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# More than 40 Additional Major Baltimore Region Employers Join Effort to Transform Baltimore's Transit Future

Clark Construction, Exelon Corporation, JPMorgan Chase, National Aquarium, PNC Bank, University of Maryland Medical System, Whiting-Turner Contracting Company, and others join more than 65 Businesses, Civic, and Non-Profit Organizations as part of Baltimore's Transit Future campaign

**BALTIMORE** – Today, the Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC) and the Greater Washington Partnership (the Partnership) announced 41 new supporters of the Baltimore's Transit Future campaign launched in June to build support among leaders in the Baltimore region to deliver a transformed transit system to better serve existing riders and successfully compete in the global economy. Supporters announced today include: Clark Construction, Exelon Corporation, JPMorgan Chase, National Aquarium, PNC Bank, University of Maryland Medical System, and Whiting-Turner Contracting Company.

Since its launch, the campaign has earned support from more than 65 Greater Baltimore businesses and institutions, praise from regional leaders including Baltimore <u>Mayor Brandon</u> <u>Scott</u> and <u>Baltimore County Executive Johnny Olszewski</u>, and business leaders have come together to share why Baltimore's Transit Future is not just a <u>business imperative</u>, but also, a <u>health equity imperative</u>.

The Baltimore's Transit Future campaign focuses on six goals:

- Address the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) repair backlog and operator shortage
- Establish frequent, reliable transit service to regional job centers
- Support regional coordination, decision making and funding
- Implement a 10-year rapid transit program
- Prioritize regional rail investment
- Catalyze equitable development at transit and rail stations

Together, GBC, the Partnership, and the Baltimore's Transit Future Team look forward to working with Governor-Elect Wes Moore, Lieutenant Governor-Elect Aruna Miller, Senate President Bill Ferguson, House Speaker Adrienne Jones, members of Maryland's





congressional delegation, state and local leaders to deliver results for Baltimore residents and businesses.

## WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

**Calvin G. Butler, President and Chief Operating Officer of Exelon and Chair of the GBC's Board:** "At the GBC, the business community is leaning into finding solutions to the problems that affect the Greater Baltimore region's competitiveness and viability. The lack of a high-quality transit system that people trust and rely on is one of the most pressing challenges we face as we look to grow an inclusive economy."

**Laura Gamble, Regional President, Greater Maryland Region, PNC Bank:** "As an employer throughout the Mid-Atlantic, a safe, efficient transportation system is essential to PNC. The local economy cannot continue to grow if we can't facilitate the efficient movement of people and goods throughout our heavily congested region. It is critical that we realize the potential -- and the promise-- of a brighter future for us all and that begins with our transportation system."

**Robert Moser, CEO of Clark Construction:** "Clark is proud to support Baltimore's Transit Future as we come together to deliver fast, affordable, and accessible public transportation that strengthens the economy, enhances regional connectivity, and creates jobs for the Baltimore community.

John Racanelli, President and CEO of the National Aquarium: "The Inner Harbor has been our home for over forty years. In that time, we have experienced significant transformation along the Baltimore waterfront, but less so for how people get to and from downtown. As the City plans to reimagine the Inner Harbor once again, quick and efficient public transportation, like the kind that many of our visitors and employees use daily, must be a part of that reimagining."

**Timothy J. Regan, President and CEO of the Whiting-Turner Contracting Company:** "Infrastructure is the thread that stitches our communities together. At Whiting Turner, we are proud to support Baltimore's Transit Future because of its ability to improve access and the lived experiences of currently underserved Baltimoreans."

Peter L. Scher, Vice Chairman of JPMorgan Chase & Co. and Chair of the Greater Washington Partnership's Board: "Baltimore's Transit Future supports the establishment of a collective vision for Baltimore City. Getting our transportation right is critical to the future growth of our region and reinforces the absolute need for long-term planning and collaboration between the public and private sector."

**Dr. Mohan Suntha, CEO of University of Maryland Medical System:** "At the University of Maryland Medical System, we are building upon our tradition of excellence in patient care





to lead the way on the transformation of healthcare. That is why we are joining the call for Baltimore's Transit Future. We need to transform the region's transportation and transit systems to unlock better, more reliable access to healthcare, jobs, and opportunities for our patients."

#### **Baltimore's Transit Future Team**

Abrams Foster Nole & Williams, P.A.*
AECOM*
Akin Gump
Anne Arundel Economic Development Corporatio
Ayers Saint Gross*
Ballard Spahr LLP
Baltimore City Chamber of Commerce
Baltimore Collegetown Network*
Baltimore Corps*
Baltimore County Chamber of Commerce
Baltimore-D.C. Metro Building Trades Council* Baltimore Development Corporation
Baltimore Homecoming*
Baltimore MARC Riders
Baltimore Ravens*
The BWI Business Partnership
Bithenergy*
Bithgroup Technologies*
CareFirst BlueCross BlueShield
Catalyte*
Catholic Charities Baltimore
Central Maryland Transportation Alliance
Clark Construction*
Community College of Baltimore County*
Constellation*
EcoMap*
Ellin & Tucker*
Exelon Corporation*
EY
First National Bank*
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Howard County Chamber of Commerce The Howard Hughes Corporation\* Johns Hopkins University & Medicine on JPMorgan Chase & Co.\* Kaiser Permanente\* Loyola University Maryland\* M&T Bank\* Mahogany Inc.\* McCormick\* MedStar Health Mercy Medical Center\* Merritt Companies\* Monumental Sports & Entertainment Morgan Stanley\* National Aquarium\* Northeast Maglev\* **PNC Bank\*** Policy Navigators\* RCM&D\* Red Cell St. John Properties\* Southway\* Stifel\* T. Rowe Price Tradepoint Atlantic\* **Transit Choices** Towson University\* **ULI** Baltimore University of Maryland Medical System\* Venable\* VHB Whiting-Turner\* WSP

\*New supporters





#### About the Greater Washington Partnership

The Greater Washington Partnership is a first-of-its-kind civic alliance of CEOs in the Capital Region, drawing from the leading public, private, and nonprofit organizations committed to making the region from Baltimore to Richmond one of the world's best places to live, work and build a business. Working in collaboration with leaders across our communities, the Partnership connects and leverages the region's extraordinary assets to catalyze inclusive, actionable solutions that strengthen the Capital Region as a leading global center for commerce, innovation, and shared prosperity.

### About the Greater Baltimore Committee

The Greater Baltimore Committee (GBC) is a regional organization of business and civic leaders that includes businesses, nonprofit organizations and educational and civic institutions. It is the leading voice for the private sector in the Baltimore region on issues relating to equitable economic growth, racial inclusion, job creation, workforce development, transportation, the business climate and quality of life. The GBC markets the region's economic assets and opportunities and promotes to a national audience Greater Baltimore as a world-class market in which to do business, live, learn and invest. The GBC's membership includes more than 500-member organizations, including large, mid-size and small companies, nonprofits, foundations and educational and healthcare institutions in the Greater Baltimore region.