

Maryland Intercity Bus & Rail Overview

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What do we mean by “Intercity Bus”?

- General Public
- Long-distance
- Meaningful connection to national intercity bus network
 - Shared stations
 - Coordinated schedules
 - Interline ticketing if appropriate
- Fixed-route, fixed-schedule (except feeder services)
- Has space for baggage—think overnight trips
- To receive Greyhound in-kind match must operate five to seven days per week

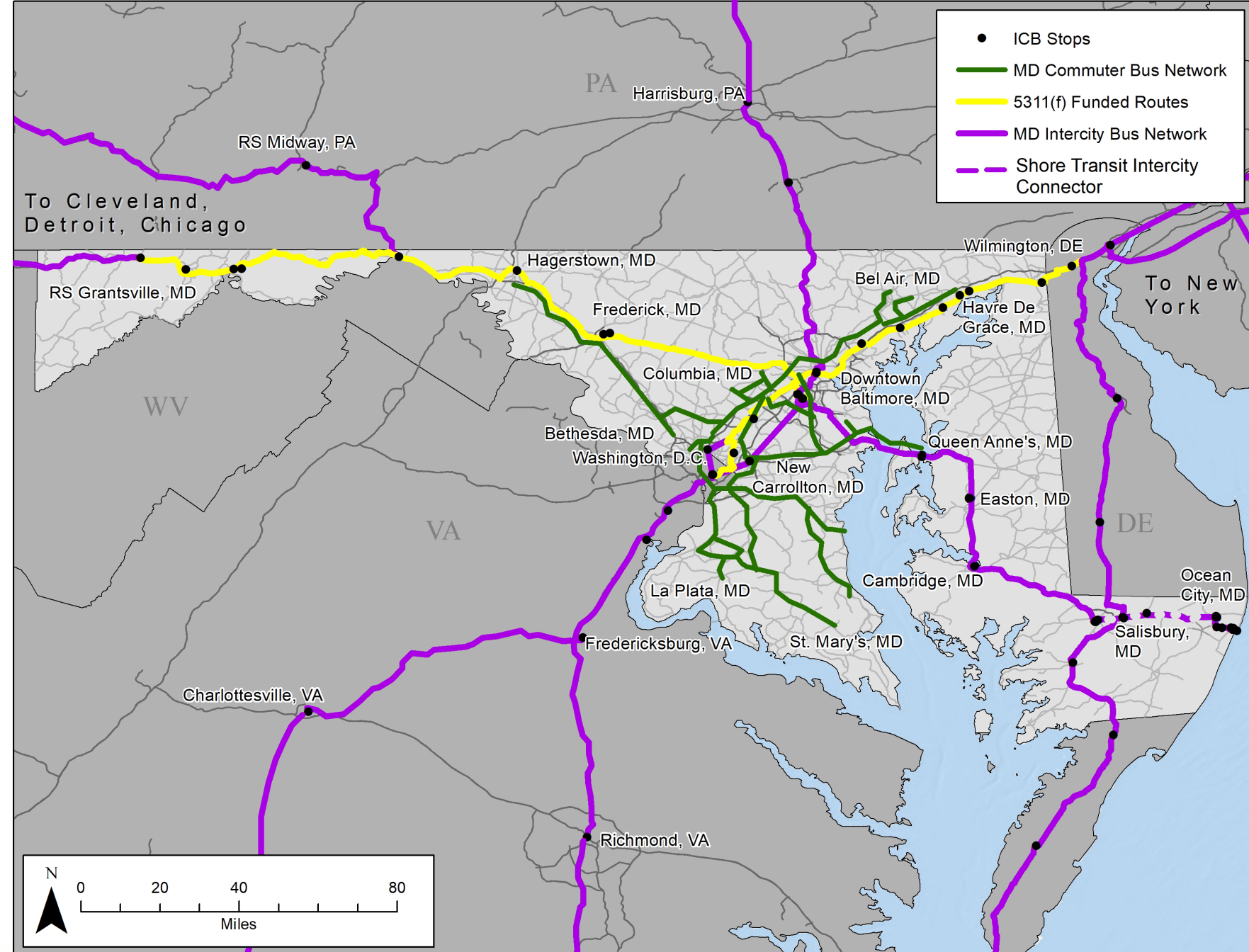
Maryland's Intercity Bus Network

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- Section 5311(f) funded services—subsidized, administered by MDOT MTA/OLTS
 - Baltimore to Grantsville—operated by BayRunner Shuttle
 - D.C to Wilmington local via U.S. 1 and 40—operated by Greyhound
- Greyhound service statewide—unsubsidized
 - D.C-Baltimore services to northeast corridor destinations and south via I-95 Corridor
 - Baltimore and D.C. westbound via Frederick, Hagerstown
