



**Maryland Department
of Transportation**



June 2016

Service Change Proposals

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Notice of Public Hearings

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Maryland Transit Administration (MTA)

The MTA gives notice of six public hearings to provide interested persons the opportunity to comment on proposed Express BusLink service and changes to existing service.

Schedule of Public Hearings:

Monday, March 21, 2016
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Towson Library, Towson Room
320 York Road
Towson, MD 21204
Access via Nos. 3, 8, 11, 12, 48

Thursday, March 24, 2016
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
White Marsh Library
8133 Sandpiper Circle
Baltimore, MD 21236
Access via Nos. 35, 58, and 120

Tuesday, March 22, 2016
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Linthicum Community Library
400 Shipley Road
Linthicum, MD 21090
Access via Linthicum Light Rail Stop

Monday, March 28, 2016
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Owings Mills Library, Room A
10302 Grand Central Avenue
Owings Mills, MD 21117
Access via Nos. 56, 59, and Metro Subway

Wednesday, March 23, 2016
6:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Woodlawn Library
1811 Woodlawn Drive
Baltimore, MD 21207
Access via Nos. 44 and 57

Tuesday, March 29, 2016
4:00 pm- 8:00 pm
Whitman, Requardt and Associates, LLP
801 S. Caroline Street
Baltimore, MD 21231
Access via Nos. 21 and 31

The full text detailing the proposed transit service changes is available for public review in the lobby of the Wm. Donald Schaefer Building at 6 St. Paul Street in Baltimore, on MTA Local Buses and in Metro Subway Stations and online at www.mta.maryland.gov/baltimorelink-hearings.

Interested persons are invited to attend and present their views. The MTA will accept written statements until 5:00 PM on Friday, April 29, 2016. Comments may be mailed to MTA, Office of Customer and Community Relations, 6 St. Paul Street, Baltimore, MD 21202. Alternatively, you may email your comments to HearingComments@mta.maryland.gov with "Written Testimony" as the subject heading. Your name and postal address must be included with your comments to become part of the public hearing record.

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Locations are accessible for people with disabilities. Please contact the department listed below to make arrangements for: special assistance or additional accommodations; printed material in an alternate format or translated; hearing impaired persons; and persons requesting an interpreter. All requests must be received one week in advance.

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Service Change Proposal Summary

The first phase of implementation of the BaltimoreLink plan includes improvements to MTA Express Bus service. These improvements include the introduction of Express BusLink routes 102, 106, and 107; service changes to Express Bus No. 150 line; and service changes to Local Bus No. 77 and 99 lines. These proposed changes may become effective on June 19th, 2016. **All other MTA Express Bus routes (103, 104, 105, 110, 115, 119, 120, 160, 164) will not be effected by these service changes.**

- Add the Express BusLink 102 to connect Towson and White Marsh, with stops at the Baltimore County Circuit Court, Towson Town Center, North Plaza Mall and Fox Hall apartments.
- Add the Express BusLink 106 to connect Towson and the Owings Mills Metro Subway station with stops in Pikesville, Towson Town Center, Baltimore County Circuit Court, and Towson University.
- Add the Express BusLink 107 to connect the BWI Airport terminal and BWI Rail Station to the Old Court Metro Subway station, with stops in the vicinity of Security Square, Catonsville, Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) Catonsville, and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).
- Improve the Express Bus No. 150 line by extending every trip through downtown Baltimore to Harbor East and increasing the efficiency of the service by eliminating service to the Long Gate Park and Ride and along Edmondson Avenue between Ingleside Avenue and Rolling Road.
- Improve the efficiency of service by adding peak hour trips (three during the AM peak, four during the PM peak) to the current Local Bus No. 77 line between Old Court Metro Subway Station and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC) and by discontinuing the Local Bus No. 99 line.

Details for all service changes can be found below or by downloading our service change proposal from <http://mta.maryland.gov/baltimorelink-hearings>. You can also request a hard copy of the proposal by calling 410-454-5000.

Express BusLink 102: Towson to White Marsh

- The Express BusLink 102 will be a new express service connecting Towson and White Marsh, with stops at the Baltimore County Circuit Court, Towson Town Center, North Plaza Mall and Fox Hall apartments.

See map of Express BusLink 102 for details.

Justification

This route will provide a new express connection between the White Marsh Mall/White Marsh Park and Ride and Towson Town Center, as well as new service to Fox Hall apartments, North Plaza Mall, and portions of Joppa Road. These areas have a demonstrated high transit demand and received numerous requests for service during the Bus Network Improvement Project (BNIP) public outreach process. This route will also reduce travel times between White Marsh and Towson from 70 minutes to 55 minutes.

