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Our progress to date on the Red Line project has been significant, and we've set ambitious goals for 2025. As we continue to advance engineering development, engage future riders, address community concerns, work with our legislative partners, and collaborate with community organizations and leadership, we are filled with anticipation and excitement for what the future holds for the Red Line.

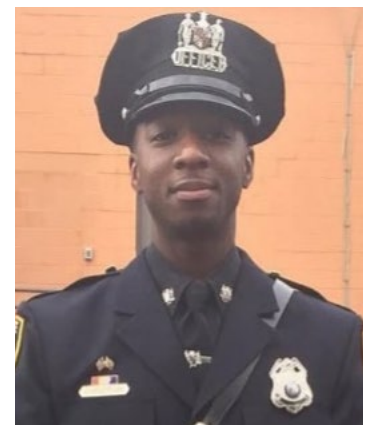
The Red Line staff continues to advance the project in its planning and analysis phase. This year, we're looking to relaunch our community compact, share additional service benefits, and, most importantly, unveil the service's locally preferred alignment (or route). The team also has created a new blog and video series to support their outreach and engagement efforts.

Although spring may still be weeks away, tangible signs of project development are already blossoming along the corridor. You may have seen large white chevrons on your local sidewalks: these markers enable our aerial survey mapping efforts, an important step toward establishing baselines for engineering design. Soon we will mobilize our field subsurface investigations to take a closer look at soil conditions along the route. Stay tuned for next steps!

Thank you all for your continued dedication to and advocacy for the Baltimore Red Line. Your involvement and feedback are not just appreciated, but invaluable to us. We recognize and appreciate the time and effort you put into supporting this project, and we couldn't do it without you.

People of the Baltimore Red Line

The Baltimore Red Line team is excited to announce a new video series called People of the Red Line (youtu.be/fN5Pokb-Fyg). This series is a collection of stories highlighting community members, institutions, and businesses along the Red Line corridor. Our first video highlights the journey of MTA Police Officer Anton Christian. As a high school student at Edmondson-Westside High School, he joined the Red Line High School Internship Program in 2009, participated as an intern leader in 2010, and received an award for his work in the program. "Now, as a police officer, seeing what the Red Line will do for the community, I'm ready for it to get on." Officer Christian said. "I'm ready for us to cut the ribbon. And I just want my son to see something different. He's six right now, and to me, him traveling throughout the city through the Red Line would be real beneficial, it'd be something that he and his peers can see as they grow. The Red Line will be their history as they grow. Something that they can pass on."



*MTA Police Officer and former
Red Line intern Anton Christian*

Community Advisory Team (CAT) Update

The CAT held its 4th meeting, the first of 2025, at the end of January. The team received a summary of the 2024 outreach and discussed options and ideas for future outreach opportunities and locations. A presentation was given to the group on other projects along the corridor, their status, and how they intersect with the Red Line. These projects include the West Baltimore MARC station/Frederick Douglass Tunnel, West Baltimore United, West Baltimore Transit-Oriented Development (TOD), East Baltimore County Access Study, East-West Raise, Greenway Trail Project, and Downtown RISE. Lastly, the team discussed the new approach to the Red Line Community Compact, its goals and strategies, and how the CAT can get involved in the revived initiative.

In the Community

Red Line Teammate Presents Communication Tactics for Next Generation Transit Leaders

Acting Deputy Director for Communications Jerome Horne recently presented at the Transportation Research Board conference in DC. He talked about effectively communicating complex topics to a broad audience while inspiring the next generation of transportation industry leaders.



Jerome Horne speaking at TRB

Meet your Red Line Ambassadors

Did you know that the Red Line has ambassadors? Each segment of the Red Line has its own community, identity and ambassador. They are liaisons between the project team and the community. They include Doris Duren of Baltimore County, Jarren Williams of West Baltimore, Rochelle Carpenter of Downtown, and Marco V. Ávila, P.E. of Southeast Baltimore. Each play a crucial role in helping the project team better understand community character, context, priorities, concerns, and topics that excite community members about the Red Line. Their role is vital in ensuring that the project aligns with the needs and aspirations of the communities they serve. A new blog about our ambassadors will be published next week. To learn more about the Red Line and our Ambassadors visit our website at [redlinemaryland.com](https://www.redlinemaryland.com).



Red Line Ambassadors Marco V. Ávila, P.E., Rochelle Carpenter, Doris Duren, and Jarren Williams



Did You Know?

Black leadership, innovation, and activism transformed modern transportation. We've highlighted a few individuals who have made significant contributions below:



Referred to as the 'Black Edison' with more than 50 patents, Granville T. Woods made significant contributions to the development of the streetcar in the late 1880s. Some have said his work made the New York Subway system possible.

His inventions include the creation of a third rail via a contact shoe for subway trains to be powered underground, creating a Synchronous Multiplex Railway Telegraph, and improved train control and braking mechanisms.

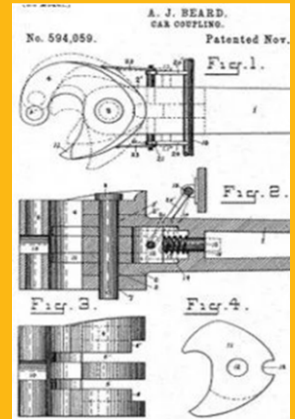


In 1923, Garrett Augustus Morgan, Sr. patented the first automatic three-way traffic signal system. The U.S. Federal Highway Administration said his technology was "the basis for the

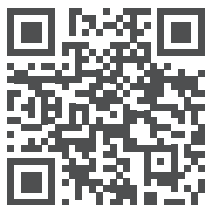
modern-day traffic signal and was a significant contribution to the development of what we now know as Intelligent Transportation Systems."



A formerly enslaved person, Andrew Beard created the first automatic railroad coupler, linking multiple train cars. This mechanism was made mandatory on all trains through the Safety Appliance Act of 1893, signed by the 23rd U.S. President Benjamin Harrison.



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