

# OPTIMIZING HCT STATION AREAS ELEVATING EQUITY EMPHASIS AREAS

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## Unified Planning Construct

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# Unified Planning Framework FOR 2030

**OPTIMIZE HIGH-CAPACITY  
TRANSIT**



**ELEVATE EQUITY  
EMPHASIS AREAS**



**MEET REGIONAL  
CLIMATE GOALS**



**ACHIEVE REGIONAL  
HOUSING TARGETS**



# COG RESOLUTION: R46-2021

## HIGH CAPACITY TRANSIT STATION AREAS

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1. Should be prioritized for special consideration in land use and transportation .....decision making at local and regional levels to achieve our **housing, accessibility, transportation,** and **climate change** goals in an **equitable** manner.
2. COG committees and staff should discuss and consider strategies, ... to optimize land use and transportation ..in and around HCTs ....
3. Local governments should commit to provide safe and convenient walk, bike, and micro-transit access to HCTs.....
4. Local governments should commit to complete the NCTN ...to connect communities in and around HCTs ...to access a variety of economic opportunities ..reduce ... travel and ...greenhouse gas emissions.
5. Local governments should strongly consider adopting local resolutions committing to optimizing access improvements to HCTs, including completing the NCTN, in all local planning efforts.



# COG RESOLUTION R47-2021: EQUITY EMPHASIS AREAS

1. Should be prioritized for special consideration in regional and local planning and decision making ..to further the Region Forward Vision for an accessible, livable, sustainable, and prosperous region.
2. COG committees and staff should explore and implement strategies.. to further incorporate the consideration of EEAs in planning areas including but not limited to transportation, land-use, housing, climate, and water resources and COG should serve as a forum to elevate the conversation around these topics to provide regional thought leadership.....
3. Local governments should prioritize efforts that provide safe and convenient walk, bicycle, and micro-transit access to all of the HCTs and to complete the National Capital Trail Network ..to provide enhanced mobility and accessibility ..to the traditionally underserved population groups ...
4. Local governments should consider adopting local resolutions committing to prioritizing EEAs identified within their jurisdiction.



# TPB RESOLUTION R4-2022:

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1. Endorses COG board Resolution R46-2021 adopting High-Capacity Transit (HCT) station areas as a key planning concept and tool to inform decision making and action; and
2. Endorses COG board Resolution R47-2021 adopting Equity Emphasis Areas (EEAs) as a key planning concept and tool to inform decision making and action; and
3. Calls upon its member agencies to adopt the principles of the above two resolutions while making transportation planning and programming decisions for future updates to the TPB's long-range transportation plan and transportation improvement programs.



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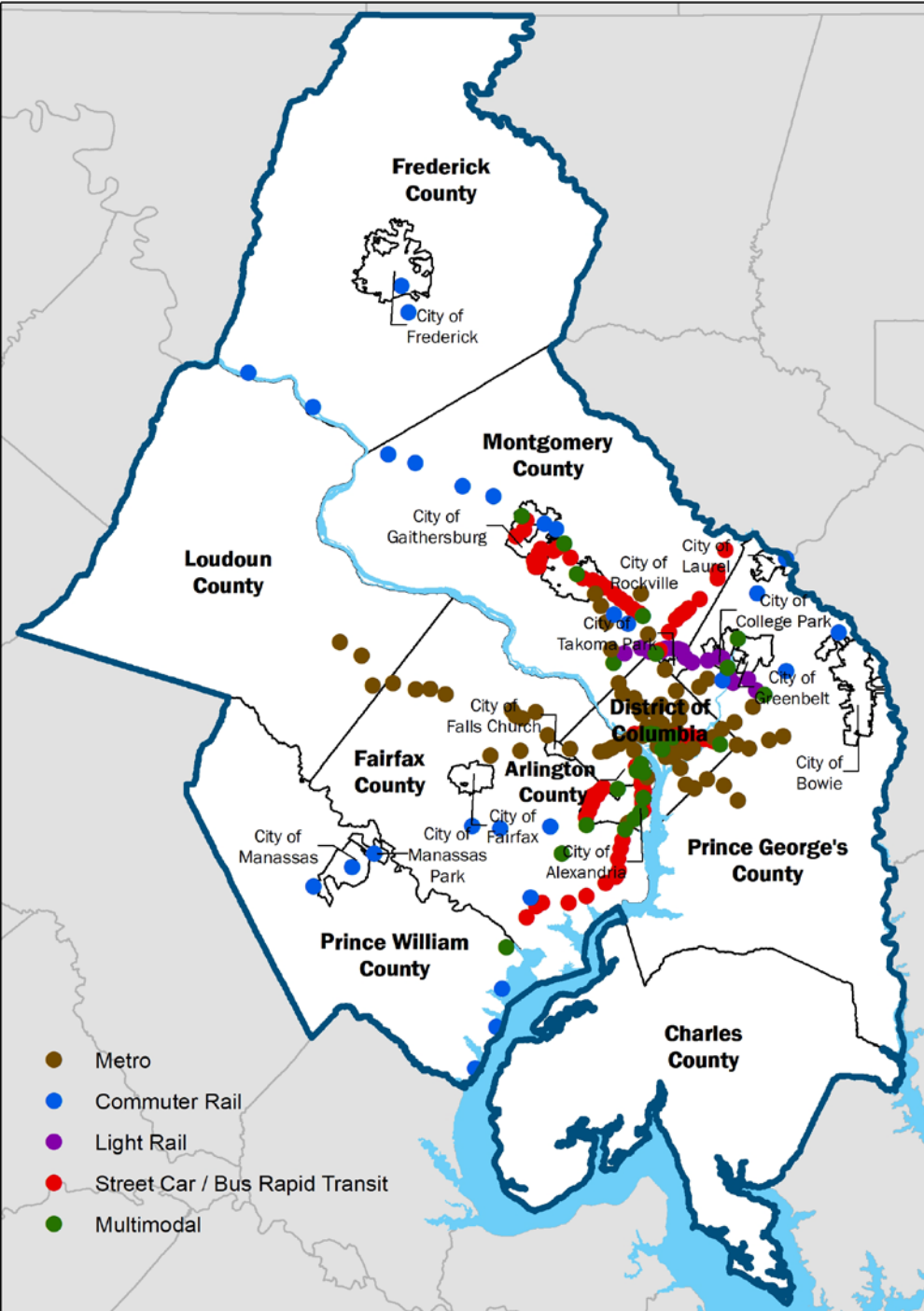


