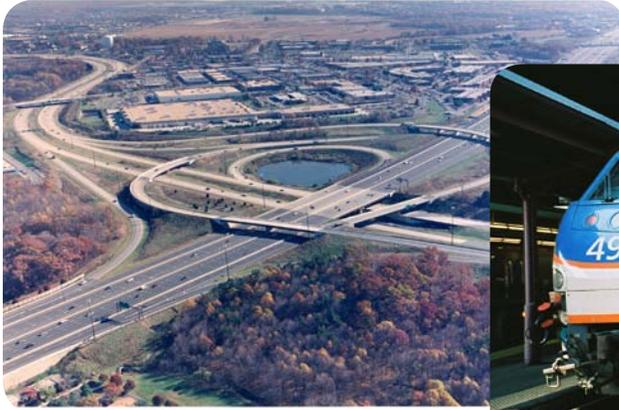


2009 MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION PLAN



What is the Maryland Transportation Plan and why is it important?

The Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP) establishes a 20-year vision for transportation in the State and provides policy direction through statewide multimodal goals and objectives. The MTP is also used to develop performance measures that assess how effectively the Department is performing its mission. In addition, the MTP guides the development of the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP), which identifies specific road, bridge, transit, aviation, port, pedestrian and bikeway projects that will be funded over the next six years.

Why does the MTP get updated?

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) updates the MTP every five years to address current and future transportation challenges and conditions. MDOT is conducting extensive public outreach to engage Maryland's citizens, agencies, and interested organizations in revisions to the transportation system's long-range vision, goals, and objectives. This process will result in a MTP that reflects and responds to the needs of residents, businesses, local governments, and communities.

Some current MDOT priorities and initiatives include:

- System preservation and maintenance
- Safety and security
- System productivity and efficiency
- Freight movement
- Military Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC)
- Environment and air quality
- Transit-oriented development (TOD)
- Smart growth
- Transportation financing



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Why is my input important?

The perspectives of transportation users are critical in shaping the MTP. MDOT invites public involvement through the following set of activities:

- Public meetings with interest groups and with the State's Metropolitan Planning Organizations;
- Group meetings and interviews with key stakeholders representing a broad constituent base;
- An interactive website with a comment form and a survey (www.mdot.state.md.us/Planning);
- Newsletters and flyers providing timely information about the MTP; and
- Innovative partnerships to encourage public participation.

How is the MTP updated?

The process includes:

- Consultation and coordination with State and local government stakeholders;
- Public involvement to ensure the planning process is inclusive and responsive to a host of diverse interests;
- Development of draft goals and objectives;
- Analysis of issues that will shape existing and future conditions and performance of transportation in Maryland;
- Development of MTP implementation strategies that address capital, operations, management, environmental mitigation, and multimodal connections; and
- Preparation of a draft and final MTP.



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