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MTA's multi-billion-dollar economic impact unveiled in Greater Washington Partnership report

New analysis reveals Maryland Transit Administration's \$2.7 billion annual economic output and direct, indirect and induced support for nearly 10,000 jobs statewide on average

Annapolis, Md., January 28, 2025 – Greater Washington Partnership (the Partnership), in collaboration with EY, today released a report analyzing the economic ripple effects of the Maryland Transit Administration's (MTA) capital and operating expenditures. Titled, "[The Economic Impact of the Maryland Transportation Administration's Capital and Operating Expenditures](#)," the report highlights the agency's significant combined direct, indirect and induced impact on jobs and economic output across the state.

Based on MTA's FY2020-2024 average annual capital expenditures and FY24 operating expenditures, the report reveals that during a typical year the agency supports \$2.7 billion in total economic output, \$1.7 billion in total GDP, \$930 million in total labor income and 9,660 total jobs statewide. This data is also broken out across three regions within the state.

Unveiled to state policymakers at a January 22 Partnership-hosted reception in Annapolis joined by Maryland Governor Wes Moore, Secretary of Transportation Paul Wiedefeld and MTA Administrator Holly Arnold, the study is a tool to inform a holistic analysis of the impact of transit investments – not just for riders, but for the broader economy.

"This report affirms a simple but powerful idea our constituents know through lived experience — you cannot have economic mobility without physical mobility," said **Governor Wes Moore**. "In order to create jobs and build communities that are thriving and winning, we need to move in partnership to invest in transit. The Moore-Miller administration's vision for transit is just one piece of our broader mission to invest in transportation that keeps people safe and grows the economy."

"The Maryland Transit Administration is more than just a transportation provider—it's an economic engine," said **Kathy Hollinger, CEO of Greater Washington Partnership**. "By delivering critical services, supporting businesses and creating jobs, MTA is at the center of efforts to build a thriving, connected Maryland. This report provides policymakers with the data they need to support sustainable investments in our transit infrastructure."

Key findings from the report:

- Over the past five years (FY20-FY24), MTA's annual capital expenditures averaged \$580 million, with 71% (\$410 million) spent within Maryland. This spending supported



\$610 million in economic output and created 2,920 average jobs over the five-year period.

- In FY24, MTA's direct operating expenditure totaled \$1.1 billion, with 81% (\$920 million) spent locally. These funds supported \$2 billion in economic output and helped create 6,130 jobs statewide.

From creating jobs to generating business for local suppliers, MTA's procurement and operations deliver broad benefits to communities throughout the state.

"We are committed to creating data-driven tools to support development of solutions on transportation and other investments that foster economic growth," added **Hollinger**. "We thank our partners at EY and in the Moore-Miller Administration for being part of this effort to make our region more competitive and prosperous."

[Read the full report here.](#)

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Greater Washington Partnership is the first-of-its-kind nonprofit alliance of the region's most influential and leading employers across industry sectors in Maryland, Virginia and Washington, D.C. – 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. Learn more about the Partnership at greaterwashingtonpartnership.com.

