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## Statement from the Greater Washington Partnership on the Release of the Draft of Baltimore's First Long-Range Transit Plan in Quarter Century

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**Baltimore, MD**—The Greater Washington Partnership today released the following statement on the release of the draft Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan:

“The Greater Washington Partnership applauds the shared commitment from Governor Larry Hogan, the members of the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan Commission, the Maryland Transit Administration, and the thousands of stakeholders that have worked together over the past year to develop a strong draft Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan (CMRTP) that was released today.

For the Capital Region to thrive and reach its full potential, Baltimore's regional transit system must be in a state of good repair and expanded, so it better supports economic competitiveness by enabling more residents to have enhanced connections to the region's jobs and essential destinations. The Partnership identified the need for a new regional transit plan for the Baltimore metro area in its [Blueprint for Regional Mobility](#), the Capital Region's first CEO-driven strategic transportation agenda.

The CMRTP is Baltimore's first comprehensive transit plan in a quarter century and represents a once-in-a-generation opportunity to establish a new vision and strategy for advancing public transit and making it a competitive asset for all residents to use and rely upon. This transit plan presents a clear strategy for how to move Baltimore forward, with enhanced connections to key destinations like Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center, outlines a framework for tripling MARC ridership by replacing the Civil War era B&P Tunnel, increases inclusive transit oriented development, and provides better suburb-to-suburb connections that are essential for today's residential and job land use patterns.

As the COVID-19 health pandemic has shown, public transit is an essential service that will continue to be important throughout the coming economic recovery. In the near-term, the Partnership is committed to working with elected leaders and transit officials to ensure life-line service remains



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available for those that require it and that the service is a safe and reliable option as employees and their families return to work, school and other recreational activities.

The CMRTP charts a clear path to grow the system when it is safe and appropriate to do so, and the Partnership is committed to working with Governor Hogan, Mayor Young, County Executives Ball, Glassman, and Pittman, and the Maryland Transit Administration to advance the transit plan from vision to reality.”

## **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 the Capital Region as a leading global region and center for commerce and innovation.

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