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

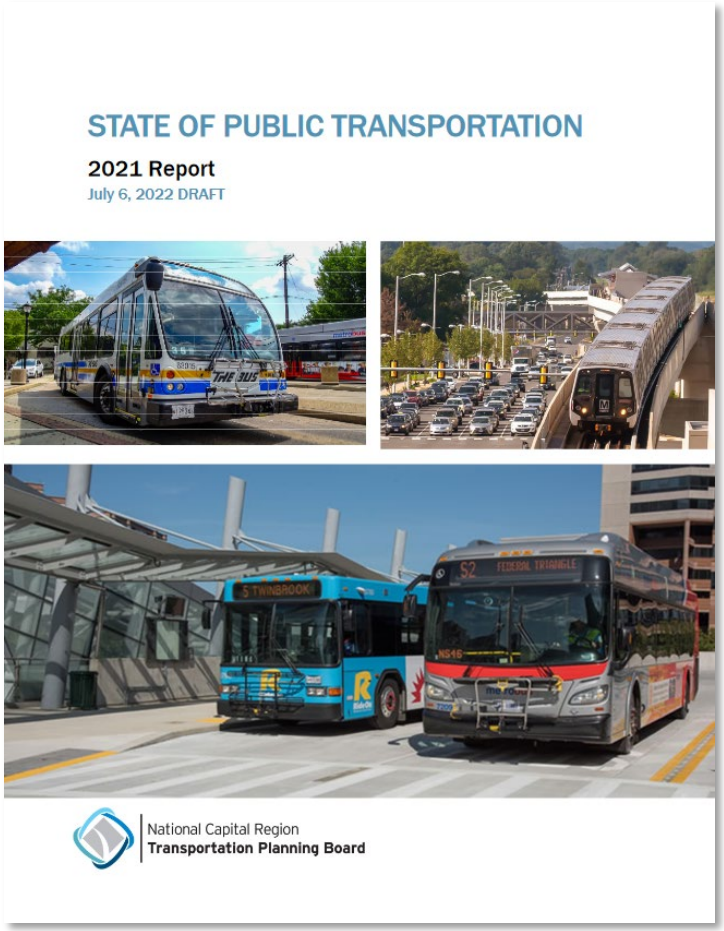
Part V: Public Transportation Accomplishments

- Significant transportation projects or studies occurring during CY 2022

Part VI: Transportation Planning Board

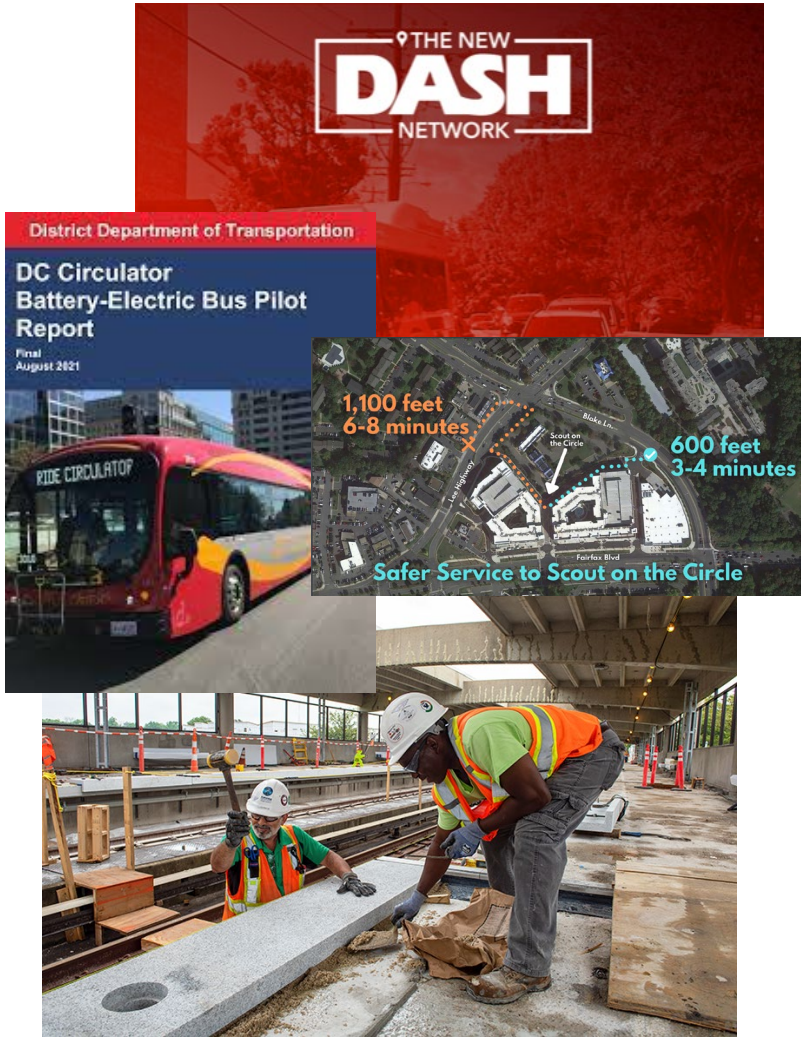
- Information on how the TPB is assisting with regional public transportation

Review of the 2021 SOPTR



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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