

Better Bus Network Redesign

Prince George's County Council TIEE Committee

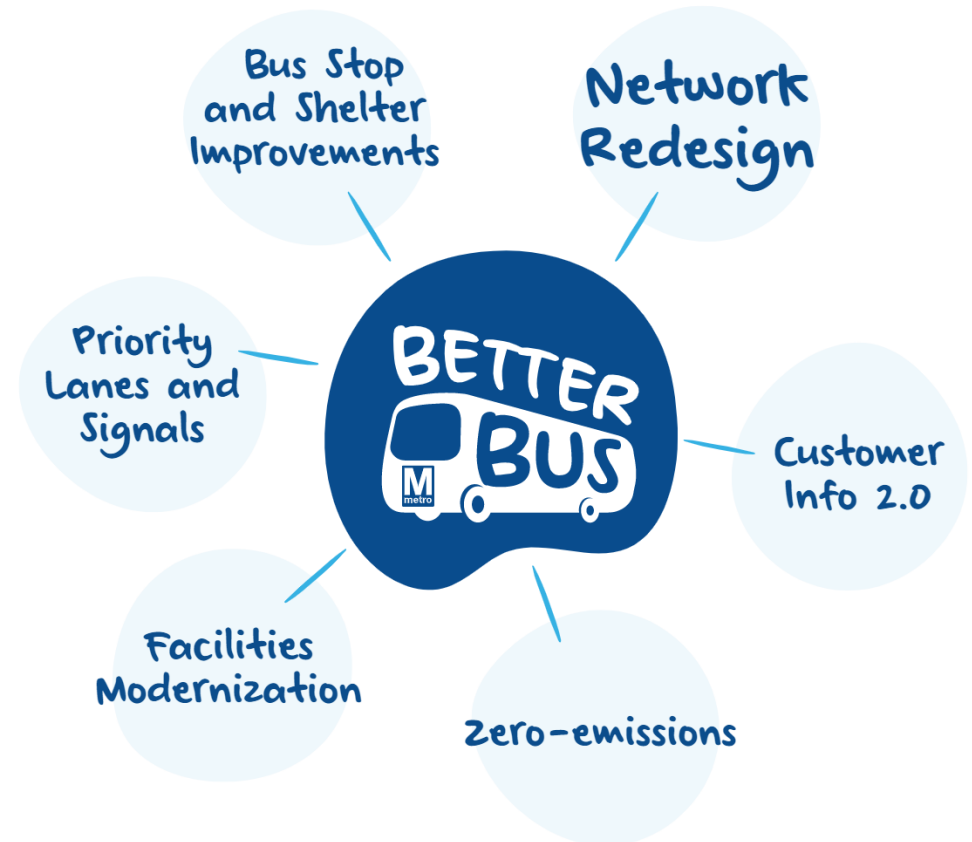
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What is the Better Bus Network Redesign?

- The Network Redesign is a project to rethink, redesign, and revitalize bus service
- Part of the Better Bus Initiative – which includes many ongoing and future efforts to improve bus service





