



BUS NETWORK IMPROVEMENT PROJECT



Maryland Department
of Transportation

WHAT IS BNIP?

The *Bus Network Improvement Project* (BNIP) is a focused initiative to develop a comprehensive plan for updating and improving MTA's Local Bus routes, operational procedures and scheduling. BNIP is a key component of a larger effort called the *Transit Modernization Program* (TMP) which is intended to modernize the entire MTA transit system throughout the state.

BNIP will establish a Local Bus transit system plan that analyzes current service and establishes performance benchmarks using ridership and regional land-use data assessments and public input.

GOALS

- Improve service quality
- Maximize transit access and connectivity
- Increase network efficiency and effectiveness
- Align routes with current and projected land-use and trip patterns
- Involve riders, employees, communities and officials in the process



METHODOLOGY

- Compile existing conditions of MTA core transit system
- Obtain public and stakeholder input for making improvements
- Reach conclusions and make recommendations
- Develop an implementation plan
- Conduct service equity analysis (Title VI)

ACTION ITEMS

- Update service standards
- Better align routes with population, employment and travel patterns
- Identify new services
- Reduce route and bus stop redundancy
- Improve on-time performance
- Refocus resources on overcrowded routes
- Remove underperforming routes and trips
- Improve hours of service
- Realign routes that can serve as rail feeders

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

All interested parties are encouraged to participate in discussions, offer feedback and share concerns either online, by phone and/or in person.

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