Route Alignment

When eastbound, the Express BusLink 102 will leave its terminus at Towson University's Union Garage and head north on Osler Drive, turn right on Towsontown Boulevard, left on Bosley Avenue, right on Chesapeake Avenue to serve Baltimore County Circuit House, left on York Road and into the traffic circle. The route will exit the traffic circle onto Dulaney Valley Road and serve the Towson Town Center, then continue right on Fairmount Avenue/Goucher Boulevard, left on Joppa Road, left on Perring Parkway, right on Waltham Woods Road and serve North Plaza Mall. The route will then turn right on Joppa Road, left on Perring Parkway and then enter I-695 east. The route will exit I-695 and travel east on White Marsh Boulevard, turn left on Walther Boulevard and serve Fox Hall Apartments. From there, the route will turn right on Dunfield Road, right on Belair Road, right on onto the ramp for White Marsh Boulevard, left on White Marsh Boulevard and right on Honeygo Boulevard. The route will first serve the White Marsh Park and Ride, then loop around the White Marsh shopping mall, turn left on Sandpiper Circle, Corporate Drive, Town Center Drive and Campbell Boulevard, and then return to Honeygo Boulevard. Westbound buses will follow the same alignment as eastbound buses, with the exception of two short segments: The route will exit White Marsh Boulevard directly onto Dunfield Road rather than loop onto Belair Road, and Pennsylvania Avenue will be used instead of Chesapeake Avenue to serve the Baltimore County Circuit Court in Towson.

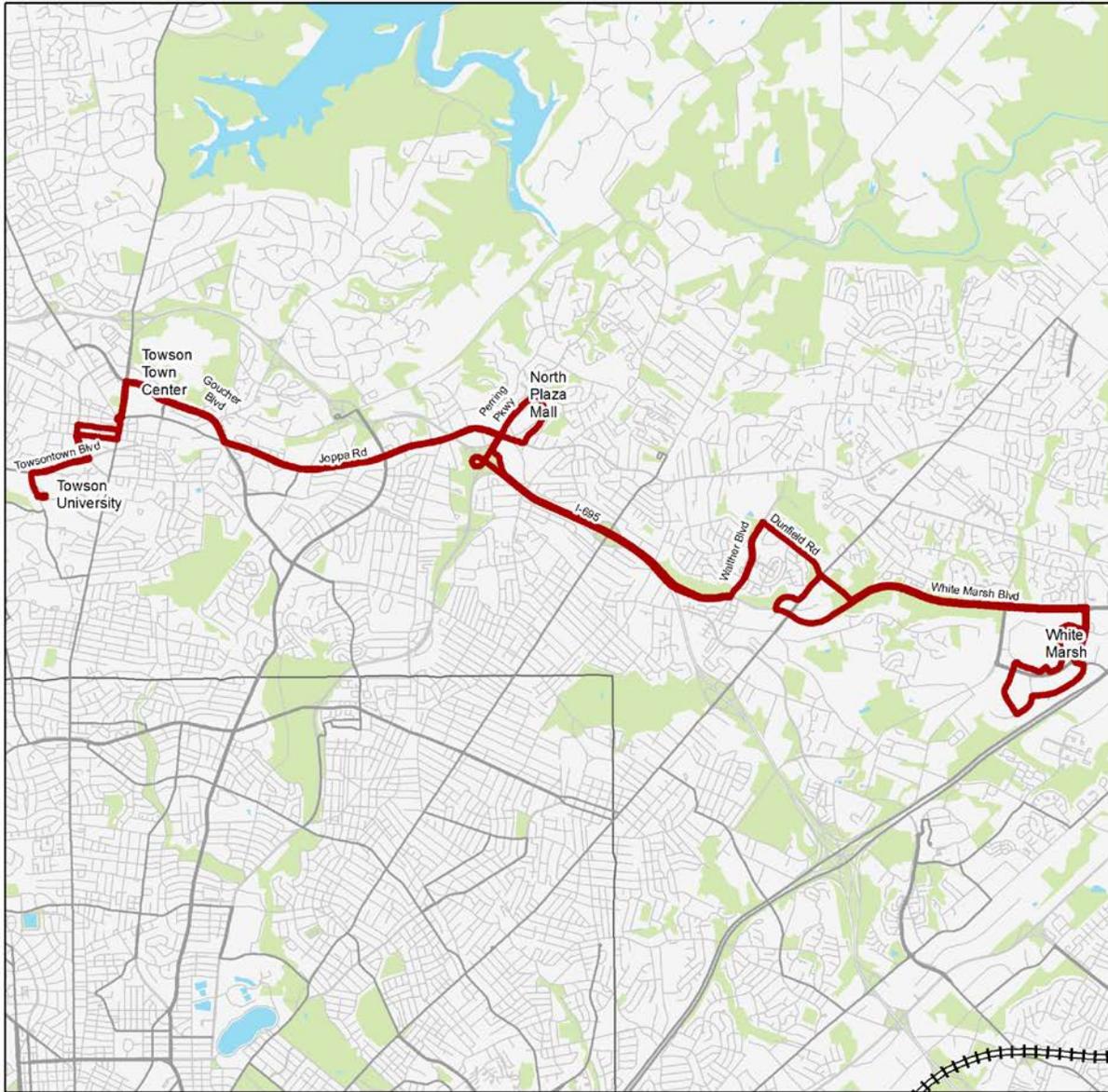
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Service Levels

