

LIBRARY BRANCHES AND PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION

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PURPOSE

To understand the accessibility and connectivity of County resources.

- Types of public transportation.
- Walking time from the transportation stop to the library branch entrance.
- Quality of sidewalks and bus stops.
- Safety and accessibility.

Notably, library branches are a placeholder for any “County resource.”



TYPES OF
TRANSPORTATION
OBSERVED

Metrorail Lines

Metrobus Routes

Prince George's County "The Bus"

Regional Transportation Agency (RTA) of Central
Maryland

Maryland Transportation Authority

SIDEWALK OBSERVATIONS

Presence of Sidewalks

Protected versus
Unprotected Sidewalks

Wheelchair
Accessibility

OBSERVATIONS

WMATA's Metrobus is the most common and frequent type of public transportation available for County residents.

"The Bus" runs less often than the Metrobus.

There does not appear to be a systemic intent to connect libraries to public bus routes.

Missing, unprotected, and blocked sidewalks are common throughout the County.

Bus stops often lack seating and protection from the elements.

Library branches within the Beltway are generally the most accessible.

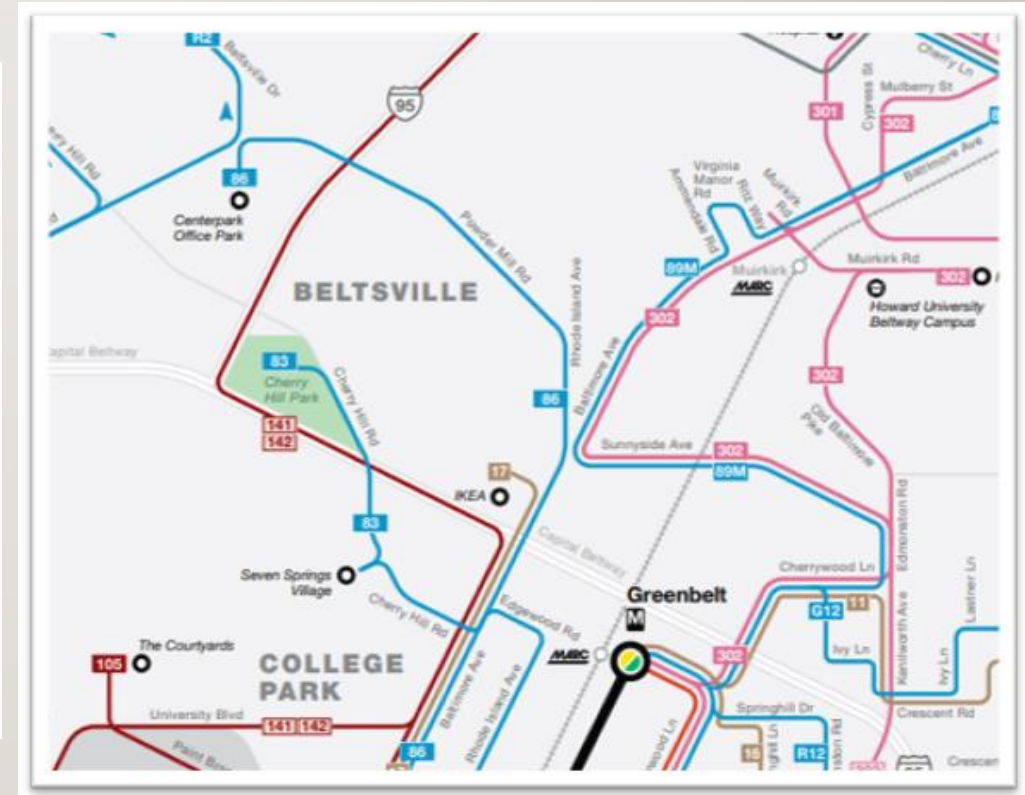
BELTSVILLE BRANCH LIBRARY

	Metrorail	Metrobus	PGC "The Bus"	RTA Central MD	MTA
Beltsville		X			

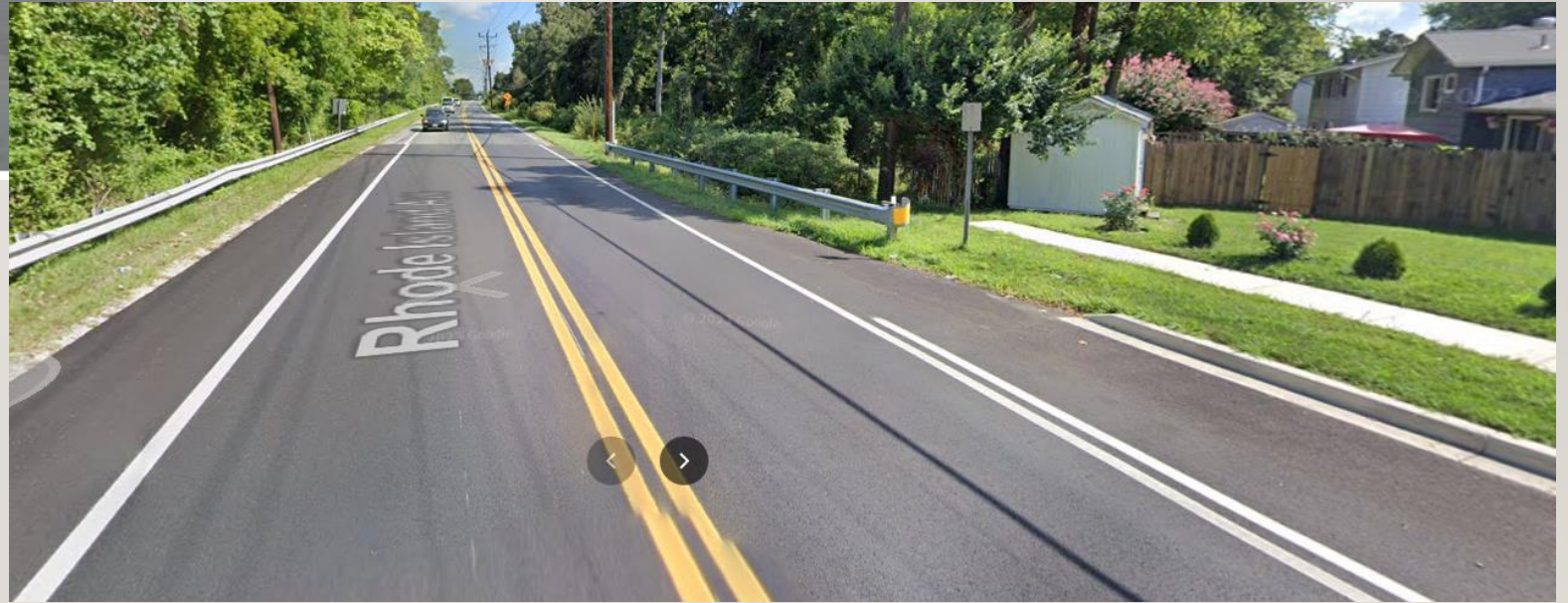
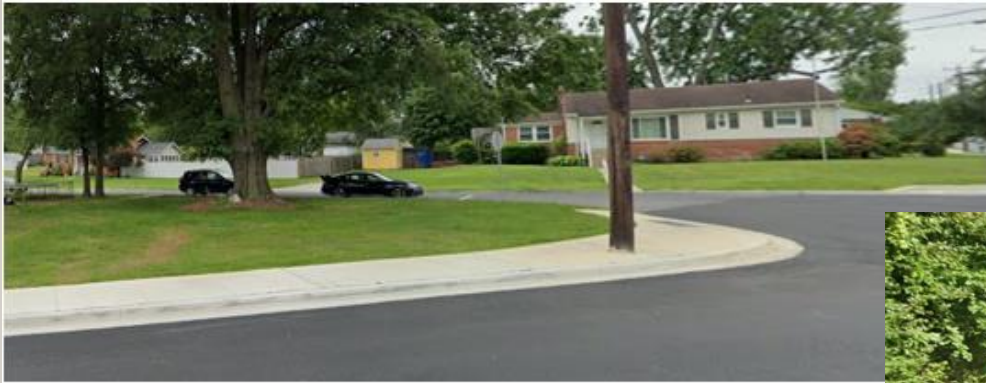
The Beltsville Branch Library is accessible via the following public transportation options:

- Metrobus Local Route (Blue) #86, by walking approximately 7 minutes,
 - Runs less frequently than every 20 minutes.
 - Unprotected sidewalks, sidewalks blocked to wheelchair access along Sellman Road.
- Metrobus Local Route (Blue) #89M, by walking approximately 12 minutes, and;
 - Runs less frequently than every 20 minutes.
 - Partly unprotected sidewalks along Montgomery Road.

A stop for the RTA of Central Maryland #302 is within approximately 32 minutes of walking distance; however, no sidewalks are available.



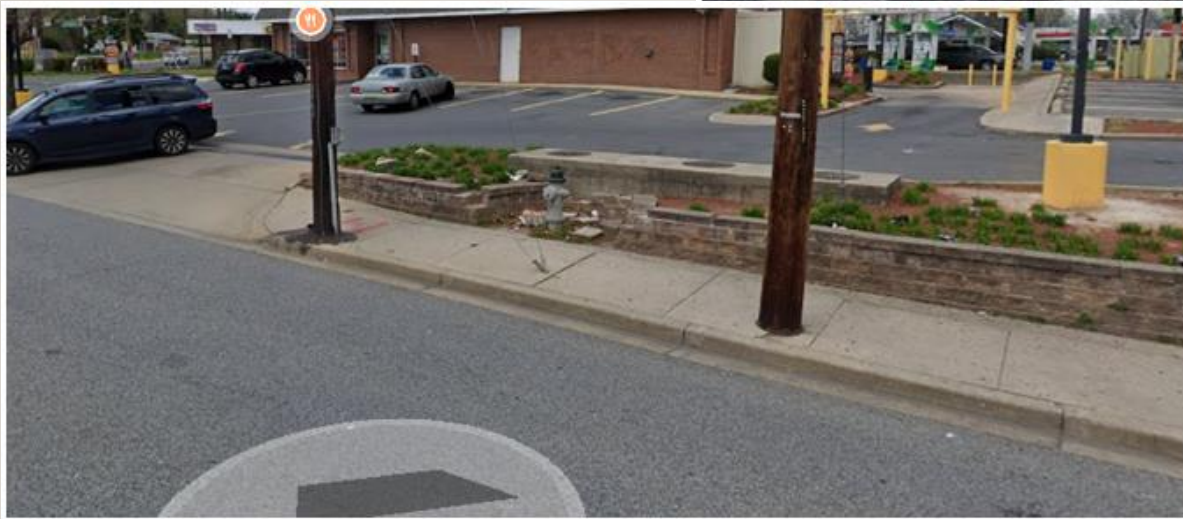
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BLADENSBURG BRANCH LIBRARY