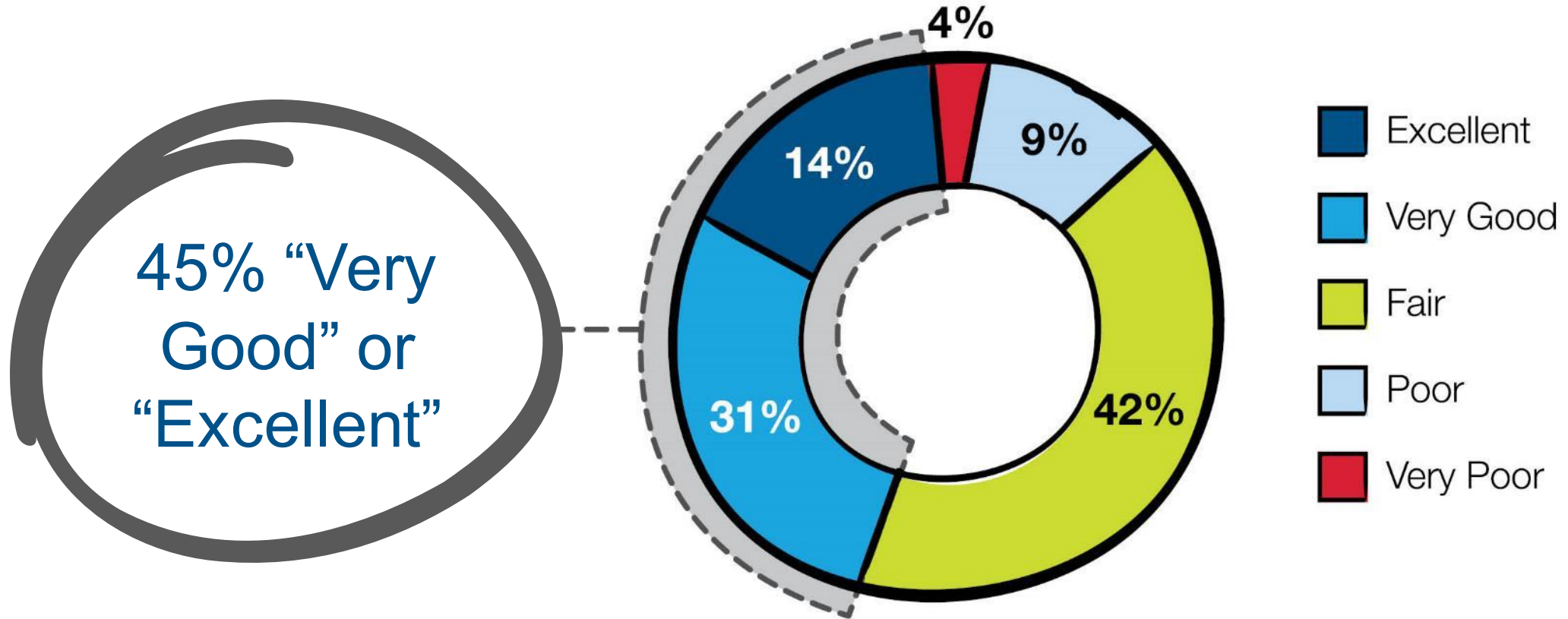
Better Bus Network Redesign Roadmap





How We Got to the Draft Visionary Network

You Told Us: Regional Bus Service is Good, and it Could Be Better



Source: 2022 Public Survey
Overall Rating of Regional Bus Service

You Told Us How to Make the Bus Better... And We're Doing It!

DRAFT VISIONARY NETWORK AT A GLANCE



Expanded frequent service



More service all day/all week



Increase crosstown & cross-county connections



Service is easier to understand along major routes



Direct, frequent routes connecting key destinations & transit hubs



Extended service beyond jurisdictional borders



Highlights from the Draft Visionary Network

Prince George's County





The Visionary Network...

Connects the Region

By providing service to people where and when they need it.



84k and 166k more Prince George's residents on Saturdays and Sundays will have bus service



166K County residents will have 24-hour bus service



County residents will have **21% more** access to frequent transit on weekday middays and **20% more** access to frequent transit on weekends



28% more trips in Prince George's County could be made conveniently by transit



99% of residents who currently have bus service will continue to have bus service under the Visionary Network