Express BusLink 102			
Span	Weekday	6:00am-8:00pm	
	Saturday	8:00am-7:00pm	
	Sunday	-	
Frequency (Minutes)	Weekday	Early	-
		AM Peak	45 (4 roundtrips)
		Midday	60 (6 roundtrips)
		PM Peak	45 (5 roundtrips)
		Evening	60 (1 roundtrip)
		Late Night	-
	Sat	Day	60 (11 roundtrips)
		Early/Late	-
	Sun	Day	-
		Early/Late	-

Express BusLink 102

Proposed



Legend

- Rail Station
- Current MTA Core Bus System
- Highlighted Route
- ==== MARC



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Express BusLink 106: Owings Mills Metro to Towson

- The Express BusLink 106 will be a new express service connecting Towson and the Owings Mills Metro Subway station with stops in Pikesville, Towson Town Center, Baltimore County Circuit Court, and Towson University.

See map of Express BusLink 106 for details.

Justification

This route will provide a new express connection between the major trip generators at Owings Mills, Pikesville, and Towson and will reduce the one-way travel time between Owings Mills and Towson from 80 minutes to 45 minutes.

Route Alignment

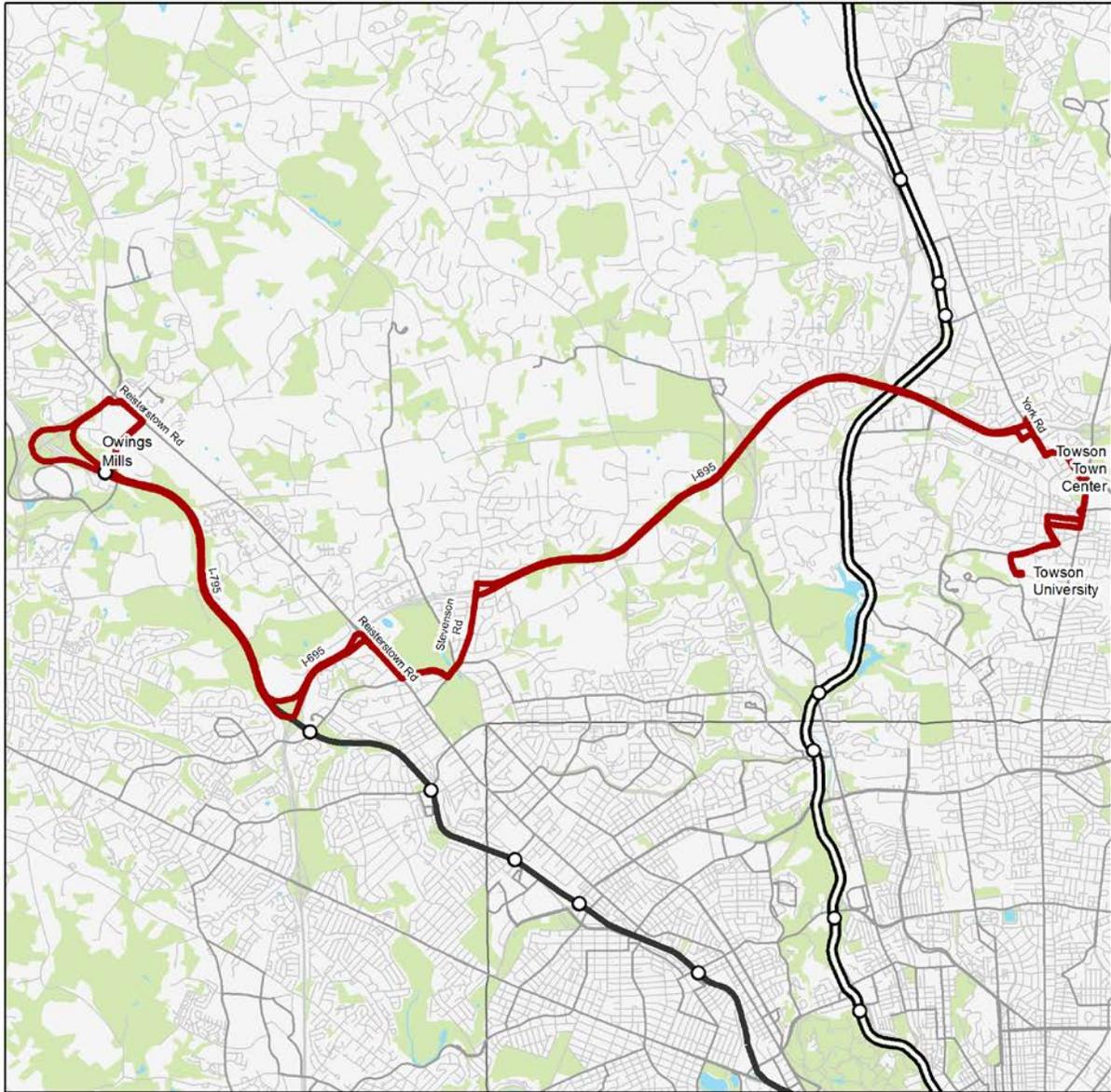
When eastbound, the Express BusLink 106 will leave its terminus at the Owings Mills Metro Subway station, head north on Painters Mill Road, turn left on Reisterstown Road, left on Owings Mills Boulevard, and then enter southbound I-795. From there, the route will travel on I-795 southbound to I-695 northbound. The route will exit at Reisterstown Road headed south to serve Pikesville and then turn left on Old Court Road, left on Stevenson Road, and then return to I-695 east. The route will exit I-695 at York Road headed south and turn left on Fairmount Avenue, right on Dulaney Valley Road, and serve Towson Town Center before continuing onto York Road after the traffic circle. The route will then serve the Baltimore County District Circuit Court by turning right on Pennsylvania Avenue. From there the route will turn left on Bosley Avenue, right on Towsontown Boulevard, and left on Olser Drive before terminating at Towson University near Union Drive. Westbound buses will follow the reverse alignment with one minor exception: buses will use Chesapeake Avenue instead of Pennsylvania Avenue to serve the Circuit Court.

