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Greater Washington Partnership Releases Blueprint for Regional Mobility

Washington, D.C.— Today, the Greater Washington Partnership unveiled the [Blueprint For Regional Mobility](#), the first ever CEO-driven comprehensive strategy that binds the Capital Region and better connects residents in Baltimore, Washington and Richmond to opportunity.

This unified vision for the future of the region's transportation system comes on the heels of Amazon's commitment earlier this month to bring 25,000 jobs to the region. Executing on the seven solutions and 20 actions laid out in the Blueprint will fundamentally transform the way we move around the region, reversing our current disjointed system's trajectory of worsening congestion and limiting access to essential destinations for many families in our region.

"The Blueprint is the direct product of 16 months of intensive dialogue between hundreds of our region's government, business, and civic leaders, transportation advocates and experts, and labor leaders, all of whom have a key stake in ushering in a unified transportation system that will support our growing twenty-first century economy," **said Jason Miller, CEO of the Greater Washington Partnership.** "The Blueprint builds off prior plans by uniting disparate efforts, removing recognized hurdles and coordinating great ideas into a coherent strategy that will move the region forward, together."

The Blueprint's strategy promises faster commutes, improved transportation options, and more access to jobs, culture, and entertainment—the hallmarks that make the Greater Capital region a great place to live, work, build a business and raise a family.

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"My time in public service as well as in the private sector taught me the challenges of coordinating multiple stakeholders to produce a comprehensive plan of this scale," **said Mark Weinberger, Global Chairman and CEO of EY and co-chair of the Partnership's Regional Mobility Initiative.** "The Partnership has identified policies that will leverage the extraordinary pool of talent and resources in the Capital Region and create solutions for businesses, workers and families"

The recommendations in the Blueprint are based on data-driven analysis and best practices specifically designed for the region, and address all aspects of public policy: planning, funding, stakeholder engagement, advocacy and execution.

"Our transportation system, which has helped drive the region's economic success, is not keeping pace with the needs of the region's 10.2 million residents," **said Joe McAndrew, the Partnership's Director of Transportation Policy.** "The Blueprint is exactly the bold call to action we need right now and one that will bridge years of uncoordinated regional investments and policies. It is time for stakeholders across the region, from Baltimore to Richmond, to come together to build the Capital Region the world-class transportation system it deserves."

Key Blueprint recommendations include:

- Delivering faster, more frequent, and more reliable passenger and commuter train travel to better connect the region and reduce congestion;
- Prioritizing job creation and inclusive development to ensure all residents in the Capital Region benefit from improvements to our region's transportation system;
- Expanding and coordinating the region's highway performance-driven toll lane network to reduce travel times, increase reliability, and move more people on our congested roads;
- Increasing adoption of best-in-class employer mobility programs to reduce congestion and rapidly improve the commuting experience;
- Developing a seamless, integrated network of rapid public transportation options to attract talent and improve access to jobs and essential destinations;
- Investing in hundreds of miles of trails to better connect our diverse region and encourage biking, walking and other alternative modes of transportation for work and leisure;
- Reforming governance and investment structures to maximize the benefit from each dollar invested and enable regional institutions to deliver regional strategies;
- Deploying technologies to reduce congestion and increase bus speeds, improve the consumer experience, and provide a more equitable and accessible tech-enabled future for all consumers.

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What They're Saying

"As any public health or public policy expert will tell you, it is clear that health, transportation and urban planning are inextricably intertwined," **said Ken Samet, President and CEO of MedStar Health and co-chair of the Partnership's Regional Mobility Initiative.** "The strategy outlined in the Blueprint supports equitable access to jobs and critical resources in our region to ensure individuals of all income levels and walks of life may benefit. MedStar stands ready to support and implement these solutions, and we are energized to get started on this important work for our region."

"I believe in the region and its ability to pull together a strong Blueprint for Regional Mobility," **said Anthony Foxx, Chief Policy Officer & Senior Advisor to the President and CEO, Lyft, and former Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.** "Had such a thing been in place during my tenure as Secretary of Transportation, we would have been on a much different course. The Capital Region is full of promise, but the inability to bridge jurisdictional and structural barriers has held it back from truly reaching its full potential. The Blueprint is a comprehensive, transformative strategy that, once implemented, will meaningfully improve the quality of life for the residents of the region."

"In more than three decades of public service, I have been a part of developing countless transportation plans, and the Blueprint stands out for one reason: it is not a plan. It is a strategy," **said Ray LaHood, Senior Policy Advisor, DLA Piper, and former Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.** "This effort led by the Greater Washington Partnership will create opportunity for everyone in the Capital Region and create a more efficient and innovative transportation system for years to come. I believe the Blueprint is the next-generation approach that will set an example for other transportation systems around the globe."

"There's a saying: 'there are no Republican potholes or Democratic potholes.' Taking this a bit farther—there is no Republican or Democratic metro, bus, or bridge," **said John Porcari, President, Advisory Services, WSP, and former Deputy Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation.** "Here in the Capital Region, it is imperative that leaders come together across both sides of the aisle to produce solutions that will improve the quality of life for all residents. The Blueprint lays out a consensus, yet ambitious, strategy for our region and brings together the best public policy experts the region has to offer. I'm excited for the region to roll up their sleeves and join together to execute this strategy, and in so doing raise our collective expectations for our region's potential."

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"When we invest in infrastructure, we invest in our nation's prosperity and quality of life," said **Marcia Hale, President, Building America's Future**. "The transportation system in the D.C., Maryland, and Virginia region has been sorely in need of improvements for years. I look forward to working with other leaders in the area to implement the positive solutions outlined in the Blueprint."

"The ability to access transit options and freely navigate our communities is a necessity, not a luxury," said **Maurice Jones, President and CEO, LISC**. "Unfortunately, efficient and reliable transit options have historically been out of reach for many residents in the greater Capital region. The Blueprint presents long-awaited solutions to this challenge, with a strategic emphasis on increasing opportunity for all residents in D.C., Maryland and Virginia. I am proud to support this effort, and I look forward to working with the Greater Washington Partnership to ensure access and equity remain at the forefront our region's planning efforts for years to come."

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About the Greater Washington Partnership

The Greater Washington Partnership is a first-of-its-kind civic alliance of CEOs in the region, drawing from the leading employers and entrepreneurs committed to making the Capital Region—from Baltimore to Richmond—one of the world's best places to live, work and build a business. Working in collaboration with leaders across our communities, the Partnership connects and leverages the region's extraordinary assets to advance inclusive, actionable solutions that strengthen Greater Washington as a leading global region and center for commerce and innovation.

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