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The Greater Washington Partnership Urges Elected Leaders to Align Behind Strategy to Rethink the Bus

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Washington, D.C.—Jason Miller, CEO of the Greater Washington Partnership, today issued the following statement in response to the release of the Washington Area Bus Transformation Project recommendations:

“The region’s transportation system is woefully underperforming and not meeting residents’ needs. Without a well-performing bus network, we will never achieve a well-performing transportation system. Solutions to improve the bus are rarely considered, in part because today bus service tends to be slow and unreliable, with double-digit declines in ridership, resulting in dissatisfied users and a growing burden on municipal budgets. But that is because we are not prioritizing the bus and its potential—it is time to rethink the bus.

“The Greater Washington Partnership is committed to a future where buses are the most convenient, reliable, and efficient vehicles on the road. The Capital Region of Baltimore, Washington and Richmond has the building blocks of a well-performing bus system, and with the Bus Transformation Projects’ strategies and recommendations, the Washington area now has a roadmap for how we should all work together to take our buses to the next level.

“We endorse many of the recommended actions in the Bus Transformation Project. Several of them were included in our 2018 [Blueprint for Regional Mobility](#) and [Rethinking the Bus](#) issue brief. We called for action to make space for the bus on congested corridors, initiate faster boarding, design a unified digital payment and schedule platform and create a regional coordinating entity to ensure seamless implementation of these strategies. Now is the time to roll up our sleeves and make sure the transformative actions included in the plan are executed. Let’s get to work!”

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