Service Levels

Express BusLink 106			
Span	Weekday	6:00am-8:00pm	
	Saturday	-	
	Sunday	-	
Frequency (Minutes)	Weekday	Early	-
		AM Peak	45 (4 roundtrips)
		Midday	60 (6 roundtrips)
		PM Peak	45 (5 roundtrips)
		Evening	60 (1 roundtrip)
		Late Night	-
	Sat	Day	-
		Early/Late	-
	Sun	Day	-
		Early/Late	-

Express BusLink 106

Proposed



Legend

- Rail Station
- Highlighted Route
- == Light RailLink
- Metro SubwayLink
- Current MTA Core Bus System



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Express BusLink 107: Old Court Metro to BWI Airport Terminal and Rail Station

- The Express BusLink 107 is a new express service connecting the BWI Airport terminal and BWI Rail Station to the Old Court Metro Subway station, with stops in the vicinity of Security Square, Catonsville, Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) Catonsville, and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).

See map of Express BusLink 107 for details.

Justification

This route will provide a quicker connection between Old Court, Security Square, Catonsville, UMBC, CCBC Catonsville, BWI Airport and BWI Rail Station for current Local Bus No. 77 line and No. 99 line riders. The desire for this quicker connection was communicated through the public outreach process for the Bus Network Improvement Project (BNIP).