 - Greyhound north-south New York to Norfolk through Salisbury
 - BayRunner Shuttle service can be ticketed through Greyhound/Flixbus ticketing
- BayRunner Shuttle service Baltimore/BWI to Ocean City-unsubsidized
- BayRunner service can also be ticketed as Amtrak Thruway service

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Section 5311(f) In Maryland

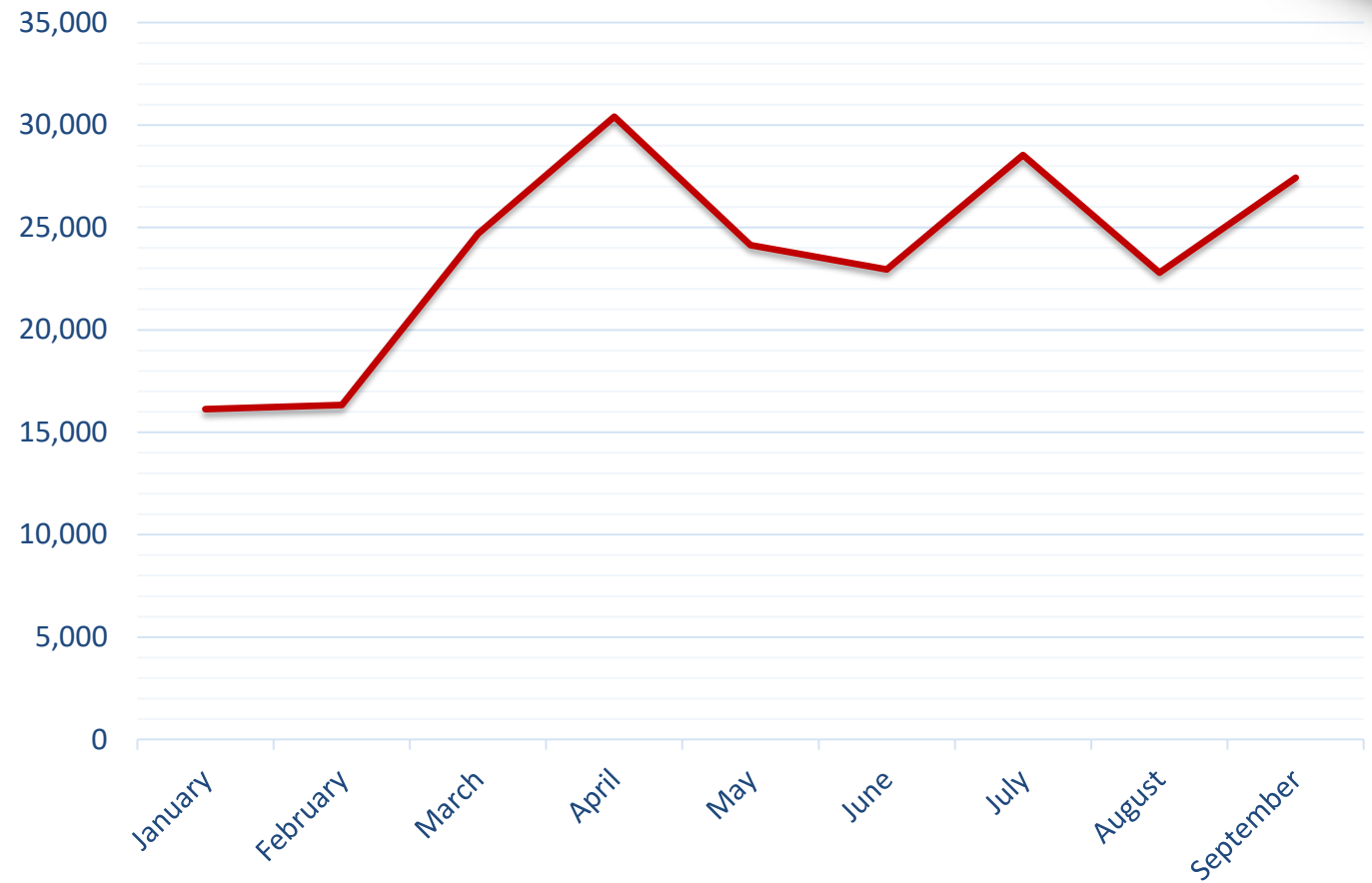
- Maryland's FY 2023/4 15% Allocation: \$1,592,395
- Under the Maryland program, these funds are available to cover 50% of the net operating deficit (total operating cost less fare revenue). Some has been used for marketing, capital projects.
- The remaining 50% must be provided out of local funds or in-kind match (allowable under the Section 5311(f) program) using the value of connecting eligible unsubsidized service.
- Greyhound has provided the local match in-kind with the value of its unsubsidized miles for its service.
- BayRunner has provided the local match in-kind with the value of its unsubsidized miles

