

TPB WORK SESSION INTERCITY BUS AND RAIL TRAVEL

Work Session Introduction

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Why Study Intercity Travel ?



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- Economic impact due to tourism and business travel
- Potential use overlap with commuter transit
- Supports equity due to affordability and access to long-distance travel options
- Offers travel options for rural and small urban areas
- Federal requirements for MPO regional planning



TPB 2016 Intercity Bus Travel Study

In response to new federal requirements, TPB studied intercity bus passenger traffic in 2016

Key findings:

- Union Station was the dominant boarding/alighting point
- Most trips are to or from the NYC area
- Fridays were the busiest travel day by bus

INTERCITY BUS TRAFFIC AND PATRONAGE IN THE METROPOLITAN WASHINGTON REGION

An intercity bus patronage count conducted in the fall of 2016 at 14 locations in Washington, D.C. and suburban jurisdictions of Maryland and Virginia

January 2017



June 2023 TPB Presentation

Collected updated information on intercity bus and rail operations in the NCR

- Online news articles, social media posts, and other open-source data were reviewed
- Amtrak service schedules were reviewed for intercity rail

TPB's FY 2024 UPWP includes a complete update to the 2016 intercity travel study



TPB Work Session: Our Panel Today

- A. TRANSFORMING RAIL IN VIRGINIA**, *DJ Stadtler, CEO, Virginia Passenger Rail Authority*
- B. INTERCITY TRAVEL IN MARYLAND**, *Travis Johnston, Director of Local Transit Support, Maryland DOT-Maryland Transit Administration*
- C. INTERCITY BUS**, *Brandon Buchanan, Director of Regulatory Affairs, American Bus Association*
- D. AMTRAK**, *Jeffrey Ensor, Senior Director of Portfolio Management - NEC South End, Amtrak*
- E. UNION STATION**, *Doug Carr, President & CEO, Union Station Redevelopment Corporation*