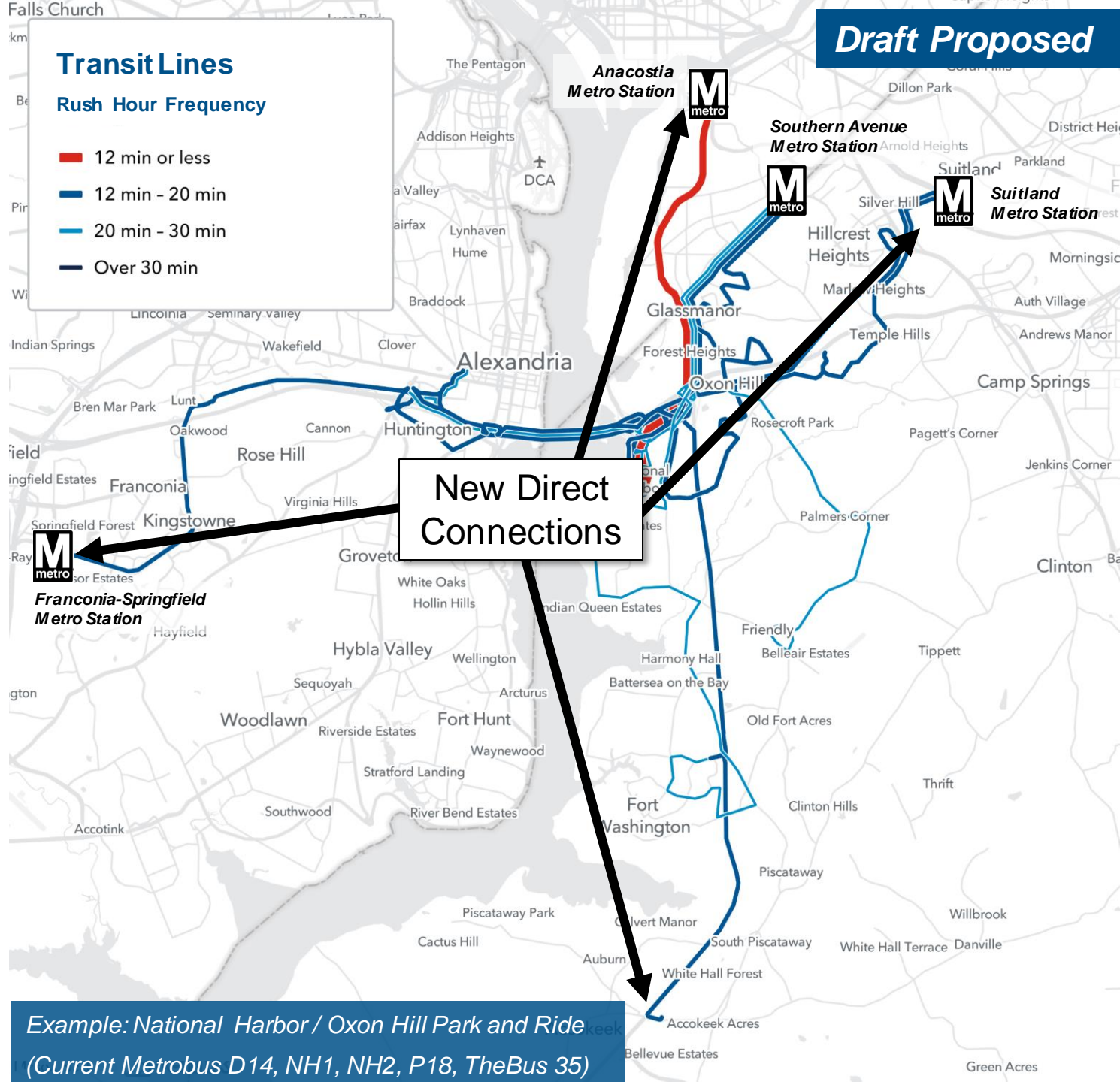
The Visionary Network...

Connects the Region...

By providing access to more key destinations and jobs.