Route Alignment

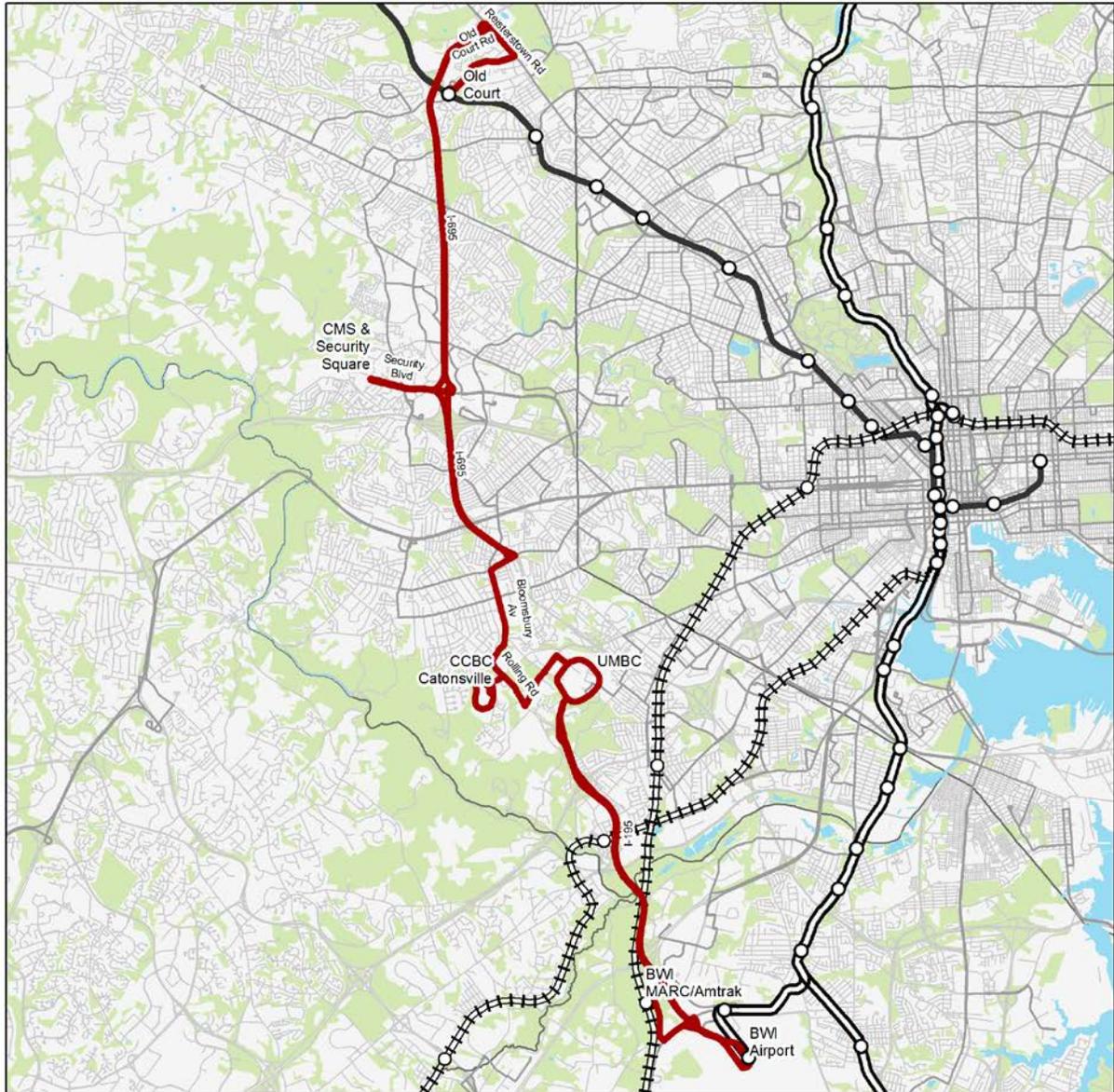
When northbound, the Express BusLink 107 will leave its terminus at the BWI Rail Station and make a second stop at the BWI Airport terminal. From BWI Airport, the Express BusLink 107 will travel northbound on I-195, exit onto UMBC Boulevard and left on Hilltop Circle. Leaving campus via Walker Avenue, the route will turn left onto Wilkens Avenue, right onto Rolling Road, and then left to serve the CCBC Catonsville campus. From there, the route will return to Rolling Road, turn right onto Bloomsbury Avenue and right onto Edmondson Avenue, serving Catonsville. From there, the route will enter I-695 and exit at Security Boulevard to serve Security Square Mall and CMS before returning to I-695 via Security Boulevard. The route will exit I-695 at Reisterstown Road and turn right onto Old Court Road, ending at the Old Court Metro Subway station. Southbound buses will follow the same alignment as the northbound buses, but when travelling through UMBC campus, they will turn left on Hilltop Circle and leave campus via UMBC Boulevard.

Service Levels

ExpressBusLink 107			
Span	Weekday	6:30am-9:00am; 4:00pm-6:00pm	
	Saturday	-	
	Sunday	-	
Frequency (Minutes)	Weekday	Early	-
		AM Peak	75 (2 roundtrips)
		Midday	-
		PM Peak	75 (2 roundtrips)
		Evening	-
		Late Night	-
		Sat	Day
	Early/Late		-
	Sun	Day	-
		Early/Late	-

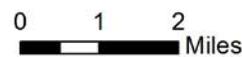
Express BusLink 107

Proposed



Legend

- Rail Station
- Highlighted Route
- ⊞⊞⊞⊞ MARC
- ══ Light RailLink
- Metro SubwayLink
- Current MTA Core Bus System



Express BusLink 150: Columbia Town Center to Downtown/Harbor East

- The Express BusLink 150 will be a modified version of the current Express Bus No. 150 line, providing express service between Columbia Town Center and downtown Baltimore, with an extension to Harbor East.
- Changes include elimination of service to the Long Gate Park and Ride and along Edmondson Avenue between Ingleside Avenue and Rolling Road, as well as extending every trip through downtown Baltimore to Harbor East.