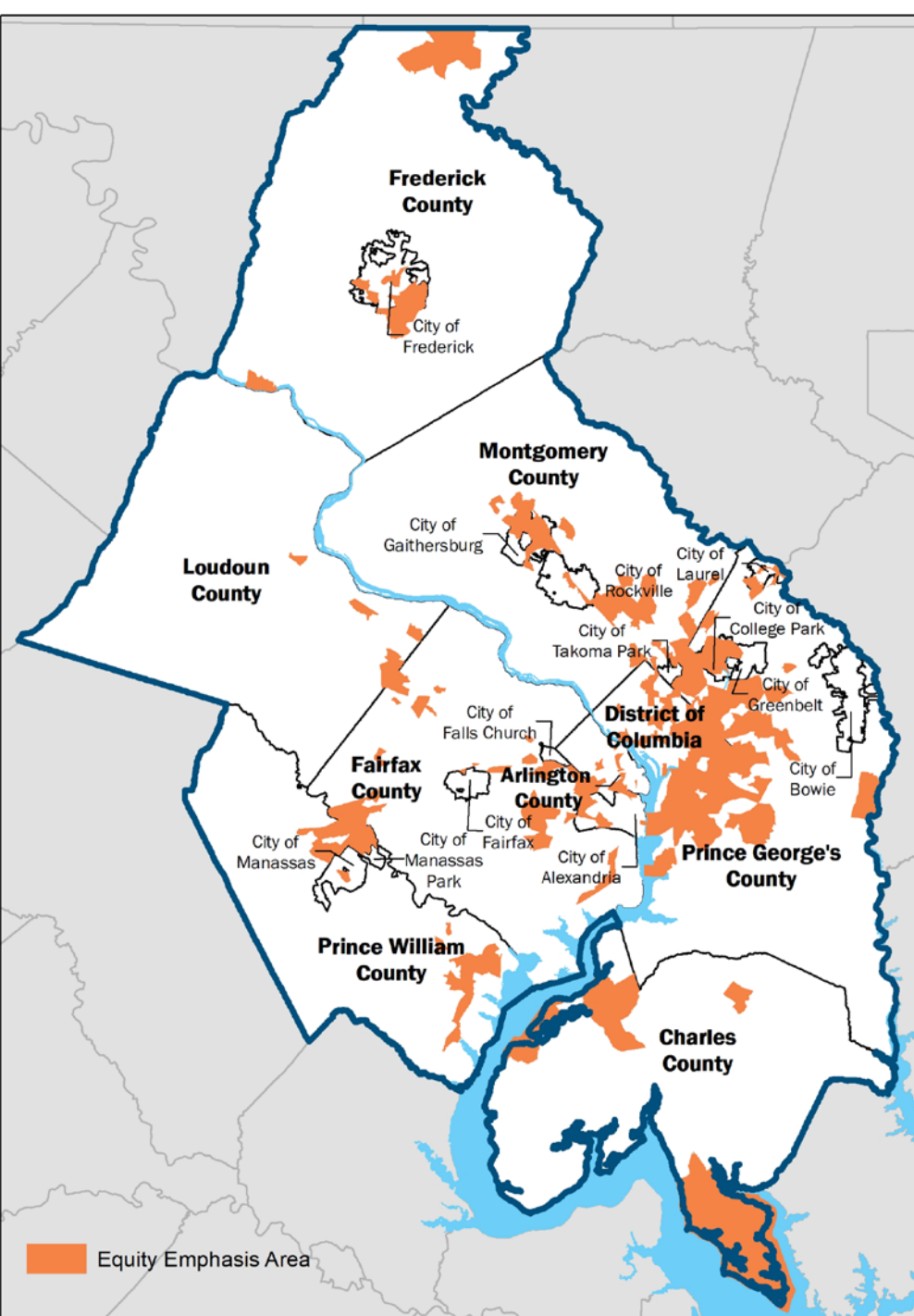
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# Optimize 225 High-Capacity Transit (HCT) Station Areas

Locations around Metrorail, Commuter Rail, Light Rail, Bus Rapid Transit (BRT), and Streetcar.

