





PGC Transit Transformation

Department of Public Works and Transportation



Prince George's County Transit Transformation

Four initiatives, one clear vision







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Director





Transit Transformation is our commitment to revamp our framework for providing **safe**, **efficient**, and reliable transit service.

This new transformative approach is based on **five key pillars** and **three core values** for becoming the best transit operator in the region. The five key pillars represent the services we deliver and the three core values represent who we are.





Transit Transformation



In alignment with the foundational pillars and values of PGC Transit Transformation (PGC TT), we launched the **four initiatives**:

- 1. Transit Vision Plan
- **2.** Transit Forward
- 3. Zero Emission Bus (ZEB) Transition
- **4.** Service Changes









Transit Forward analyzes the quality, effectiveness, ad delivery of *TheBus and Call-A-Bus s*ervices, using a data-centric approach.

Goals Include:

- Improved on-time performance (OTP)
- Improved amenities
- Enhanced customer experience
- Coordinated transit tracking applications



Transit Forward





Since July 2023, DPW&T staff:

- Collected on-board surveys of Call-A-Bus service and conducted ride-alongs on TheBus as well as engaged riders at bus stops.
- Evaluated vehicle quality, vehicle amenities, driver performance, service quality and conditions at bus stops and shelters.
- Used survey data to make immediate changes to achieve quick results.





Transit Forward



QUICK HIGHLIGHTS:

TheBus routes 11 and 26 to Greenbelt and Largo communities now have an on-time performance above 90%







- Last year, only 5 routes achieved the 80% on time performance goal.
- As of October 2023, Prince George's County transit has doubled that, with 10 routes operating at 80% OTP or better.









TheBus is developing a **Transition Plan** to help determine <u>how</u> and <u>when</u> the transition to ZEB will occur. The plan will include:



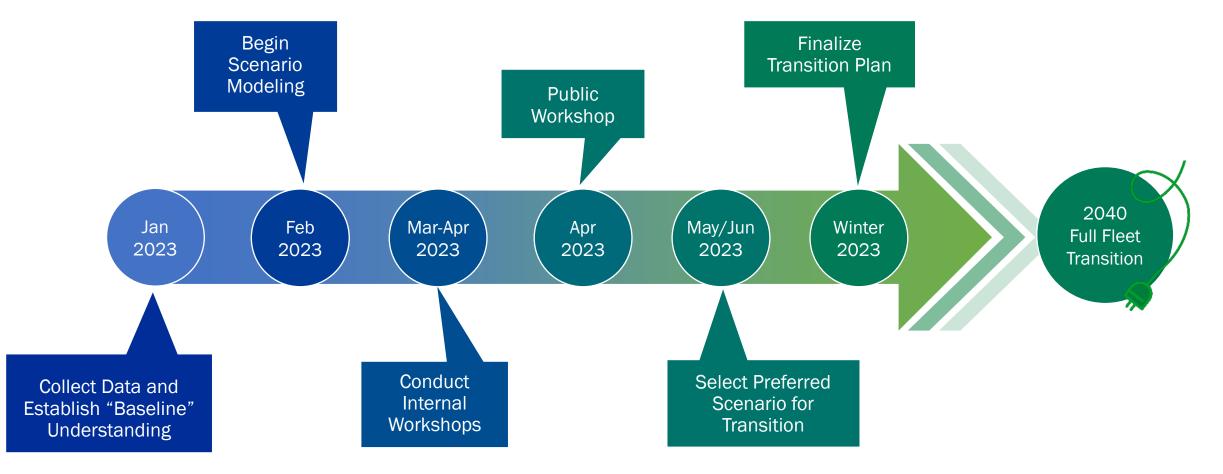






Project Timeline









FLEET COMPOSITION



168 REVENUE VEHICLES

116 fixed-route buses - ~3 million VMT
52 demand response - ~600,000 VMT
12 BEBs already accepted