See map of Express BusLink 150 for details.

Justification

Two areas with low ridership and circuitous routing will be removed from this route (Long Gate Park and Ride and Edmondson Avenue between Ingleside Avenue and Rolling Road) and the route will be extended to Harbor East, a major job destination for Columbia residents.

Route Alignment

When eastbound, the Express BusLink 150 will leave its terminus at Cedar Lane and Harpers Farm Road, heading east before turning left on Twin Rivers Road, and serving the Columbia Town Center. The route will then travel north on the Little Patuxent Parkway, turn left on Route 29/Columbia Pike, exit onto Route 40/Baltimore National Pike, and then serve the current bus stop at the Walmart and Giant opposite the 40 West Shopping Center. The route will then continue east on Route 40 via the current Express Bus route 150 alignment through Catonsville and West Baltimore to downtown Baltimore. Instead of terminating at Saratoga Street the route will continue east on Baltimore Street, turn right on President Street and left on Fleet Street, before terminating at Caroline Street. Westbound buses will follow the same alignment as the eastbound buses, but when travelling through downtown, they will travel on Fayette Street instead of Baltimore Street.

Rider Impact

- Riders will no longer be able to make a connection at Long Gate Park and Ride.
- Edmondson Avenue between Ingleside Avenue and Rolling Road will no longer be served by this route but will continue to have other local service on the current Local Bus No. 23 line. Riders can still transfer between the current Local Bus No. 23 line and the new Express BusLink 150 at the Rolling Road and Route 40 bus stop at the Walmart and Giant opposite the 40 West Shopping Center.

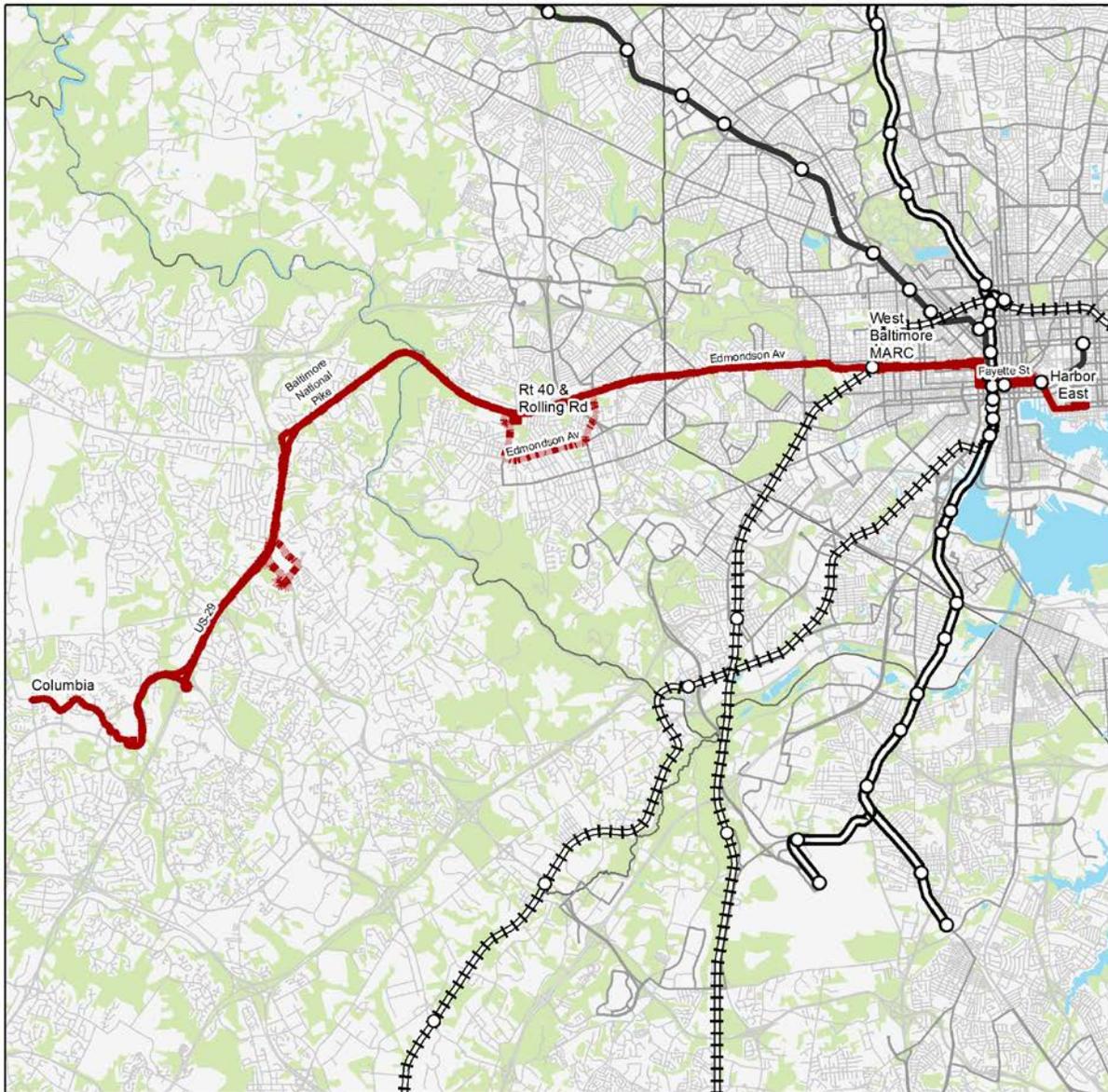
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Service Levels