MARC Service Summary

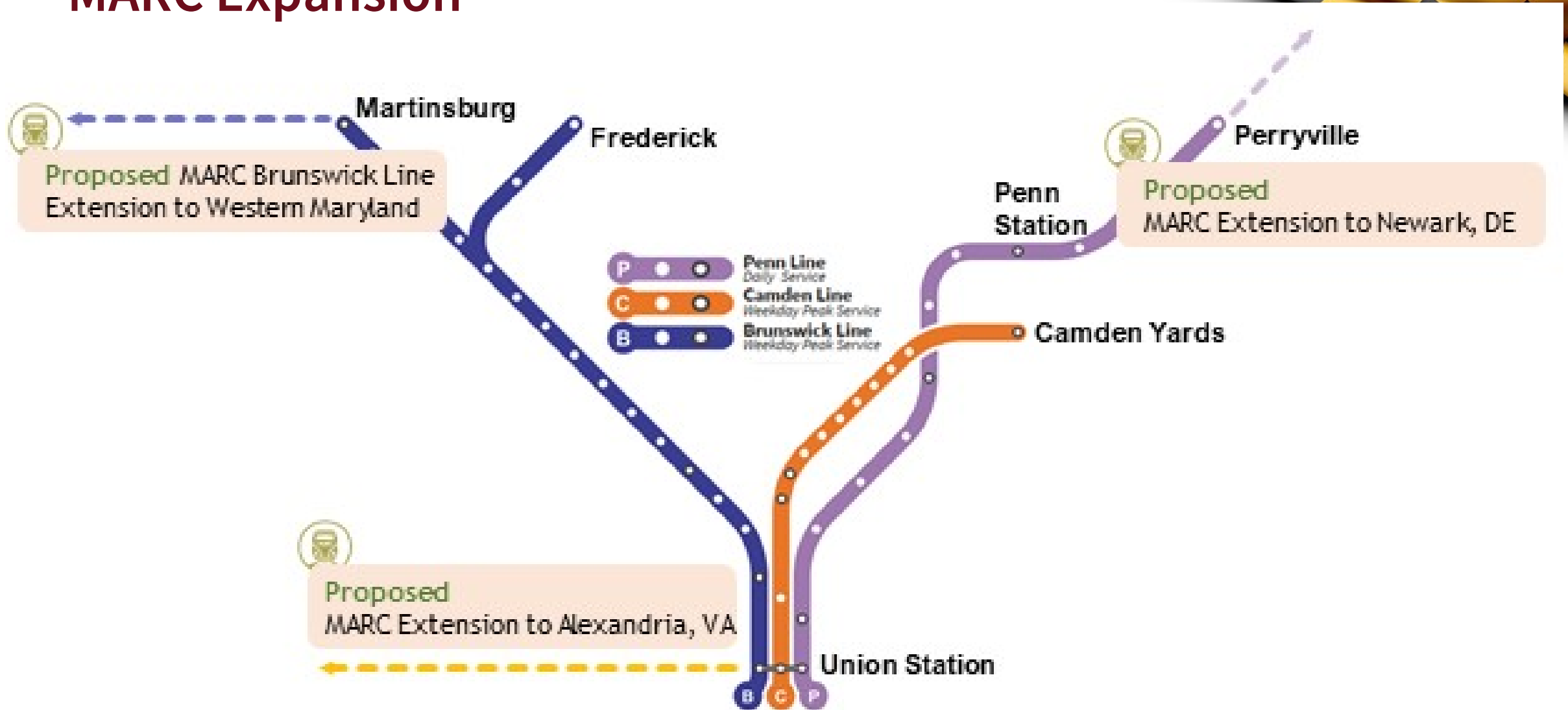
Weekend Ridership & Trips

- Weekend Ridership:
 - 2023 Average = 23,714
 - Pre-Pandemic Avg = 38,400
 - 60% Pre-Pandemic levels
- MARC Penn Line Weekend Service:
 - 18 Trips (9 NB/ 9 SB) Saturdays
 - 12 Trips (6 NB/ 6 SB) Sundays

Penn Line 2023 Weekend Ridership



MARC Expansion



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Weekend Ridership & Trips

- Western Maryland Expansion
 - Received public comment on four potential expansions as part of the Brunswick Line Study; one option dropped
 - Will look further into expansion in MARC Growth & Transformation Plan
- Run-Through Service to Virginia
 - Cross-Honoring Agreement
 - Investigating the implementation of a 4-trip pilot (2 AM/2 PM trips)
- “Close the Gap” – Delaware Service
 - Working towards a pilot with relevant stakeholders (SEPTA, DTC, NS, Amtrak)
 - Elkton Station: New station, working on 30% design

MARC Brunswick Line Study

Weekend Ridership & Trips

- Study was completed this past summer with findings on Western Maryland expansion & service enhancements
- Next steps from the Study:
 1. Silver Spring turnback (Feasibility Study)
 - Could be used to provide additional service west of Silver Spring
 - CSX owns the ROW and we would have to coordinate about what capital requirements are necessary for service
 2. Point of Rocks/Frederick Platform (Concept Designs)
 - Required for additional service for trains to/from Frederick

MARC Growth & Transformation Plan

Planning Study

- Update to MARC Long Range Plan (2019) underway, will include:
 - Vision and goals, equity assessment, service objectives, modeling, and 5-year capital investment program
 - A plan that reflects current travel patterns, critical needs, and available federal funding opportunities
 - An outline of major investments needed to reach desired MARC service levels
 - Roadmap for working with host railroads on service opportunities
 - Engagement with the public, elected officials, host railroads, and other stakeholders
- Will further study the six investment programs outline in Maryland legislation
 - Brunswick Line; Camden Line; Penn Line
 - New regional service between Perryville, MD, and Newark, DE
 - New regional run-through rail service to Alexandria, Virginia
 - Extending the Brunswick Line to better serve Western MD
- Public kick-off planned for Fall 2023 with an on-line survey.
- Market analysis, capital planning, and implementation strategy work to occur through Summer 2024.

