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DIRECTOR'S CORNER

What an exciting Fall the team has had! We have attended more than 30 community events along the west-east transit corridor to share information about the Baltimore Red Line and to promote a series of Open House meetings that we hosted in late October. Through these 'pop up' events, we engaged with more than 750 people who could be future riders of the Red Line.

In late October the project team hosted five Open House meetings to gather community feedback. More than 375 people attended these meetings and we've gathered more than 250 online and written comments to help inform the project team.

This winter we look forward to staying engaged via our website, email, social media, and community meetings. When the warmer weather returns, we will be back out at community events.

To keep updated on where to catch us through the end of 2024, check out the Staying Engaged (<u>redlinemaryland.com/staying-engaged/</u>) section of the website and our social media channels.

If there are community meetings, events or other happenings that you'd like us to be part of, please email <u>outreach@redlinemaryland.com</u>.

Thank you for your active engagement this year. Stay tuned for more to come in 2025!









Community Advisory Team (CAT) Update

The CAT held their third meeting in mid-October. We appreciate the wide range of perspectives that this group of community representatives has brought to the Red Line, which helps promote the flow of information and ideas.

Many of our community events, meeting locations, and other communication and outreach methods were recommended by CAT members to help us meaningfully engage with communities along the Red Line corridor. The CAT also got a preview of the Open House materials before our public meetings kicked off and had the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback and guidance on the information presented. You can learn more about CAT members and read summaries of previous meetings at **redlinemaryland.com/cat/**.

We look forward to continued partnership with this important advisory group.



In the Community



In addition to the important work of planning and designing the Red Line and engaging with communities along the corridor, several project team members have been sharing project information and successes at several industry events held in October.

At left, Red Line Deputy Director Erica Rigby, PE, had the opportunity to represent and share information about the Red Line at the 2024 annual National Organization of Minority Architects (NOMA) Conference, hosted in Baltimore.

At right, Red Line Deputy Chief Program Engineer Taurean Blake, PMP, ENV SP participated in a career fair at Morgan State University and had the pleasure of speaking with students about careers in engineering and his work with the Red Line.





At left, Red Line internship program alum and MTA Transit Officer Anton Christian had a chance to share successes from the Red Line High School Internship Program at the Mpact Transit + Community conference in Philadelphia.



People of the Baltimore Red Line



Meet Martha Gross

Martha is the Executive Director of Transit Development and Delivery and oversees the project teams managing the Purple Line, Red

Line, and other megaprojects at the MTA. A Baltimore resident, she has also assumed interim oversight of the Red Line project as the agency conducts a search for a future Project Director. Before joining MTA in 2024, Martha previously held senior roles in the development, procurement, and delivery of over \$10 billion of transportation infrastructure projects throughout the United States. Read more at mta.maryland.gov/articles/447.



Meet Matthew Hendrickson

Matt is the Community Engagement Manager for the Red Line. He started his transportation planning career in New Orleans working directly with

transit riders to advocate and take action to improve the regional transit system. Matt moved to Baltimore in 2019 to become the Lead Bike Planner for the Baltimore City Department of Transportation where he led the expansion of the City's bike network, managed projects for the Greenway Trails Network, and implemented the city's 25-miles of Baltimore Slow Streets, providing safer access across neighborhoods to parks and green space. Most recently, he worked at the District Department of Transportation (DDOT) for the Bus Priority program, designing and constructing dedicated bus lanes. Read more at redlinemaryland.com/project-team.



The Greater Baltimore Committee and the Greater Washington Partnership recently released a report from Ernst & Young titled "The Case for East-West Transit Investment in Baltimore: The Economic Development Potential of the Red Line." This document outlines the potential benefits of the Red Line, including up to \$19 billion in new economic activity from construction and operations, and an additional \$12.4 billion from Transit-Oriented Development (TOD) along the corridor. To see the full report, visit greaterwashingtonpartnership.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/The-Case-for-East-West-Transit-Investment-in-Baltimore-The-Economic-Development-Potential-of-the-Red-Line.pdf





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