[mwcog.org/highcapacitytransit](http://mwcog.org/highcapacitytransit)



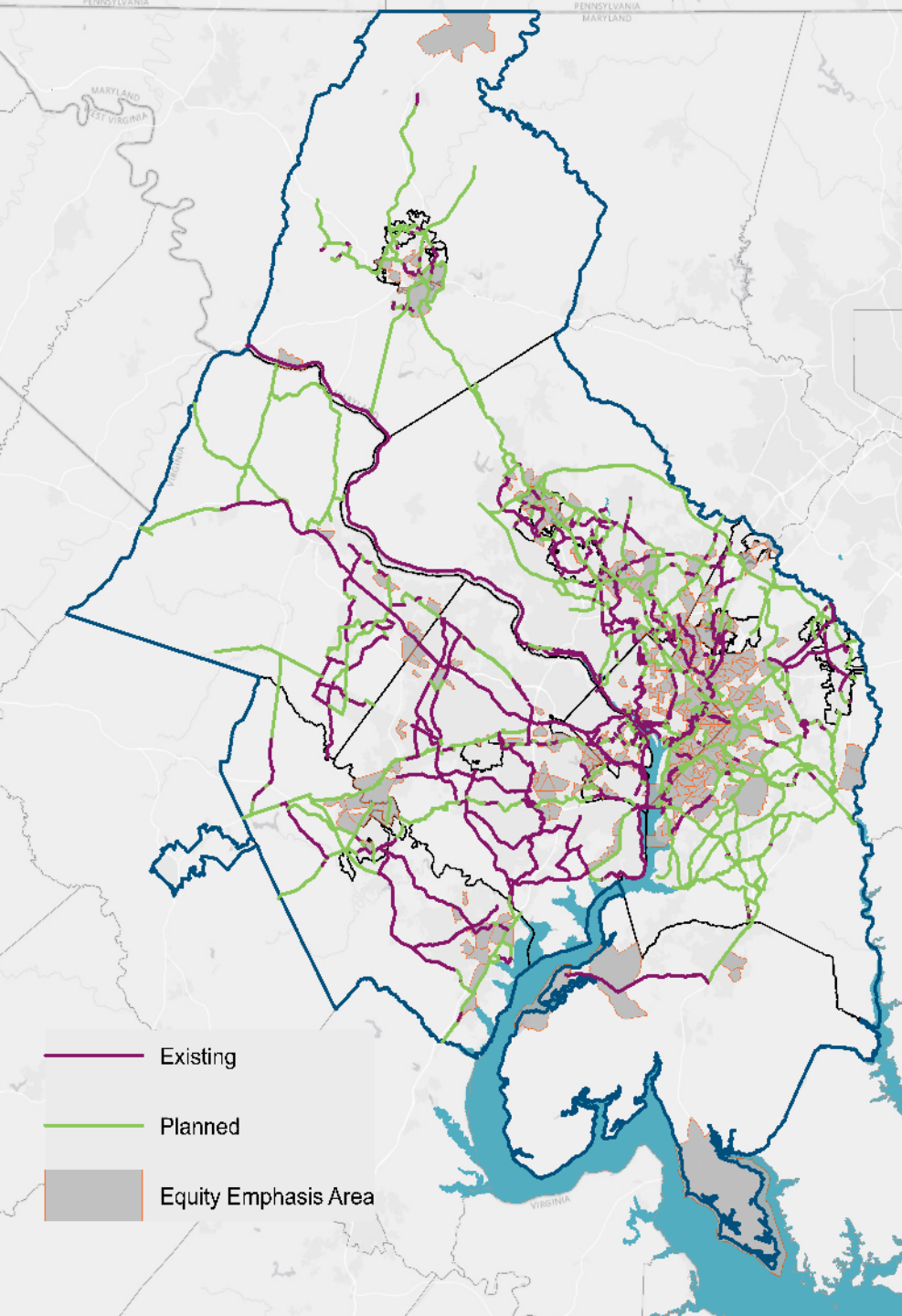


# Elevate 350 Equity Emphasis Areas (EEAs)

Areas with high concentrations of underserved groups.

[mwcog.org/equityemphasisareas](http://mwcog.org/equityemphasisareas)





## Example: National Capital Trail Network (NCTN)

- Long-distance, off-street trails accessible for people of all ages and abilities and suitable for both transportation and recreation.
- 180 of 225 HCTs are within half a mile.
- 55% of the network is unbuilt.

# High- Capacity Transit Station Areas & Equity Emphasis Areas, 2030

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