

STARTING THE STATE OF PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION REPORT 2022

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Presentation Items

- Purpose of the SOPTR
- Review of 2021 SOPTR
- 2022 State of Public Transportation Report
- Next Steps



Purpose of the SOPTR

- The purpose of the report is to provide an annual snapshot of public transportation activities in the region
- The report includes data on transit assets, ridership, and finances, however the focus is on recent accomplishments and upcoming activities
- Data will come from the 2021 National Transit Database, which was released October 2022
- Accomplishments, plans, and studies come from past TPB RPTS meetings and input from organizational representatives >>> questionnaire



Sections of the SOPTR

Executive Summary

- Overview of regional transit statistics in the national capital region by mode

Part I: COVID-19's Continued Impact on Public Transportation

- Overview of the health/safety actions taken and evolving responses by operators
- Impact on transit ridership numbers

Part II: Fixed Route Transit Services

- Profile sheets that include information on ridership, operational expenses, fleet size, number of routes, and bus stops.

Part III: Other Public Transit Services

- Provides info. on other transit services (ex. paratransit and commuter services)

Part IV: Regional Public Transportation Organizations

- Information on organizations that operate, or provide research/project development for public transportation

Part V: Public Transportation Accomplishments

- Significant transportation projects or studies occurring during CY 2022

Part VI: Transportation Planning Board

- Information on how the TPB is assisting with regional public transportation



Review of the 2021 SOPTR

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2021 Report
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PART IV - REGIONAL PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION ORGANIZATIONS

The following section details state- or region- based organizations in Maryland and Virginia that conduct planning for public transportation in the National Capital Region, including an overview and recent accomplishments.

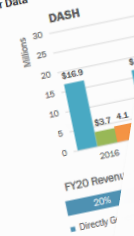
ALEXANDRIA TRANSIT COMPANY (DASH)

Overview
The Alexandria Transit Company's DASH system provides safe, reliable, and convenient bus service within the City of Alexandria. DASH's 11 convenient bus services, including Metrobus, Metrorail, Express, and other local bus systems. DASH serves all the Ale Stations as well as the Pentagon Metrolink station during no peak periods. DASH's name symbolizes a commitment to Alexandria: Driving Alexandria Safely Home.

Recent Accomplishments

- DASH launched the completely redesigned, fare represents the first phase of the Alexandria Transit route structures, new route names, and more across the City.
- In the first half of 2021, DASH ridership level increased by 12 percent over the same period in 2019-2020. With the introduction of the new electric buses, DASH's fleet is now 100 percent electric.
- As of December, 12 DASH electric buses

Provider Data



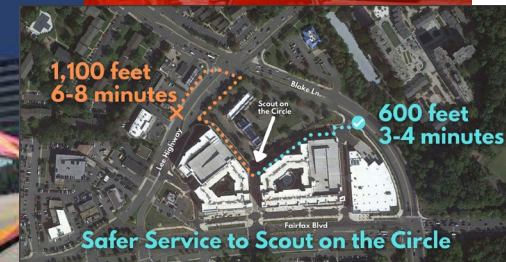
PART I - COVID-19 & IMPACTS ON PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

The following section details how service providers across the region continued to respond to the COVID-19 pandemic as the region entered the recovery phase.



Review of the 2021 SOPTR

- Multiple operators implemented or studied the possibility of offering low or zero fare service.
 - For example, DASH launched a completely redesigned and fare-free network in September 2021, Montgomery County conducted fare equity study, and ART conducted a pilot program for free Arlington Public Schools student fares.
- Investment and development of infrastructure projects expanding operator maintenance capabilities and quality of service for customers.
- Initiation of Zero Emissions Fleet Transition Plans and studies.
- Widespread re-evaluation of transit routes and redesign of bus services.
 - CUE began its first route change in years to provide better service to new developments across the city.



The 2022 SOPTR

What's new for the 2022 report?

- Information on **continuing COVID-19 impacts and changing responses** by service providers as pandemic restrictions are lifted
- **Greater focus on equity and sustainability**-related planning processes, programs, and accomplishments
- **Data on deployed and planned zero-emission vehicles** in operator fleets and information on supporting charging infrastructure
- Number of **bus stops** served, including information on amenities (ex. percentage with landing pads or platforms, shelters, etc.)
- **Taking additional input** for items to be added into the report that were not covered last year



Next Steps

- Send out new questionnaire to gather information from public transit providers
- Compile data from the NTD to update ridership numbers, operating costs, fleet sizes, etc.
- Provide regular updates on the progress of the 2022 SOPTR
- Provide drafts for input, questions, or comments
- Presentation to RPTS and TPB Tech in May/June
- Final report by June 2023



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