

Prince George's County Department of Public Works and Transportation



Keeping Prince George's County Moving
Transportation Planning Board
Public Transportation Subcommittee
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The Bus History



- Service began in 1996, with 6 routes and 12 buses providing feeder service to Metro Stations. Servicing 660,000 riders.
- Prince George's County DPW&T is responsible for planning, and overseeing transit operations in the County.
- Day to Day Transit Operations are handled by a third-party operator, Transdev.
- Designed to support community objectives:
 - Improved mobility throughout the County
 - Access to Metrorail and major destinations
 - Support Transit Oriented Development in the County

The Bus Facts

- 95 buses
 - 77 peak pull out
- 28 Local routes
- Weekday service
- Servicing just under 3 million riders
- AVL/CAD: NextBus (2012)



Bus Stops

- 1,600+ Bus Stops
 - 409 bus Shelters
 - 25 benches
- County maintains stops with “The Bus” signage
- Site Plan Review Process
- Regional Coordination
- Field Work
 - CALL 311 to report missing or damaged signs



Transit Vision Plan



DPW&T kicked off its Transit Vision Plan update in September 2017.

This is a five-year plan for improving and expanding transit within the County:

- ✓ Identify opportunities to improve “TheBus” routes, add County-sponsored service and complement WMATA Metrobus service network
- ✓ Establish a framework for evaluating new transit enhancements or expansion opportunities
- ✓ Explore best practices that can be applied to the County for improving access to public transportation services, such as partnerships with taxi companies for first/last mile services



Transit Vision Plan Outreach



WHAT WE HAVE HEARD...

203
Surveys

14 Pop Up
Meetings

2,000
riders

On-Board
Surveys

28
Surveys

Website
Surveys

- ✓ Provide **weekend** service
- ✓ **More early and late trips** on existing service
- ✓ Improve **frequency** on existing service
- ✓ **Expand** geographic coverage in the County
- ✓ **Get newer vehicles** in order to maintain reliability and improve the passenger experience
- ✓ **Use of non-traditional services** to provide accessibility in areas of County not suited to fixed-route transit

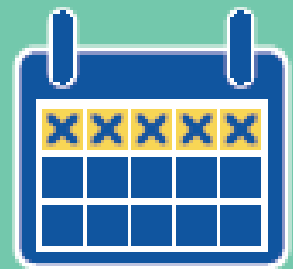
Passenger Characteristics



72% of riders responding to the survey do not own a car and 83% do not have access to a car for their trip



53% of riders who responded have been riding *TheBus* for more than two years



47% of respondents use *TheBus* five days per week



65% of respondents use *TheBus* to get to work



65% of respondents walk to access *TheBus*



Stakeholder Interview Themes

Project team interviewed:

- Prince George's County Councilmembers
- Prince George's Economic Development Corporation
- Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission
- Health Department

Common themes about *TheBus* identified by all stakeholders



Provide **greater transit access** to County Employment centers



Provide levels of service to **transit dependent residents** that support **basic mobility needs**



Improve transit access to support **non-traditional work hours**



Continue to pursue opportunities to use transit as a means of **supporting business and economic development**



Improve transit access to evolving **24-hours centers**, **large employment centers**, and **hospitals and medical facilities**



Expand access to **emerging growth centers** and portions of the County not served by fixed route transit



Improve access to bus stops and make **stops more user friendly and convenient**

Recommendations Overview

	Improvements in service frequency, or the time between bus arrivals at stops.		Provide first and last mile connections to existing fixed routes.
	Extension of weekday service hours.		Improvements to existing bus stops to enhance the rider wait experience.
	Expansion of Service to Saturday.		New sidewalk construction to close gaps in the sidewalk network in order to improve mobility, safety, and transit access.
	Modifying routes to make them more direct.		Expand Bike Share throughout The County to increase mobility options.
	Extending existing routes to strengthen connections to major activity centers.		Begin the development process for a new transit operations and maintenance facility.

Recommendation Highlights

Bus Stop Improvements

- ❖ Improve up to 20 stops by year

Bike Share

- ❖ Support future bikeshare locations

Existing Locations

- National Harbor
- Riverdale Park
- Largo Metrorail Station
- Prince George's Community College
- Wayne K. Curry Building
- Oxon Hill Park and Ride Lot



Status

- Under review by County Executive leadership team
- Forwarded to County Council for review
- Ready for review by the County Executive-elect transition team



Questions/Comments

