

Aberdeen's MARC train station getting upgrades



The MARC and Amtrak train station in Aberdeen is undergoing \$150,000 to \$200,000 worth of repairs this month. (DAVID ANDERSON | RECORD FILE)

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Aberdeen's train station will get minor upgrades

Aberdeen's MARC train station is set to undergo repairs this month, as the Maryland Transit Administration plans to renovate the 73-year-old station at Route 40 and East Bel Air Avenue.

The Maryland Transit Administration will upgrade the station's interior, including repairing and refinishing the benches, washing and refinishing the floors and painting bathroom walls, spokesperson Paul Shepard said via email.

On the station's exterior, the soffits – or roof supports, will be replaced with durable material, rotted wood will be replaced and rain downspouts will be fixed, he said.

The work is expected to cost \$150,000 to \$200,000. The MTA has already cleaned out the back portion of the station and the basement.

"The station is in need of upgrades," Shepard said in the email. "The Maryland Department of Transportation and the Maryland Transit Administration are committed to making the station as attractive and user-friendly for our customers as possible."

In addition to daily MARC service on the Penn Line between Perryville, Baltimore and Union Station in Washington, D.C., the Aberdeen station also serves intercity passengers on Amtrak's Northeast Corridor line.

MTA representatives met with Aberdeen Mayor Patrick McGrady and other city officials in May to discuss "overall planning efforts and station improvements," Shepard said.

The station area continues to be a target for improvement by city leaders, but no major changes are likely to happen any time soon.

The Maryland Department of Transportation unveiled plans in 2011 to encourage transit-oriented development in the "station square" area.

Last month, Harford County leaders announced two new bus shelters could be placed at the Harford Transit Link bus stop at the train station because it is the busiest such hub in the county.