Express BusLink 150			
		Current	Proposed
Span	Weekday	5:45am-8:30am; 4:45pm-7:45pm	5:45am-8:30am; 4:45pm-7:45pm
	Saturday	-	-
	Sunday	-	-
Frequency (Minutes)	Weekday	Early	-
		AM Peak	30 (3 roundtrips)
		Midday	-
		PM Peak	30 (3 roundtrips)
		Evening	-
		Late Night	-
	Sat	Day	-
		Early/Late	-
	Sun	Day	-
		Early/Late	-

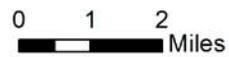
Express BusLink 150

Proposed



Legend

- Rail Station
- Highlighted Route
- - - Eliminated Service
- ||||| MARC
- ==== Light RailLink
- Metro SubwayLink
- Current MTA Core Bus System



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Current Local Bus No. 77 line: Old Court Metro to UMBC

- With the elimination of the current Local Bus No. 99 line, additional peak hour trips (three during the AM peak, four during the PM peak), will be added to the current Local Bus No. 77 line between Old Court Metro Subway Station and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).

Justification

With the introduction of Express BusLink 107, the current Local Bus No. 99 line will be eliminated. The additional trips on the Local Bus No. 77 line will provide additional local service on the Local Bus No. 77 line for current Local Bus No. 99 riders whose trips can't be accommodated on the new Express BusLink 107.

Route Alignment

The route alignment for the Local Bus No. 77 line will remain unchanged. The additional trips will only operate between Old Court Metro Subway Station and UMBC.

Rider Impact

- Riders who currently use the Local Bus No. 77 line or the Local Bus No. 99 line between Old Court Metro Subway Station and UMBC will have additional trips on the current Local Bus No. 77 line.

Service Level

			Local Bus No. 77	
			Current	Proposed
Span	Weekday		4:45am-2:00am	4:45am-2:00am
	Saturday		5:45am-1:45am	5:45am-1:45am
	Sunday		5:45am-1:00am	5:45am-1:00am
Frequency (Minutes)	Weekday	Early	30	30
		AM Peak	30	20
		Midday	30	30
		PM Peak	30	20
		Evening	60	60
		Late Night	60	60
	Sat	Day	30	30
		Early/Late	60	60
	Sun	Day	60	60
		Early/Late	60	60

Current No. 99 Line: Old Court Metro to BWI Airport Terminal

- The Local Bus No. 99 line will be eliminated and replaced by the new Express BusLink 107, which will align with much of the current Local Bus No. 99 line.
- North of Security Square, the new Express BusLink 107 will run express service on I-695, rather than follow the Local Bus No. 99 line alignment along Rolling Road, Milford Mill Road, and Liberty Road.

See map of Local Bus No. 99 for details.

