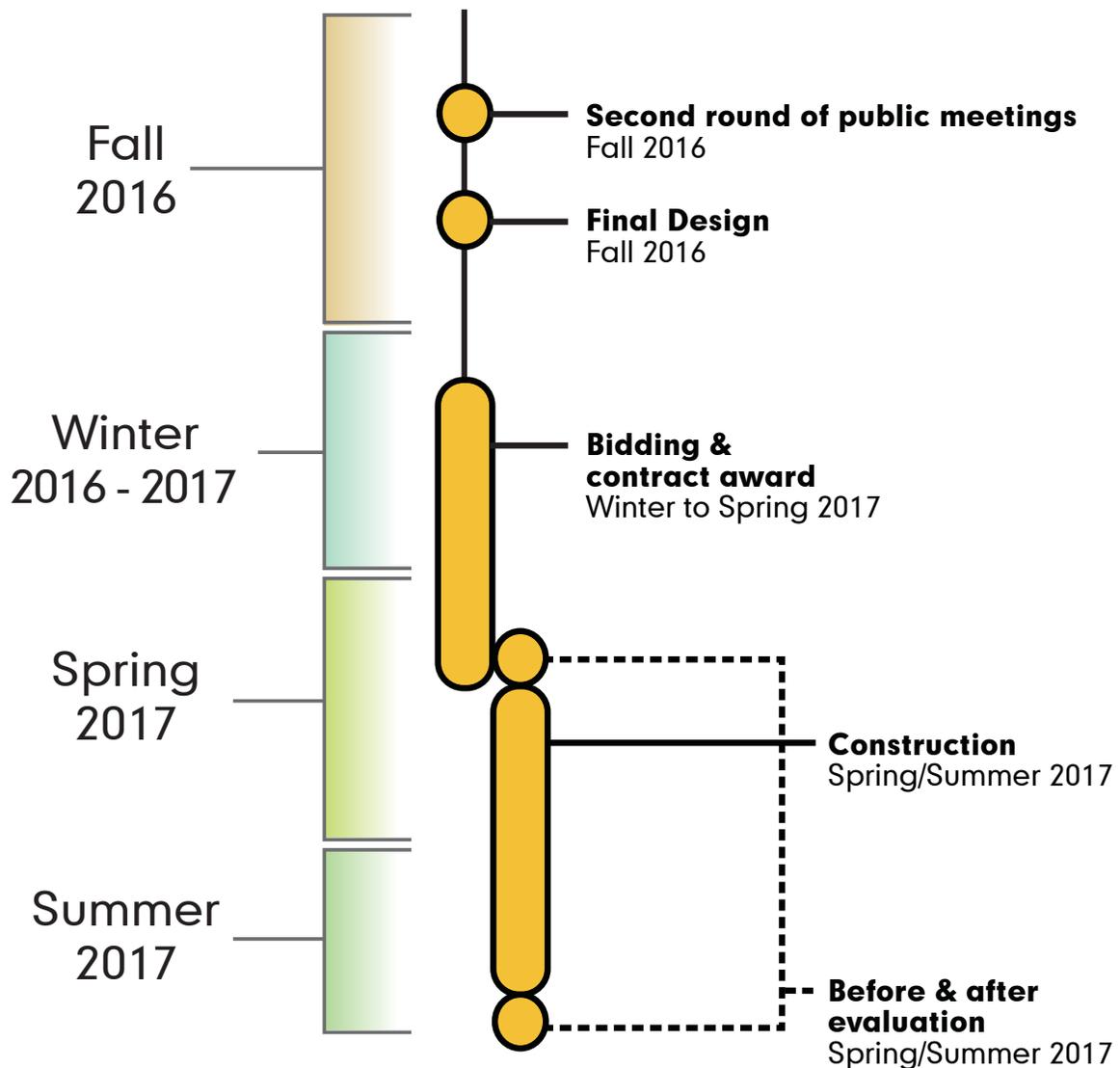
- Through traffic
- Stopped or standing vehicles
- Loading vehicles
- Parked cars
- Taxis and ridesharing vehicles



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# Proposed Project Schedule



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# Tell Us What You Think!

- Fill out a comment card
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- Comments for this round of input on Dedicated Bus Lanes need to be received by November 30, 2016
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