Residents in the County will be able to **access an additional 14k jobs** within 60 minutes on transit

Residents will have **better access to grocery stores** — especially on the weekends and at midday

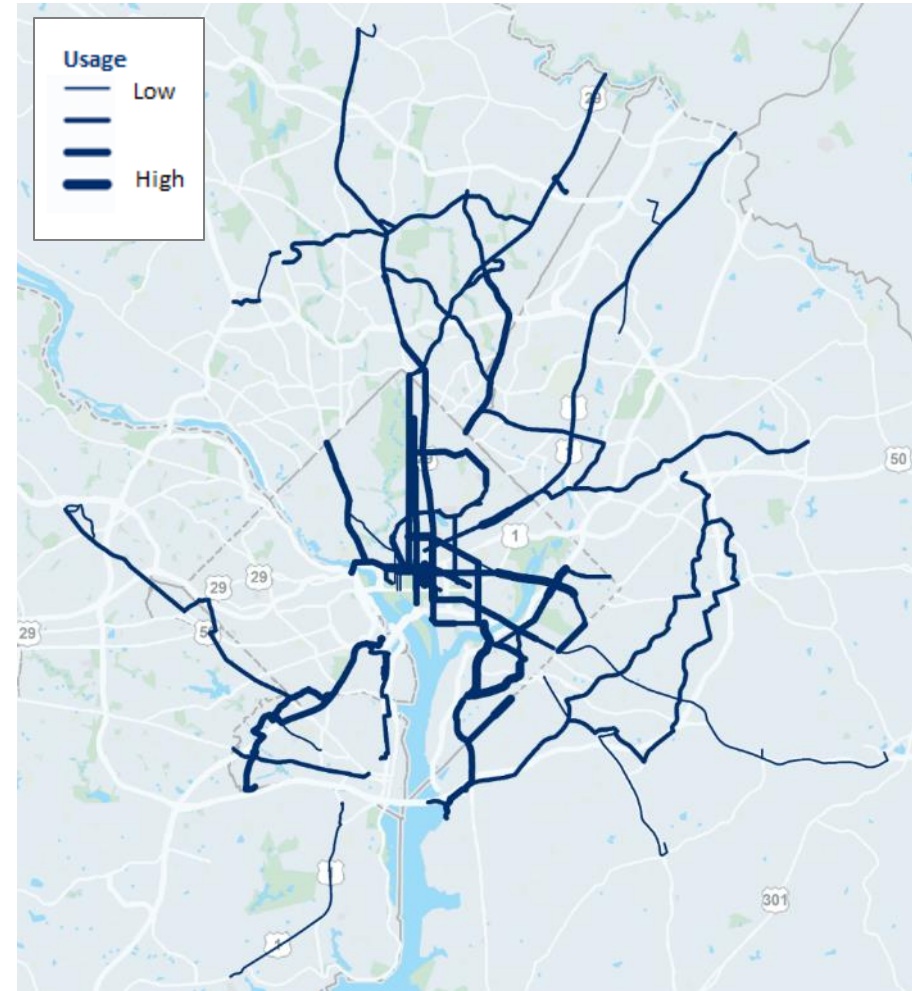


The Visionary Network...

Improves the Customer Experience

By providing more bus service in dedicated/prioritized facilities in Maryland

- More bus service operates on streets with bus priority in Maryland, **making service faster and more reliable to ride and operate**
 - 84% more on Sundays (156% more in MD),
 - 64% more on Saturdays (101% more in MD), and
 - 39% more midday (62% more in MD)
- **Maximizes jurisdictional partner investments** in bus priority infrastructure



Draft Visionary Network Considerations



Data and public, bus operations, jurisdiction partner input formed the basis for the draft Visionary Network



Implementing the draft Visionary Network will require a **35 percent increase in funding for bus in the region**



Network does not specify which **operator will operate the service** nor have we yet specified stops or stopping patterns



Temporary bus route numbers to accommodate new routes and changes to existing routes



