



BALTIMORE'S TRANSIT FUTURE

Joint statement from the Greater Washington Partnership's Kathy Hollinger (CEO) and the Greater Baltimore Committee's Mark Anthony Thomas (CEO):

The Greater Baltimore Committee and Greater Washington Partnership commend the Maryland General Assembly and the Moore-Miller administration for taking decisive action to advance a world-class, 21st-century transit system that Greater Baltimore needs to compete and foster inclusive growth.

Last summer, a group of business, institutional, and advocacy leaders came together to announce our shared commitment to addressing the transportation and transit challenges that have held back the region's economic growth and vitality for decades. Since then, more than 65 regional leaders have joined the effort behind a [six-pillar strategy](#) for a world-class transit system for Greater Baltimore to achieve the following priorities:

- 1: Bring MDOT MTA into Good Repair & Overcome Staffing Shortages.
- 2: Establish Frequent, Reliable Transit Service to Regional Job Centers.
- 3: Enhance Regional Coordination, Decision Making, and Funding.
- 4: Execute a 10-Year Rapid Transit Expansion Program.
- 5: Deliver the Benefits of Regional Rail Investments.
- 6: Spur Equitable Development along Transit and Rail Corridors.

As the 2023 Maryland General Assembly session closed on Monday, April 10, we want to say thank you to our elected leaders for advancing legislation that will help Maryland build the world-class transit system envisioned by Baltimore's Transit Future campaign.

This session, the General Assembly advanced regional governance and funding reform (Strategy 3 via [HB0794](#)), positioned Baltimore for a historic expansion of its transit system (Strategy 4, via up to \$200m set aside in the budget for transportation projects), accelerated equitable development around transit and rail stations (Strategy 6 via [HB0012](#)), removed MTA's requirement to increase fares ([HB0673/SB0617](#)) and prioritized transit and regional rail funding (Strategies 1, 2, & 5 via [SB0024](#)) by forming the Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs.

We applaud the Maryland General Assembly leadership, the Moore-Miller administration, and the sponsors of these key bills including Senators Augustine, Hettleman, McCray, and Washington, and Delegates Bridges, Edelson, Jazz Lewis, Korman, and all the legislators, business leaders, institutions, and residents who supported taking decisive action to advance the transit system for Greater Baltimore.

This is only the beginning. The Greater Baltimore Committee and Greater Washington Partnership stand united behind Baltimore's Transit Future and the goal to advance a world class, 21st-century transit system for Greater Baltimore.

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ABOUT THE GREATER WASHINGTON PARTNERSHIP

Greater Washington Partnership is the first-of-its-kind nonprofit alliance of the region's most influential CEOs from leading employers across industry sectors in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC – all committed to championing the region's economic growth and vibrancy. Together, we leverage our collective experiences, resources and assets to identify shared challenges and offer real solutions to the region's most critical issues including skills and talent, regional mobility, infrastructure and inclusive growth. Our goal is to ensure the entire region, from Baltimore to Richmond, remains vibrant, economically competitive, prosperous for all and is the best place to live, work and build a business.

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 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. For more information, visit gbc.org.