



# Maryland State Rail Plan

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## Why We are Updating the Plan



The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) is updating the Maryland State Rail Plan. State rail plans are required by the federal Passenger Rail Investment and Improvement Act of 2008 (PRIIA), and the Fixing America's Surface Transportation Act (FAST Act) of 2015 specified that state rail plans be updated every four years. Beyond the federal requirements, the Plan will outline public and private investments and policies that will ensure the efficient, safe, and sustainable movement of freight and passengers by rail. The Plan's comprehensive list of rail projects will enable MDOT to work strategically with private railroads and other stakeholders to address rail needs and support where possible.

## We Want to Hear from You!



Thank you for your participation.  
The survey closed on 1/29.



Send comments to MDOT  
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## Timing of the Plan



# Plan Structure per Federal Railroad Administration Guidance

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## ROLE OF RAIL

- » The State's goals for the multimodal transportation system
- » Rail's role within transportation system (modal share, etc.)
- » How the State is set up to support rail, including organizations involved in rail and legislative authority

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## EXISTING RAIL SYSTEM

- » Description of rail lines and multimodal connections in Maryland
- » Description of passenger rail services and performance
- » Inventory of potential sources for funding and financing
- » Summary of safety programs and projects
- » Analysis of rail's economic and environmental impacts
- » Trends that will impact rail in the future

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## ISSUES AND OPPORTUNITIES/ INITIATIVES

- » Passenger Rail Issues and Opportunities, proposed Improvements and Investments
- » Freight Rail Issues and Opportunities, proposed Improvements and Investments

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## RAIL SERVICE AND INVESTMENT PROGRAM

- » Vision, Goals and Objectives
- » Project list (funded and unfunded)
  - Project costs
  - Description of anticipated benefits
- » Estimate of likely available funding (state and federal)
- » List of anticipated studies and reports if applicable
- » Description of organizational changes if anticipated

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## COORDINATION AND REVIEW

- » Summary of how stakeholders and public were involved in preparing the State Rail Plan
- » Description of issues raised, how addressed in the State Rail Plan
- » Description of how the State Rail Plan was coordinated with other planning efforts