Highlights from Public and Stakeholder Outreach

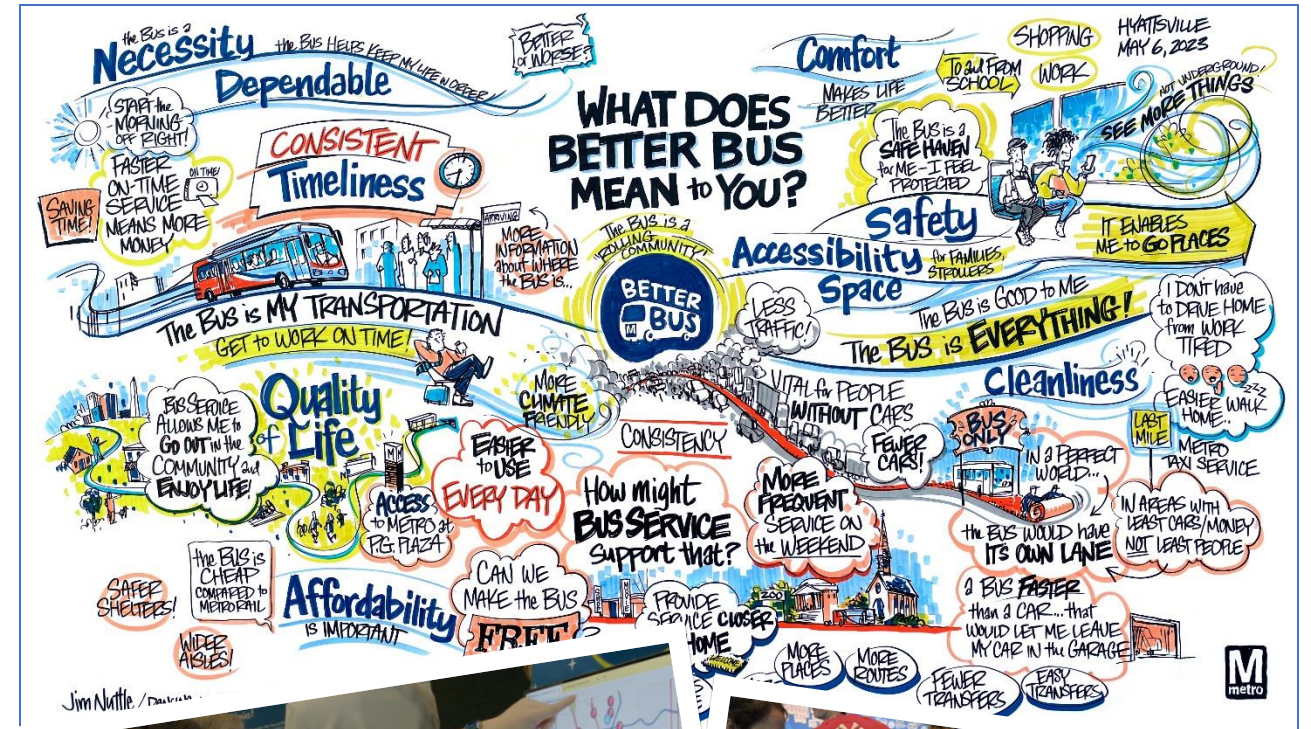
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Better Bus Experience LIVE! in Prince George's County

2 Community Workshops

- Workshops located at Hyattsville Branch Library and the Creative Suitland Arts Center
- Nearly 300 attendees!





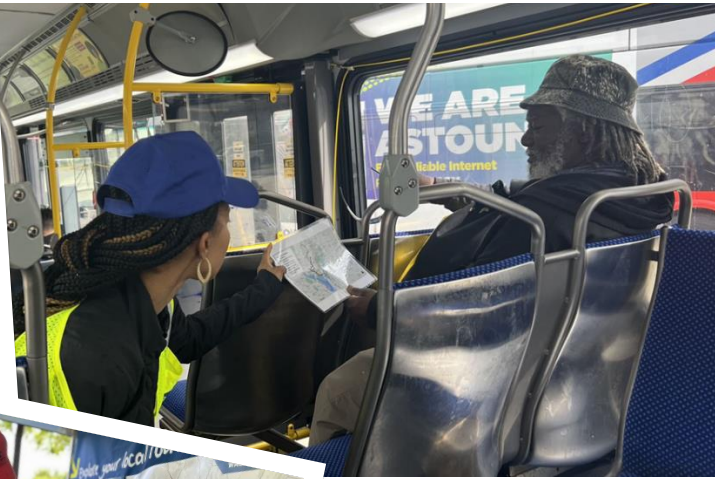
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Take the workshop experience on the road to meet customers **where they are**

4 Roadshow Pop-ups

15 Bus Ride-Alongs

Connecting with riders through scalable interactions with information customized to their route



MD-Focused Webinar

Learning opportunity for those who can't meet us at events



What We're Hearing from the Public

Sample Route Comments



“MD374 is great. Need to get to Clinton and Camp Springs from Naylor Road!”

