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## PUBLIC MEETINGS ON RED LINE PROJECT SCHEDULED TO GATHER COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

*Open House Format Provides Opportunity for Direct Engagement with Riders, Local Businesses and Other Stakeholders* 

**BALTIMORE, MD (July 24, 2023)** – The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration will host a series of open house meetings from July 26 to August 1 to engage the public on the relaunched Red Line project in Baltimore and gather neighborhood feedback as the project advances. The meetings will outline key project considerations and share options for transit mode – bus rapid transit and light rail transit – as well as tunneling considerations, potential alignment and environmental documentation updates.

The Red Line has been shaped by more than a decade of study, engineering, environmental analysis and community participation. Governor Wes Moore's relaunch of the Red Line, announced in June, will build upon the technical work and community engagement conducted prior to the 2015 cancellation of the project, as well as the recent work completed under the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan East-West Corridor Study in 2021 and 2022.

"Governor Moore's revival of the Red Line has been greeted with strong support from the community as well as city, county and federal leaders," said Maryland Transportation Secretary Paul J. Wiedefeld. "We know that support relies on our commitment to ongoing and meaningful interaction with communities along the project corridor during every stage of the process, and these public meetings are an important step."

"The Red Line is a critical project that will address a major gap in east-west transit service," said Maryland Transit Administrator Holly Arnold. "We're committed to proactively engaging with transit riders, communities, businesses and other stakeholders to listen to their ideas."

The open houses will take place at five venues along the project corridor:

- Wednesday, July 26, 4-6 p.m., Harcum Hall at St. Bernardine Church, 614 Mt. Holly St., Baltimore. *Transit Accessible: CityLink Blue, LocalLink 77, 78.*
- Thursday, July 27, 3-7 p.m., Baltimore War Memorial, 101 N. Gay St., Baltimore. *Transit Accessible: CityLink Blue, Orange, Purple; LocalLink* 67, 76, 78, 80, 105, 150, 160; Commuter Buses 210, 215, 310, 420.

- Saturday, July 29, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., University of Maryland Biopark, 801 W. Baltimore St., Baltimore. *Transit Accessible: CityLink Orange, Purple; LocalLink* 78.
- Monday, July 31, 3-7 p.m., Woodlawn High School, 1801 Woodlawn Dr., Baltimore. *Transit Accessible: CityLink Blue, LocalLink 31, 37, 79.*
- Tuesday, August 1, 3-7 p.m., Hampstead Hill Academy, 500 S. Linwood Ave., Baltimore. *Transit Accessible: CityLink Navy*.

The same information will be presented at each meeting and a recorded overview of Red Line display materials will be made available on the <u>project website</u>.

To learn more about the Red Line, visit <u>redlinemaryland.com</u>, stay connected to the project and other Red Line advocates by following us on <u>Facebook</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.

The Maryland Transit Administration is one of the largest multi-modal transit systems in the United States, operating Local Bus service, Commuter Bus, Light Rail, Metro Subway, MARC Train Service and a comprehensive Mobility paratransit system. The agency's goal is to provide safe, efficient and reliable transit across Maryland with world-class customer service. To learn more, visit

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