

Community Advisory Team (CAT)

Meeting Summary

Date: July 16, 2025

Time: 6:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Location: 4 MLK Jr Blvd Baltimore, MD 21201 (UMB BioPark)



Red Line Attendees

MTA/Partner Agency Leadership	Red Line Team
Caitlin Tobin , Red Line Senior Project Director Jerome Horne , Red Line Deputy Director for Communications and Engagement Justin Williams Deputy Mayor for Economic and Community Development, City of Baltimore Steve Lafferty Planning Director, Baltimore County	Andrew Bing Anthony Brown Doris Duren (Ambassador) Jerome Horne Marty Baker Marco Avila (Ambassador) Minahil Mehdi Yolanda Takesian

CAT Attendees		
1. Bernard K Sims 2. Carolyn A. Meyers 3. Cynthia Shaw 4. Derek Moore 5. Carolyn Myers 6. Ginger Hanson	7. Glenn Smith 8. Greg Dewey 9. Howard V. Hughes 10. Janet Allen 11. Jamie DeAntonis 12. Lucia Islas	13. Melanie Scheirer 14. Nadine Ngouabe 15. Ryan Dowdell 16. Sonia Eaddy 17. Shantel Mason 18. Timothy Bridges



Agenda

1. Welcome and Recap

- Andrew Bing, CAT facilitator, started the meeting and reviewed the agenda.
- Andrew provided a recap of the April 2025 CAT meeting, which focused on:
 - Reviewing progress on the Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (SEIS)
 - Discussing MTA's role in station area planning
 - Continuing the Community Compact refresh process
- New CAT members and high school summer interns were welcomed.
 - Interns from Woodlawn, Patterson, and Edmondson High Schools introduced themselves to the CAT members.
 - The Red Line interns participated in a six-week paid internship focused on Red Line communications, planning, and design.

2. Greater Baltimore Committee President Mark Anthony Thomas featured as part of the "People of the Red Line Series"

- In this video, Mark Anthony Thomas described how the Red Line will be a transformative, generational investment for the Baltimore Region. The Red Line is anticipated to generate up to \$19 billion in economic return on

investment. Watch the video here: <https://youtu.be/SbKiYQBBno8?si=Obwz7rKKqyBnYEDO>

3. Project Director's Update

- Caitlin Tobin, Red Line Senior Project Director, welcomed Baltimore County Planning Director Steve Lafferty and City of Baltimore Deputy Mayor for Economic and Community Development Justin Williams.
- Caitlin's opening remarks focused on:
 - Sharing the Red Line's funding outlook, with an emphasis on collaboration with economic development partners.
 - Announcing the Red Line Station Area Preservation and Investment Tour scheduled for Fall 2025
 - Inviting CAT members to identify key places and priorities in their communities for the tour.

4. MTA's Partners in Economic and Community Development

- MTA highlighted partnerships with Baltimore City and Baltimore County to align Red Line planning with broader revitalization efforts.
- Baltimore County Planning Director, Steve Lafferty, discussed initiatives including:
 - Security Square Redevelopment
 - Woodlawn Village Enhancements
 - Zoning Reforms
 - Attainable Housing
 - West Baltimore County Redevelopment Authority
- Baltimore City Deputy Mayor Justin Williams discussed the major development projects and policies that the city is advancing to support the Red Line corridor, including:
 - Zoning Reforms
 - Vacant Housing Initiative
 - Harborplace/Downtown RISE
 - Edmondson Village/Uplands
 - Perkins Somerset Oldtown

5. Planning for the Red Line Preservation and Enhancement Tour

- Yolanda Takesien provided an overview of the Red Line Preservation and Enhancement Tour. The tour will give CAT members a complete picture of the value and potential of the Red Line investment for the people and places being connected. CAT members were organized into station area clusters with interns and City/County representatives to:
 - Review access, transportation, and economic activity maps
 - Identify key destinations, development opportunities, and community priorities
 - Suggest tour stops for the September corridor tour
- Each breakout group was organized by cluster area, which included:
 - Access and transportation network maps
 - Jobs and economic activity data
 - Demographic and housing statistics
 - Community risk and development indicators
- Breakout group participants were encouraged to mark maps with:
 1. Purple circles for places of cultural, historical, or community value
 2. Green circles for areas of change or opportunity

6. Closing Remarks

- Andrew concluded the meeting with a reminder of the CAT office hours for August 13.