NEW CARROLLTON BRANCH LIBRARY



LARGO-KETTERING BRANCH LIBRARY



UPPER MARLBORO BRANCH LIBRARY

	Metrorail	Metrobus	PGC "The Bus"	RTA Central MD	MTA
Upper Marlboro			X		

The Upper Marlboro Branch Library is accessible via the following public transportation options:

- PGC "The Bus" #20, walking approximately 1 minute.
 - Runs every 30 minutes.
- PGC "The Bus" #21, walking approximately 1 minute.
 - Runs every 30 minutes.
- PGC "The Bus" #51A, by walking approximately 1 minute.¹¹
 - Runs every 60 minutes.
- PGC "The Bus" #51B, walking approximately 1 minute.¹²
 - Runs every 60 minutes.
- PGC "The Bus" #51X, by walking approximately 1 minute.
 - Runs every 15 minutes.



FAIRMOUNT HEIGHTS BRANCH LIBRARY



BADEN LIBRARY BRANCH

- No Public Transportation.

DPW&T CIP FUNDING

Funding Available in Some CIP Categories

- “Curb & Road Rehabilitation 2” - \$36 million.
- “Pedestrian Safety Improvements” - \$41 million.
- “Traffic Congestion Improvements 2” (includes pedestrian safety) - \$7.5 million.
- “Transit Oriented Development Infrastructure” - \$19.7 million.

Lack of Sufficient Funding in Some CIP Categories

- “ADA Right-Of-Way Modifications” projects are on hold due to debt affordability concerns.
- “Bridge Repair & Replacement 2” – \$2 million.
- “Bus Mass Transit/Metro Access 2” – \$3.2 million.
- “South County Roadway Improvements” - \$2.35 million.
- “Transportation Enhancements 2” – \$3.25 million.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Short-Term**

- Ensure that Library branches (and other public resources) are considered when planning “The Bus” routes.
- Ensure that the paving and repaving of sidewalks are prioritized for those that connect County resources.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Medium Term**

- Increase the number of “The Bus” routes in more populous parts of the County for added accessibility to public transportation.
- Identify sidewalks that are missing or inhibiting public access.
- Redirect routes to include nearby Library branches (and other direct County services).
- Increase the frequency of “The Bus” coming to a bus stop and market “The Bus” as a reliable and convenient method of transportation.
- Enshrine “public transportation accessibility” as a tenet of government operations.
- Consider making “The Bus” free for all residents to ensure equity and accessibility for the County’s lowest-income residents.
- Support adding Capital Bikeshare stations at Library branches within a 20-minute walk of a metro station.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Long Term**
 - Work with WMATA and other regional transportation partners to include Library branches in their route designs.
 - Repave and protect sidewalks connecting public transportation stops and Library branches.
 - Ensure bus stops are built with shelters to protect riders from the elements.

THANK YOU!

Hyattsville Branch Library

	Metro rail	Metrobus	PGC "The Bus"	RTA Central MD	MTA
Hyattsville	X	X	X		

The Bladensburg Branch Library is accessible via the following public transportation options:

- Metrobus Frequent Service Route (Red) #F4, by walking approximately 8 minutes.
 - Runs every 12 minutes or better.
 - Unprotected sidewalks along Highway 410 (East-West Highway).
- Metrobus Frequent Route Branch (Red) #C4, by walking approximately 15 minutes.
 - Less frequent than every 20 minutes, times vary by route.
- Metrobus Local Route (Blue) #R4, by walking approximately 6 minutes.
 - Runs less frequently than every 20 minutes.
- Metrobus Local Route (Blue) #F6, by walking approximately 6 minutes.
 - Runs less frequently than every 20 minutes.
- Metrobus Local Route (Blue) #F8, by walking approximately 1 minute.
 - Runs less frequently than every 20 minutes.
- PGC "The Bus" #13A, by walking approximately 1 minute.
 - Runs every 45 minutes.
- PGC "The Bus" #14, walking approximately 1 minute.
 - Runs every 60 minutes.
- PGC "The Bus" #18, walking approximately 8 minutes.
 - Runs every 30 minutes.
 - Unprotected sidewalks along Highway 410 (East-West Highway).
- PGC "The Bus" #19, walking approximately 1 minute.
 - Runs every 30 minutes.

