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## Maryland Department of Transportation's MTA Begins New Round of BaltimoreLink Public Workshops Starting July 5

*20 Additional Workshops from July to September to Unveil Revisions to Proposed Transit Improvement Plan Based on Public Input*

**BALTIMORE, MD (JUNE 22, 2016)** – The Maryland Department of Transportation's Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) will hold 20 public workshops in the next three months to release the revised BaltimoreLink transit improvement plan to the public and gather additional feedback to further refine the plan as the MTA approaches the June 2017 launch of CityLink and LocalLink.

CityLink are bus routes that will be color-coded, run 24 hours, offer frequent daytime service and connect Metro SubwayLink, Light RailLink, MARC Train, Commuter Bus, Amtrak and other services into one integrated network. LocalLink are local buses that will provide crosstown connections and fill in the gaps between larger roadways to provide full system access and connectivity to neighborhoods and communities.

When Governor Larry Hogan first announced BaltimoreLink in October 2015, the MTA launched a robust outreach program to educate the public about the plan and get feedback. Outreach efforts included public workshops, pop-up events and scheduled meetings with community associations, elected officials and other stakeholders. To date, MTA has held 64 briefings on BaltimoreLink since last fall. Comments on BaltimoreLink also were collected online via SurveyMonkey and the mySidewalk crowdsourcing website. As a result, the MTA received a wealth of constructive and critical feedback that led to revisions in BaltimoreLink's network design and service levels.

“Through our public outreach process, we received a wealth of information and invaluable ideas on how to make this transformative plan even better for our customers,” said MTA Administrator and CEO Paul Comfort. “Our customers spoke and we listened. And, we solicit more of their input as we move forward with this next round of BaltimoreLink public workshops to further refine our transit improvement plan.”

To achieve MTA’s goal of providing safe, efficient and reliable transit across Maryland with world-class customer service, BaltimoreLink will:

- \* improve service quality and reliability;
- \* maximize access to high-frequency transit;
- \* strengthen connections between MTA’s bus and rail routes;
- \* align the network with existing and emerging job centers; and
- \* engage riders, employees, communities and elected officials in the planning process.

“The improved plan will allow us to deliver a service that better links people to jobs and to life’s opportunities,” said Kevin Quinn, MTA’s director of planning and programming. “Public input is vital to delivering quality products to users of our transit network.”

The public is encouraged to visit any BaltimoreLink workshop during the times and locations listed below. Each workshop will enable attendees to hear a formal BaltimoreLink presentation, view route information and information boards, discuss the transit plan with team members and provide feedback. MTA’s workshop information and displays will be posted at [baltimorelink.com](http://baltimorelink.com).

**JULY:**

<b>Location</b>	<b>Address</b>	<b>Date and Time</b>
1. State Center Office Complex, Room L3	201 West Preston Street Baltimore, MD 21201	Tuesday, July 5, 2016 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
2. Arbutus Library	855 Sulphur Spring Road Arbutus, MD 21227	Wednesday, July 6, 2016 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
3. White Marsh Library	8133 Sandpiper Circle Baltimore, MD 21236	Tuesday, July 12, 2016 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
4. Medstar Harbor Hospital, Baum Conference Center	3001 South Hanover Street Baltimore, MD 21225	Thursday, July 14, 2016 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
5. Waverly Library	400 East 33rd Street Baltimore, MD 21218	Monday, July 18, 2016 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
6. War Memorial Memorial Hall	101 North Gay Street Baltimore, MD 21202	Wednesday, July 20, 2016 11 a.m. – 3 p.m.
7. Pimlico Race Course, Triple Crown Room	5201 Park Heights Avenue Baltimore, MD 21215	Thursday, July 21, 2016 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
8. Baltimore Metropolitan Council	1500 Whetstone Way #300 Baltimore, MD 21230	Tuesday, July 26, 2016 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.
9. Coppin University, Talon Center (Room 218A)	2500 West North Avenue Baltimore, MD 21216	Thursday, July 28, 2016 6 p.m. – 8 p.m.

## **AUGUST:**

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| 10. Randallstown Library   | 8604 Liberty Road<br>Randallstown, MD 21133             | Wednesday, August 3, 2016<br>6 p.m. – 8 p.m. |
| 11. Towson Library   | 320 York Road<br>Towson, MD 21204                       | Thursday, August 4, 2016<br>6 p.m. – 8 p.m.  |
| 12. North Point Library  | 1716 Merritt Boulevard<br>Dundalk, MD 21222             | Tuesday, August 9, 2016<br>6 p.m. – 8 p.m.   |
| 13. Northwood Library  | 4420 Loch Raven Boulevard<br>Baltimore, MD 21218        | Monday, August 15, 2016<br>5 p.m. – 7 p.m.   |
| 14. Humanim at the<br>American Brewery   | 1701 North Gay Street<br>Baltimore, MD 21213            | Tuesday, August 16, 2016<br>11 a.m. – 2 p.m. |
| 15. Brooklyn Park<br>Community Library   | 1 East 11th Avenue<br>Baltimore, MD 21225               | Thursday, August 18, 2016<br>6 p.m. – 8 p.m. |
| 16. Owings Mills Library,<br>Meeting Room A  | 10302 Grand Central<br>Avenue<br>Owings Mills, MD 21117 | Monday, August 22, 2016<br>6 p.m. – 8 p.m.   |
| 17. Community College of<br>Baltimore County,<br>Student Services Center<br>(Room 004) | 800 South Rolling Road<br>Catonsville, MD 21228         | Thursday, August 25, 2016<br>6 p.m. – 8 p.m. |

## **SEPTEMBER:**

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| 18. Southeast Anchor Library                          | 3601 Eastern Avenue<br>Baltimore, MD 21224   | Wednesday, September 7, 2016<br>5 p.m. – 7 p.m. |
| 19. Hamilton Library                                  | 5910 Harford Road<br>Baltimore, MD 21214     | Thursday, September 8, 2016<br>5 p.m. – 7 p.m.  |
| 20. Perkins Square Baptist<br>Church, Lower Sanctuary | 2500 Edmondson Avenue<br>Baltimore, MD 21223 | Monday, September 12, 2016<br>6 p.m. – 8 p.m.   |

The Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) is one of the largest multi-modal transit systems in the United States. MTA operates Local and Commuter buses, Light Rail, Metro Subway, Maryland Area Regional Commuter (MARC) Train service and a comprehensive Paratransit (Mobility) system. MTA also manages the Taxi Access system, and directs funding and statewide assistance to Locally Operated Transit Systems (LOTS) in each of Maryland's 23 counties, Annapolis, Baltimore City and Ocean City. MDOT is a customer-driven leader that delivers safe, sustainable, intelligent and exceptional transportation solutions in order to connect our customers to life's opportunities. MTA's goal is to provide safe, efficient and reliable transit across Maryland with world-class customer service. To learn more, visit [mdot.maryland.gov](http://mdot.maryland.gov) or [mta.maryland.gov](http://mta.maryland.gov), check us out on Facebook at [facebook.com/mtamaryland](https://www.facebook.com/mtamaryland) and follow us on Twitter [@mtamaryland](https://twitter.com/mtamaryland).

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