- The meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm.



Breakout Groups

CAT members recommended the following destinations for the Red Line Preservation and Enhancement Tour:

CMS/Security Boulevard/I-70

- CMS (a key job center), including the housing in the area
- Retail at Security Square Mall; redevelopment underway
- Additional shopping center: Global Food Plaza at Woodlawn Drive
- Social Security Administration
- I-70 Park-and-Ride Lot

Edmondson Village, Allendale, and Rosemont

- Edmondson Village Shopping Center
- Uplands Development
- New LA Mart
- New pad sites at the Edmondson Shopping Center
- Meals-on-Wheels forthcoming, behind the Shopping Center
- Saint Bernadine's Church
- West Baltimore MARC Station
- Transit-oriented development at the MARC Station

Note: Emphasis on connecting with the Frederick Douglass Tunnel construction team for communication.

West Baltimore, Harlem Park, Heritage Crossing

- West Baltimore MARC station
 - And forthcoming West Baltimore MARC station parking lot development
- Edmondson Avenue Corridor
- Southwest Partnership Area
- Life Bridge (formerly Bon Secours Hospital)
- ICE House development opportunity
- 1400 block: affordable houses and retail in Franklin Square
- Vine Street Apartments
- Lockerman Bundy is slated to become a Senior Center

Note: This cluster is a food desert.

Heritage Crossing and Poppleton

- Redevelopment of the Heritage Crossing entrance
- Small businesses such as Shareef's Caterers/House of Wraps
- New Bethlehem Baptist Church
- Sandtown Winchester
- New recreation center at Lexington Market
- More development on West Baltimore Street
- Hollins Market

The group also identified the following challenges:

- Indicate the parking challenges, and this is one of the last areas with free parking
- Indicate the area is a food desert

- Poppleton Vacant Housing
- Potential parking challenges around Heritage Crossing
- Need more business on Baltimore Street

Downtown/Inner Harbor

- City Hall
- Harborview Development
- National Aquarium
- Port Discovery
- Historic Shot Tower
- Metro Station
- Harbor Point Expansion
 - Several financial institutions; job opportunities
- Planned housing developments
 - A suggestion was offered of touring these developments
- Historic Fells Point neighborhood, including Broadway Market
- Water Taxi
 - Key point of interest
- Historic Holy Rosary Church and School
- Saint Michael's Church
- Patterson Park
- Boston Street
 - Rich variety of restaurants, retail, housing, and continued development

Canton Crossing, Highlandtown

- Central Avenue: Cycle track
- Washington Avenue: Cycle track planned
- Waterfront Promenade
- Former Rite Aid could/should be developed
- Canton Waterfront Park
- Canton Crossing
 - Housing and retail
- Highlandtown
 - Small businesses and housing
- Greektown
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- Schools: Highlandtown Academy, Green Street Academy
- Bayview Hospital
- Bayview Station



Upcoming Events and Engagement Opportunities

September 24	Older Adults Thriving in Baltimore City
September 27	Pigtown Festival Pop-up
October 04-05	Fiesta Baltimore Pop-up
October 10-12	Fells Point Fun Festival Pop-up

October 23	Pratt Street Market Pop-up
October 25	Great Halloween Lantern Pop-up
October 26	Ravens Walk Pop-up

Visit our website for more updates: <https://redlinemaryland.com/staying-engaged/>



2025 Meetings

These dates are tentative and are subject to confirmation.

Tour Date:

- September 27, 2025 (*postponed*)