2019 STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REPORT

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Agenda Item 5

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Purpose

- The purpose of this report is to provide a succinct overview of the state of regional public transportation in the region

- The report includes transportation operations, customer, and financial facts, including recent accomplishments and upcoming activities.

- Data shown in the report comes from the 2018 National Transit Database, which was released in October 2019.

- Accomplishments, plans, and studies come from past Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee meetings and input from agency/organization representatives.

Sections of the SOPTR

Part I: Fixed Route Transit Services
- Profile sheets that include information on ridership, operational expenses, fleet size, and number of routes

Part II: Other Public Transit Services
- Provides information on other transit services such as paratransit and commuter services

Part III: Regional Public Transportation Organizations
- Information on organizations that operate, provide research, or project development for public transportation

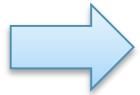**Part IV: Public Transportation Accomplishments**
- Significant transportation projects or studies occurring during CY 2019

Part V: Transportation Planning Board
- Information on how the TPB is assisting with regional public transportation.

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Sample of Part I: Profile Sheets

Sample of Part V: TPB Activities

- **Regional Public Transportation Subcommittee (RPTS)**
  - The objective to provide a permanent process for the coordination of transit planning throughout the Washington region, and for incorporating regional transit plans into the long-range transportation plan.

- **Performance-Based Planning and Programming (PBPP)**
  - The development of regional targets. Transit asset management (TAM) is a strategic and systematic process of operating, maintaining, and improving public transportation capital assets effectively through the life cycle of such assets.

- **Long-Range Plan (Visualize 2045)**
  - TPB's long-range plan which includes a set of aspirational initiatives that the board identified for their potential to address some of the region's biggest transportation challenges in the future.

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2018 National Transit Database Stats

Local Bus/Streetcar, 48,253,802, 12%

Commuter Rail, 12,559,590, 3%

Commuter Bus, 6,011,495, 1%

Metrobus, 119,681,096, 29%

Metrorail, 229,233,254, 55%

TransIT 1%
LC Transit 3%
VanGo 2%
DC Circulator 9%
DC Streetcar 2%
Ffx Connector 16%
TheBus 5%
DASH 8%
CUE 1%
Ride On 42%
ART 6%
OmniRide 5%
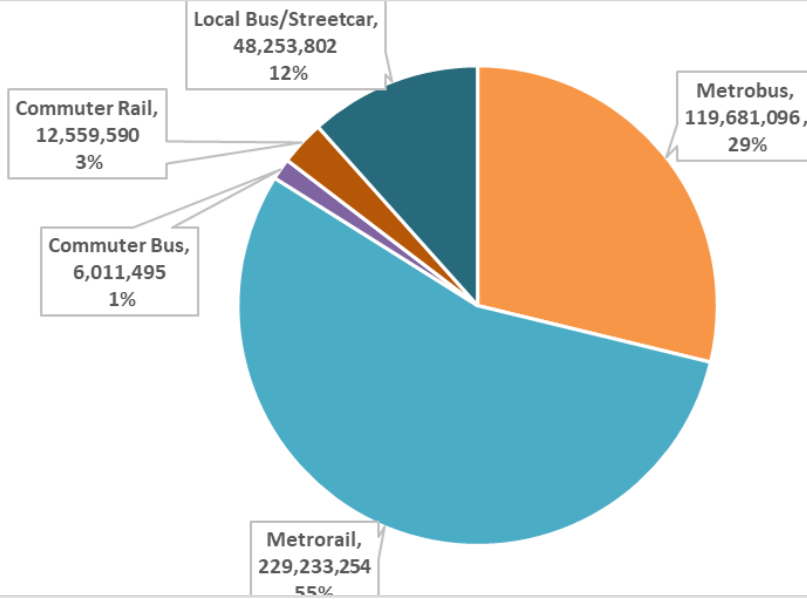
- Over 415 million unlinked passenger trips annually
- *Note: MARC and MTA Commuter Bus imputed for the region*
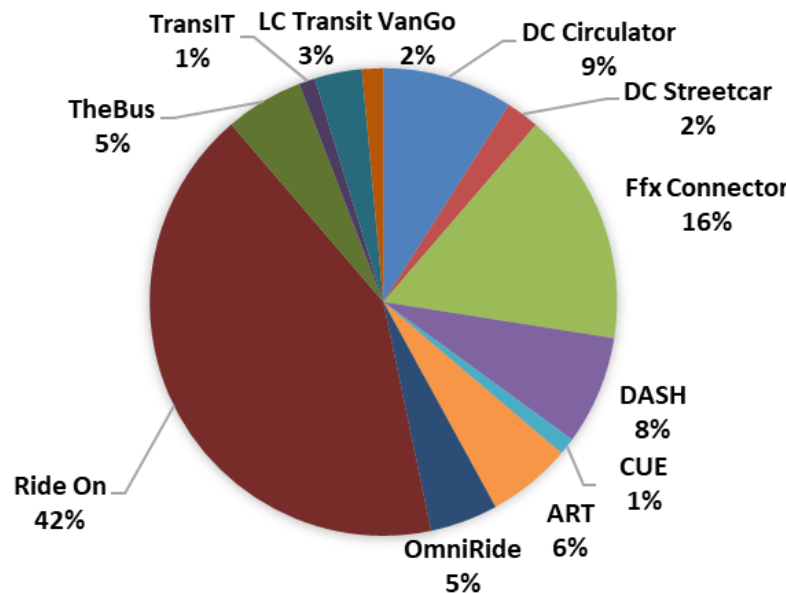
- Over 51 million on the local bus / streetcar systems

Highlights from 2019

WMATA

- Delivery of the 7000-series rail cars and construction of Silver Line Phase II continued. Potomac Yard station construction began. Major Platform Rehabilitation project completed at six stations in NoVa
- Andrews Bus Garage opened. Design for rehabilitation of Northern Bus Garage completed. Bus Transformation Project study completed

DC / Circulator / Streetcar

- H and I Street NW bus lanes planned, implemented, and made permanent in 2019
- Planning activities continue for the eastward extension of the streetcar

Montgomery County / RideOn

- 42 solar powered bus shelters. Real Time signs in over 80 locations. New microtransit service: Ride On FLEX. New CAD/AVL system being implemented

Prince George's County / The Bus

- Redesigned County "The Bus" bus stop flag. Awarded grant to purchase electric buses

Alexandria / DASH

- Designed TSP for Route 1 and Duke Street and completed TSP installation on Route 1 (NVTA funded).

Highlights from 2019 (2)

Fairfax
- Design complete for multimodal facilities: Springfield CBD (Old Keene Mill Road), Monument Drive, Gambrill Road Park-and-Ride, Backlick North Park-and-Ride

Arlington / ART
- Design advancing on Crystal City and Ballston 2nd Metro Station Entrances and on Crystal Drive Transitway (NVTA funded)

PRTC OmniRide
- First new commuter services from Stafford County to Pentagon and DC. Expanded commuter services from Gainesville

VRE
- Design for expansion of Broad Run Maintenance and Storage Facilities
- Positive Train Control (PTC) installation completed.
- Automatic Passenger Counters being installed on coaches
- Realtime Train Arrival information and Variable Message System (VMS) in design

Maryland / MARC / MTA
- CharmPass a mobile transit fare app has more than 250,000 downloads and nearly $2 million in paid fares.

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