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### Director's Corner

It was a jam-packed summer that passed in the blink of an eye, especially for the eight high school and two college interns who participated in the Red Line High School Internship program. They worked on several projects, including reimagining our public-facing materials and current social media content to be more appealing to youth and easier to understand by everyone. The program also included giving the interns exposure to the vast expertise and work being advanced at the MTA.

We also held our sixth Community Advisory Team (CAT) meeting in July, which focused on economic and community development along the corridor. This meeting included updates from Baltimore City Deputy Mayor Justin Williams and Baltimore County Planning Director Steve Lafferty regarding the early planning along the corridor that the City and County are conducting to support the project. Our CAT members analyzed the early land use and TOD planning led by the Red Line team and guided the planning for a future corridor tour with community leaders. This land use and TOD planning will be key inputs for Station Area planning, which we anticipate will start next year.



## People of the Baltimore Red Line

We spoke with Mark Anthony Thomas, the President & CEO of the Greater Baltimore Committee, an organization representing more than 400 private sector companies working together to foster prosperity in the Baltimore region. Mark is originally from Atlanta but now calls Baltimore his home. He is outspoken about his passion for transit and the Red Line. He was featured in an editorial published by the Baltimore Banner about how the Red Line will spur critical economic growth.



**"We need to make long-term generational investments that put Baltimore as a city and a region on a path to be one of the growth markets in this country."**

*—Mark Anthony Thomas*

To hear more from Mark and others who are passionate about improving Baltimore's transportation, visit our YouTube Channel: [bit.ly/PeopleOfTheRedLine](https://bit.ly/PeopleOfTheRedLine). We release new videos from the People of the Baltimore Red Line series every month, so follow us on socials and YouTube for the latest.

## Community Advisory Team (CAT) Update

The CAT held their most recent meeting on July 16. The main areas of focus for the meeting were:

- An overview of project status from Director Caitlin Tobin
- Presentations from Baltimore City Deputy Mayor Justin Williams and Baltimore County Planning Director Steve Lafferty, who are MTA's partners in economic and community development
- Discussions of the Red Line's approach to neighborhood enhancement and preservation

A highlight of the CAT meeting was introducing the Red Line High School interns to CAT members and working together on identifying key neighborhood investments and opportunities along the Red Line corridor. This CAT meeting reflected MTA's commitment to inclusive planning and neighborhood investment. It also reinforced the importance of the Red Line in delivering connectivity, revitalization, and lasting benefits to Baltimore communities and fostering a shared understanding of the Red Line's transformative potential.





## In the Community

### 2025 Red Line Summer Internship Program

This summer, Red Line interns participated in six powerful weeks of learning, creating, and exploring Baltimore's transit system. The Red Line High School Internship Program included students from Edmondson-Westside, Patterson, and Woodlawn High Schools. Chosen from more than 40 applicants, this year's



*2025 Red Line interns, MTA staff and past program alumni who participated in the program 15+ years ago.*

internship class also included two college interns, Tony Graham II and Bradley Brown, both Civil Engineering students at Morgan State University. The high school interns who participated this year are Amiyah, De'Marcus, Eric, J'Da, Kenneth, La'Mya, Nolan, and Sofiat. The internship program connects students to educational and career opportunities. It's a way to engage with Red Line community members and involve those who will ultimately benefit from the Red Line transit service. We enjoyed working with every student who participated this year, and we hope that the program will help them achieve their academic and professional goals.

### Community Back To School Event

This month, the community came together to help students prepare for a successful year of school at Mayor Scott's 2025 Back to School event. Red Line staff attended to relay information about the project to students and caregivers. Red Line Lead Ambassador Rochelle Carpenter engaged with 140 community members about the project and joined staff from MTA's Office of Communications and Marketing and the Office of Planning and Programming in distributing school supplies to students.



### Corridor Business Outreach

Since June, Red Line Ambassadors have visited more than 45 local businesses along the project corridor. Business owners and managers have shared their questions and comments on the project. These interactions give community members a direct point of contact with the Red Line team and provide invaluable feedback as MTA plans the project.

If you are a business owner along the project corridor who would like to connect with the Red Line, please reach out to Rochelle Carpenter, Lead Ambassador, at [mcarpenter1@mdot.state.md.us](mailto:mcarpenter1@mdot.state.md.us) to schedule a conversation.



## Did You Know?

### *What you need to know about noise*

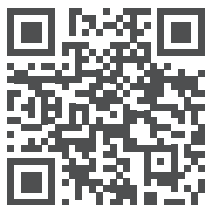
Several community members have asked about the noise and vibrations associated with the Red Line project. As part of the comprehensive environmental studies required for the Red Line project, noise impacts, as well as potential actions, will be evaluated and shared through a formal public hearing process. This process is anticipated for next year.

### *How loud will the Red Line be?*

Community members can expect the Red Line vehicles to be similar noise levels to the moving light rail vehicles on MTA's Central Light Rail Line.

### *What about construction-related noise?*

Noise levels can vary depending on the construction activity. The project will limit disruption noise impacts have on the community with solutions tailored to the specific type of work. This can include restricting construction activities to a specific part of the day, or installing construction noise barriers. We look forward to further developing these measure in consultation with the community.



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