



# REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE (RPTS) YEAR-IN-REVIEW 2024



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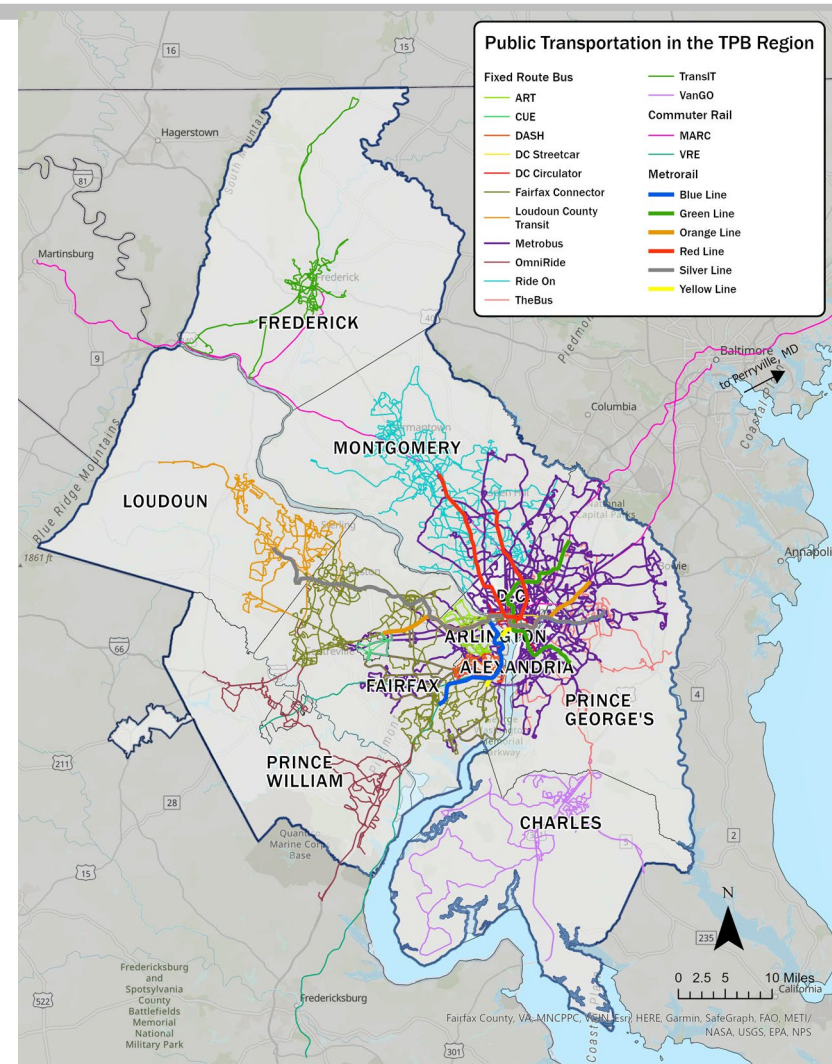
# Presentation Items

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- Purpose of RPTS
- 2024 Subcommittee Year-in-Review
- Member Survey Results
- Looking Forward to 2025...

# Purpose of RPTS

- Serve as a regional forum for collaboration and coordination regarding public transportation activities
- Be a platform through which to address public transportation interests at TPB
- Coordinate regional public transportation activities with those of adjacent interests within TPB and COG
- Update members on relevant topics of interest



# RPTS Activities in 2024

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## Jurisdictions/Organizations Presenting



**DC: 3**



**MD: 6**



**VA: 6**



**WMATA: 3**



**TPB: 18**  
**(+5 vs 2023)**

**Total Presentations at RPTS in 2024 = 39** (incl. 2 from outside the region)

**Average Number of Presentations Per Meeting = 5** (same as 2024)



# 2024 RPTS Member Survey - Results

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<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/WJGKZKL>



# Survey Takeaways

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## What Went Well/What Was Most Relevant in 2024

- “Actionable updates from other local transit agencies whose efforts we could replicate in-house.”
- “I thought some of the insights from other regions was helpful.”
- “External transit experts presenting on a topic of interest/relevance from outside the region.”
- “I appreciated the examples of new initiatives.”
- “I like getting to interact with staff from other agencies and learn about what they're doing.”

## What Could Improve in 2025

- “Starting promptly at 12 pm, regardless of attendance. Virtual only reduces the commute commitment, which can often be a full day for those of us in the outer suburbs.”
- “Reduce number of presentations to allow more discussion.”
- “Post the agenda and materials online several days before the meeting.”
- “Better food for in-person meetings. Designate some meetings as in-person only, versus virtual. Designate at least 2 in-person site visits per year. Include more workshops and round-robins for in-person or virtual meetings mid-way through agenda to keep engagement high.”



# Other Survey Takeaways

What types of meetings are you most interested in attending (please rank in order of preference, top selection being the most preferred)?

- #1: Regional forum focused on a specific topic
- #2: Field trips within the region
- #3: Regional transit summit with multiple issues discussed
- #4: Presentations featuring colleagues/experts from outside the region
- #5: Interactive workshops
- #6: Panel presentations



# Other Survey Takeaways

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## What specific topics would you like to see covered in 2025?

- “... **innovative projects** both within and external to the region. It would also be great to hear about **congestion reduction impacts of projects and BRT projects.**”
- “**Ridership forecasting *post-Covid*, how agencies are navigating operating and capital funding challenges.**”
- “**Transit technology (CAD/AVL, mobile ticketing, real time passenger information)**”
- “**Bus network design and redesigns, fare policies, experiences with planning software like Remix**”
- “**Bus propulsion other than diesel and BEB Shared Charging**”





# Looking Forward to 2025...

- More discussion and interactive programming (ex. Forums and Workshops)
- Goal of two site visits (1 in spring/1 in fall)
- Reaching out to more speakers outside the region
- *At least* four In-Person meetings – including January 28, 2024 at COG) (maybe exclusively in-person?)



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