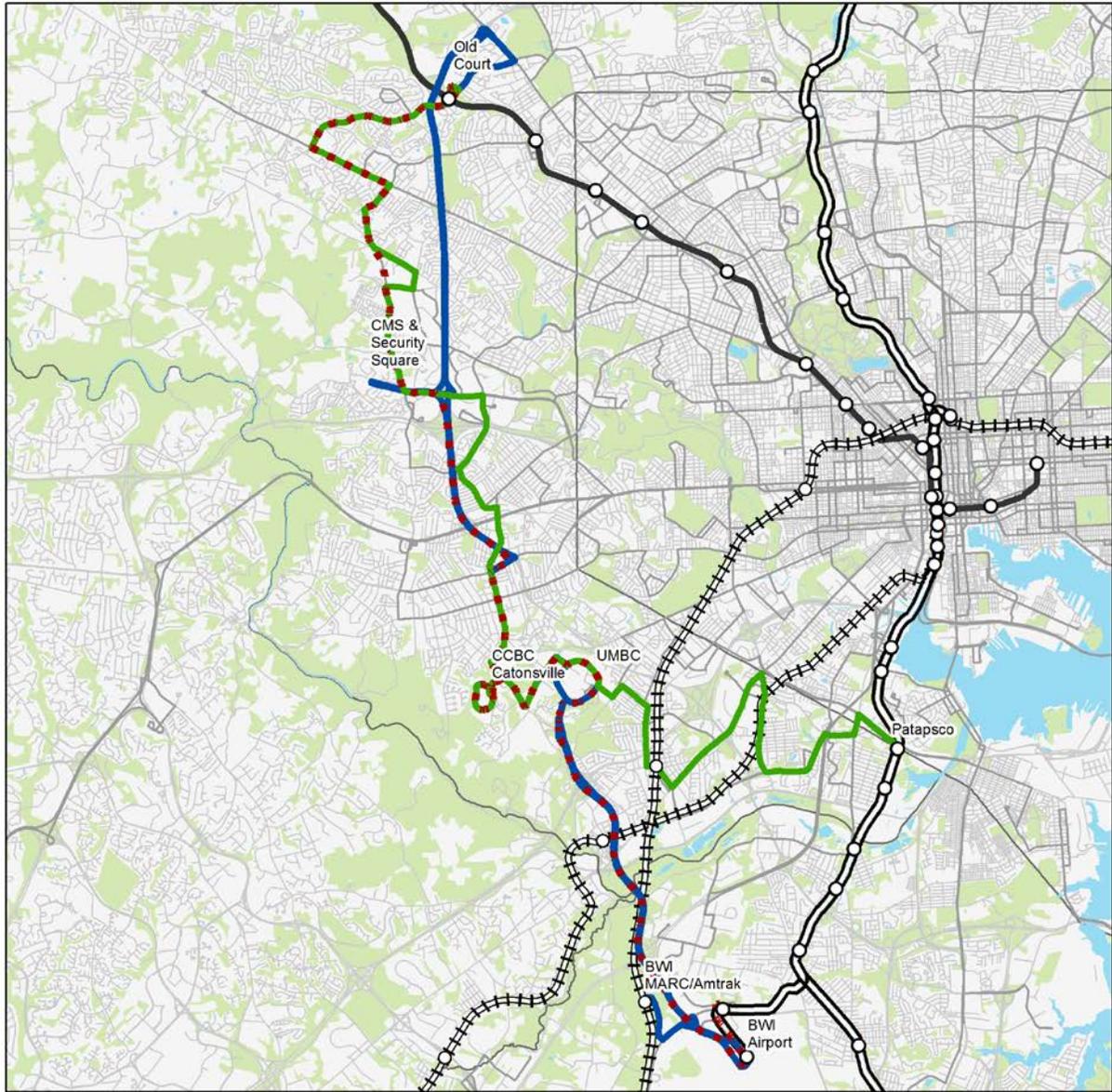
Justification

The Local Bus No. 99 line is duplicative of the Local Bus No. 77 line and the Express BusLink 107 and will be eliminated in order to reduce rider confusion and streamline services. To provide the same combined level of service as the current Local Bus No. 77 and Local Bus No. 99 lines, one additional trip per hour during peak periods will be added to the Local Bus No. 77 line to supplement the Express BusLink 107 between Old Court Metro Subway Station and University of Maryland Baltimore County (UMBC).

Rider Impact

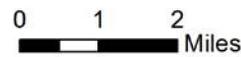
- Current Local Bus No. 99 line riders who board at the Old Court Metro Subway Station or at or south of Security Square will be able to utilize the new Express BusLink 107 for a faster trip to Catonsville, Community College of Baltimore County (CCBC) Catonsville, UMBC and BWI Airport. Riders who use the Express BusLink 107 will have to pay \$0.40 more than they do for the Local Bus No. 99 line.
- Current Local Bus No. 99 line riders who board between the Old Court Metro Subway Station and Security Square (on Old Court Road, Liberty Road, Milford Mill Road, Rolling Road, Windsor Mill Road, Lord Baltimore Drive or Windsor Boulevard) will have to either use the Local Bus No. 77 line or transfer to the Local Bus No. 77 line at UMBC, CCBC Catonsville, Catonsville, Security Square, or the Old Court Metro Subway station.

Eliminated MTA 99; Enhanced MTA 77 *Proposed*



Legend

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| ○ Rail Station | --- MARC | — Current MTA Core Bus System |
| ■ ■ ■ Eliminated 99 | == Light RailLink | |
| — Enhanced 77 | — Metro SubwayLink | |
| — Proposed Express BusLink 107 | | |



Please download a Statement Form to submit written testimony to be included in the public hearing records for these proposals.

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