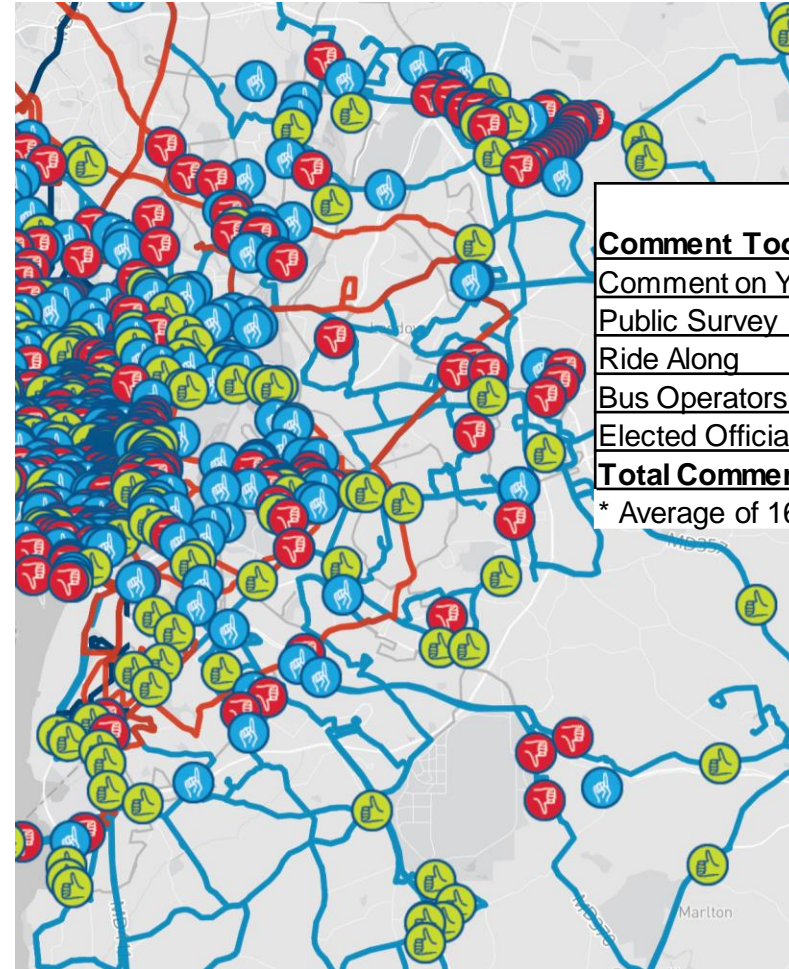
“Greenbelt Road needs frequent bus service. Run the new MD 349 at least every 20 minutes all day.”



“Cutting this branch to Greenbelt and New Carrollton would be a huge mistake. Many kids commute to school on the current G14 and having their direct connection loss is going to cause more travel times to the kids.”



“Making the A8 high-frequency and extending it to Eastover and National Harbor is really good.”



Comment Tool	# of Comments*
Comment on Your Route Site	279
Public Survey	90
Ride Along	317
Bus Operators	111
Elected Official Letter	8
Total Comments	805

* Average of 16 comments per route

Next Stop: Better Bus

- Input will help us refine the Visionary Network
 - Adjust where routes go, when service operates, and how often buses run based on what we are hearing
- Identify steps to make the Visionary Network a reality
- Bi-weekly DPW&T-Transit Staff meetings continue