EMISSIONS IMPACT

pounds of greenhouse gases

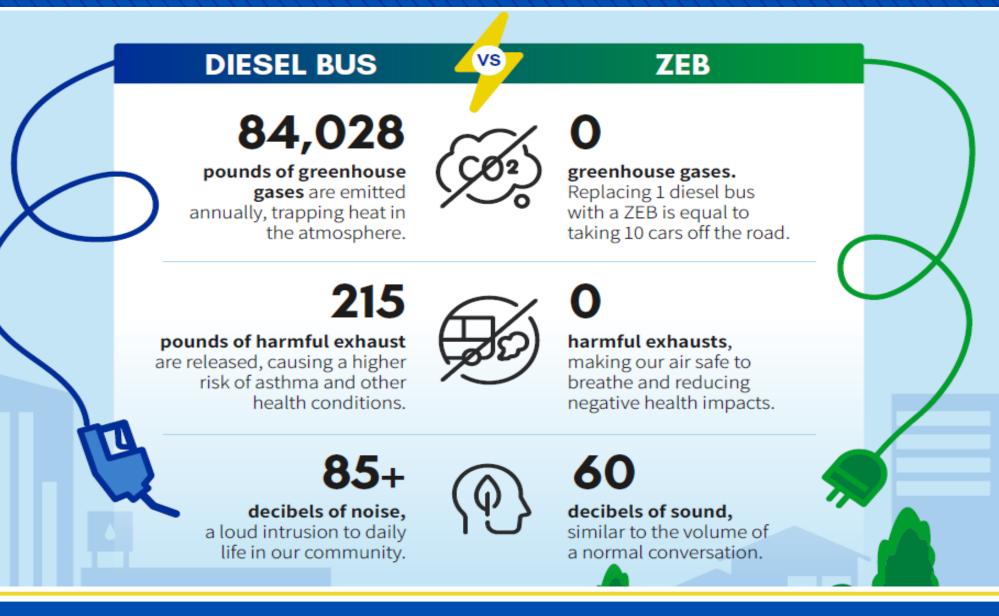
pounds of harmful exhaust

34,000











Transit Vision Plan (TVP)



The Transit Vision Plan will review the current transit system (paratransit, micro-transit, and bus network) and provide recommendations to improve transit service throughout Prince George's County **over the next 5 years**.

- Assess what transit means to those who live, work, play, and travel in the County.
- Understand how the system could work for current and future travelers.
- Attract more users to the system, especially those who are most in need.
- Meet the transit needs of users and advancing the County's goals and priorities.
- Enhance the regional network and neighboring jurisdictions.

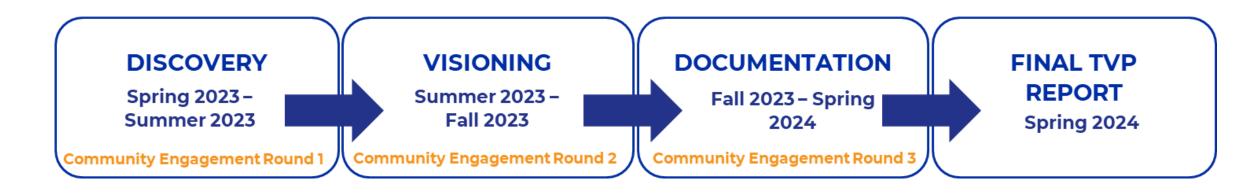




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The Fall 2023 Service Change adjusts TheBus routes.

Goals:

- Enhance service frequency and extend hours on the best routes,
- Adjust service to meet rider needs (i.e. bus stop consolidations/elimination low ridership routes),
- Improve on-time performance, and
- Change where some routes go to better connect riders to destinations.

These changes are part of the County's Transit Transformation Initiative and have been made in coordination with WMATA's Better Bus Network Redesign.







Major Service Change Highlights



Four routes that currently end at 6:00 or 6:30 p.m. will now extend to **run until 8:00 p.m.**, Monday through Saturday (routes 16, 18, 30, 32)



Route 18, TheBus' highest ridership route, will increase to **run every 20 minutes** (currently every 30 minutes)



Almost every route received a **timing and schedule update**, which will also improve on-time performance





Other Service Change Highlights

Route 21 rerouted to serve **Brightseat Road** (formerly served by Route 22, which hasn't operated since COVID-19)

Route 21X rerouted to serve **McCormick Place** and **Downtown** Largo Metro

Route 14 restructured not to run as a loop, which will **improve its on-time performance** and avoid congestion on Route 1



2023 Fall Service Change



Outreach Distributions

- 495 promotional posters
- 150+ distributed postcards
- 17 social media posts
- 750+ online hub sessions
- 3,000 online hub pageviews
- 268 QR code scans

To garner additional feedback, service changes were provided online and on the popular DPW&T Transportation Hub to receive additional comments.

Engagement Tactic	Interactions
Online Interactive Hub	2,985
Pop Up, Hyattsville Crossing	60
Pop Up, Largo	30
Pop Up, Courthouse (Upper Marlboro)	19
Virtual Public Meeting	4
In-person Staff Interactions	29





Listening to Our Customers

- After public feedback closed, the project team reviewed and considered every comment.
- In response to customer and operator feedback, adjustments were made in routing and level of service





Recognitions & Awards



2023 Driver of the Year Award Transportation Association of Maryland *Ms. Angie Counce*

2023 Unsung Hero Award Transportation Association of Maryland *Ms. Janelle Johnson*

2023 Outstanding Leader Award Transportation Association of Maryland *Ms. Oluseyi Olugbenle*

2023 Rising Star Award Community Transportation Association of America *Mr. James Turner*

2023 Woman in Clean Energy & Transportation Greater Washington Clean Cities Coalition *Ms. Semia Hackett*

> 2023 40 Under 40 Mass Transit Magazine *Ms. Oluseyi Olugbenle*

2023 Open Energy Program Maryland Energy Administration *B100 Biodiesel Pilot*

2022 Bus & Bus Facility Grant U.S. Department of Transportation Battery Electric Buses & Infrastructure

2021 Low to No Emission Grant U.S. Department of Transportation Battery Electric Buses & Infrastructure

2021 Areas of Persistent Poverty U.S. Department of Transportation High-capacity Transit Corridor Central







- Survey: Visit bit.ly/PGCTVPSurvey or scan the QR code to provide additional thoughts on transit in Prince George's County.
- Share: Please share the survey with your stakeholders.
- Visit: DPW&T will host Transit Vision Plan popups across the County this fall and early 2024.

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