

# TPB STUDY PREVIEW

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## Market Assessment & Technical Feasibility for VRE-MARC Run through Service

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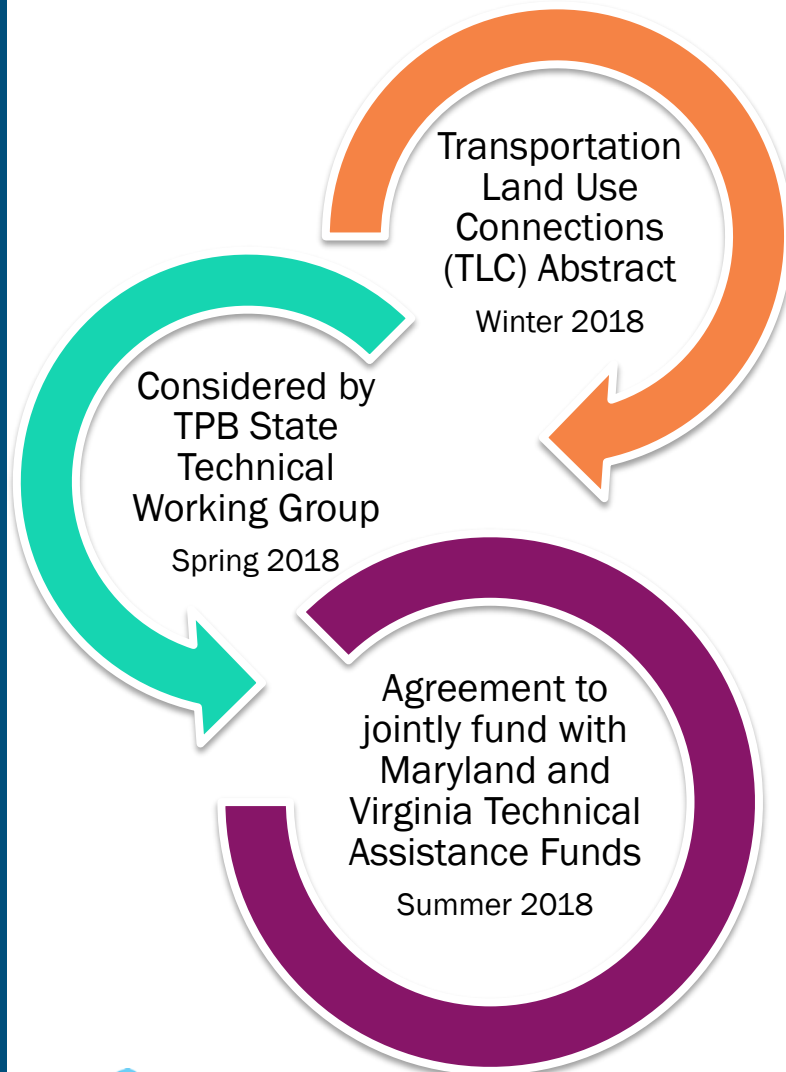
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A study to assess the **market potential** for a **one-seat commuter rail service** between points in the **State of Maryland** and the **Commonwealth of Virginia**



# Project Background and Development



Scope of work collaboratively developed with the TPB State Technical Working Group and staff representatives from Maryland Regional Commuter Rail Service (MARC) and the Virginia Railway Express (VRE).

Fall 2018 - Winter 2019



# Project Underway



# Why now and why TPB?

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- Recent major investment studies and plans considered how to add capacity to accommodate run through service
- Potential to complement Metrorail Service and alleviate constraints on core Metrorail segments; alleviated pedestrian crowding at Union Station
- Potential increase in demand associated with Amazon HQ2 in National Landing
- Aligns with TPB's Regional Transportation Priorities Plan Long Term Strategy 1: More Capacity on the Existing Transit System



# How is this different from past studies?

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- Creative and innovative use of existing travel demand data sources to assess market
- Identify present and future volume of commuter travel - for all commuter shed pairs in the combined MARC and VRE System
- Highlight Operational and Infrastructure Constraints; informed by market assessment

# Scope

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1. Project Management and Coordination
2. Background Research on Through Service
3. Identify and analyze the potential market and technical feasibility for run through service
4. Final report



# Technical Advisory Committee & Stakeholder Group

	Purpose	Members
<b>Technical Advisory Committee</b>	Technical oversight and support	Commuter Rail Service, State DOTs, Regional Agencies; Agencies funding the study and operating agencies
<b>Stakeholder Group</b>	Insight on how through-running ties with local growth, transportation, and economic development objectives	Jurisdictions and Economic Development Organizations along the Corridor, Transit Agencies, Regional Agencies outside TPB's planning region, Federal Agencies





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