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Director's Corner

Director Caitlin Tobin

I've spent the past few months diving into my new role with the Baltimore Red Line team, and I am excited about the progress we are making to implement the Red Line. This past month, I proudly joined the No Boundaries Coalition of Central West Baltimore for their monthly meeting and welcomed early feedback from the Community Advisory Team (CAT) on our Community Compact goals and land use planning efforts.

On May 10, our team joined the celebration of Baltimore's public works professionals at Big Truck Day. Public works professionals are the backbone of day-to-day services that contribute to our quality of life, and are at the core of transformative projects like the Red Line. And speaking of our public works professionals, the Red Line anticipates generating up to \$19 billion (greaterwashingtonpartnership.com/publications/economic-development-potential-of-the-baltimore-red-line) in economic activity related to construction and operations.

We are thinking of our Red Line neighbors who were impacted by the mattress warehouse fire in West Baltimore last month. Every step we take is guided by the voices, needs, and the well-being of our neighbors. In this difficult time, please know we are holding those impacted in our thoughts. We remain dedicated to standing with you and supporting your community.

Finally, I am looking forward to welcoming and working with our next class of high school interns this summer. Last year's program with Edmondson-Westside High School was an immense success and we are excited to expand and include students from Woodlawn High School and Patterson High School as well as continue our partnership with Morgan State University.

In the Community

Red Line High School Internship Program Expands in 2025

The Red Line High School Internship Program returns this summer with expanded participation of students from Patterson and Woodlawn High Schools, in addition to Edmondson-Westside High School. After a competitive application and interview process, nine high school students—three from each school—were selected to participate in the six-week paid internship program, running from June 23 to August 1. Throughout the program, interns will learn about the Red Line Project, its potential to improve transportation access across Baltimore, and how it will impact their communities. They'll also explore careers in transportation through field visits, hands-on activities, professional development workshops, and complete a final capstone project.



Supporting this year's expanded program are two Red Line College Interns, Tony Graham II and Bradley Brown, both Civil Engineering students at Morgan State University. With strong academic backgrounds, real-world experience, and a shared commitment to sustainable infrastructure, Tony and Bradley will play a crucial role in mentoring the high school interns and supporting day-to-day program coordination. Stay tuned for next month's issue to meet the whole team!

"Future Red Line Riders" Experience the Joy of Light Rail on Camden Yards Trip



On May 15, one of our community ambassadors tagged along with Mount Royal Elementary School's third-grade class on a field trip to Camden Yards. Instead of renting buses to make their trip, the class took the Light Rail.

Once the proposed Red Line is complete, students, educators, and other community members will have better access to public recreation and amenities like Camden Yards.

Donned in Orioles merchandise, these excited future Red Line riders walked the short distance to the

Mount Royal/MICA Light Rail stop, where they were met by Red Line Ambassador Program Lead Rochelle Carpenter. Carpenter, also a Mount Royal mom, instructed the students on how to use the Light Rail and the importance of safety, such as waiting behind the yellow, bumpy pavers that line the edge of the platform. Once onboard, the students took in the views of their city on the ride, which took less than 20 minutes. Once the class arrived at their stop, it was a short walk to Camden Yards. Accompanying the riders was Mount Royal Elementary teacher Taylor Merryweather, who was also taking her first ride on the Light Rail and said she was open to taking it again in the future for her commute to work.

"[I would] definitely save on gas, and honestly, there's a stop by my house, so I could probably go to work from here too." Mrs. Merryweather said the Light Rail was easy and affordable for her class to use. "This was great."

Meet Ambassador Rochelle Carpenter



*Rochelle Carpenter,
Downtown Baltimore
segment ambassador*

Did you know that the Red Line has ambassadors? Each segment of the Red Line has its own unique community, identity, and ambassador. Red Line ambassadors serve as liaisons between the project team and the community. Rochelle Carpenter is the ambassador for the Downtown Baltimore segment, which runs from North Schroeder Street to Albemarle Street. She has been working in transportation planning, policy, and outreach for 17 years. Her focus has been on improving safety and access for people walking, bicycling, and taking public transportation.

She's also focused on developing federal, state, and local transportation policies that increase transportation choices. In her role as a Red Line Ambassador, Carpenter engages with community members who are not typically involved in transportation planning, using innovative methods such as interactive activities, creative placemaking and placekeeping, pop-ups, and meeting community members where they are, inspiring participation through creativity. The ambassador role is vital in ensuring that the project aligns with the needs and aspirations of the communities they serve. If you have questions about the Red Line in the Downtown Baltimore segment, you can contact Rochelle at mcarpenter1@mdot.maryland.gov.

Check Out Our Newest Blog about Combining Transit and Bicycling

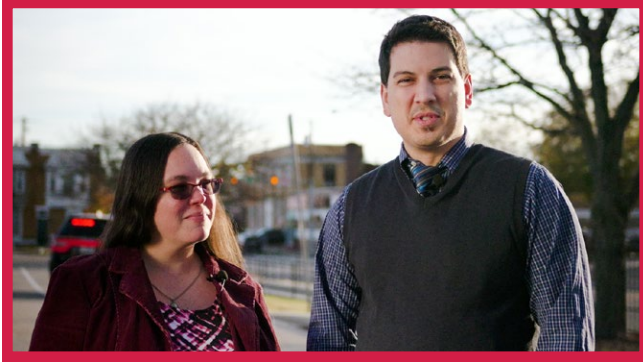
We recently posted a blog on the Red Line website about Bike to Work Day and the benefits of combining your transit ride with a bike ride. It's a flexible and energizing way to start your day—and it can give your morning routine a significant boost. Whether it's a quick ride to the train station or a last-mile solution from the bus stop, blending bike trips with transit offers flexibility, health benefits, and a lower carbon footprint!

Just a short ride to or from a transit stop can have lasting benefits. According to the National Institutes of Health (NIH), regular cycling is linked to a longer life, better cardiovascular health, a lower risk of type 2 diabetes, and improved mental well-being. You don't have to go far to see results—just half a mile can make a difference. Regular cycling is linked to a longer life, better cardiovascular health, a lower risk of type 2 diabetes, and improved mental well-being. Read the full blog on our website (redlinemaryland.com/blog/2025/05/15/national-bike-to-work-day) to learn more about combining your transit ride with biking.



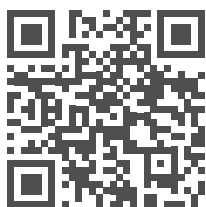
People of the Baltimore Red Line

Visit our YouTube Channel to check out recent videos in this series, including interviews with Pastor Mark Parker and a couple of parents, Adam and Rena Kaufman: youtube.com/@RedLineMaryland. And stay tuned to our YouTube channel for new video releases each month!



Did You Know?

The proposed Red Line could shorten your commute and improve access to local jobs. A 2024 study from Johns Hopkins University (engineering.jhu.edu/news/report-red-line-will-increase-job-access-in-baltimore) found that some community members in Baltimore could shorten their commute by seven to 21 minutes. According to the same study, the average Baltimore driver lost 44 hours in traffic in 2022, costing the city an estimated \$905 million in lost productivity. In addition to time savings, choosing transit over a personal vehicle can save a family more than \$12,000 per year on gas, maintenance, and wear and tear. The American Public Transportation Association's (APTA) most recent Transit Savings report (apta.com/research-technical-resources/research-reports/transit-savings-report) shows that individuals who ride on public transportation instead of driving can save more than \$13,000 a year, or \$1,100 a month, because of significant increases in auto costs and gasoline prices. For reference, a 31-day MTA fare pass for core service currently costs \$77 or \$924 annually.



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