

MARC Growth and Transformation Plan

TPB Regional Public
Transportation Subcommittee

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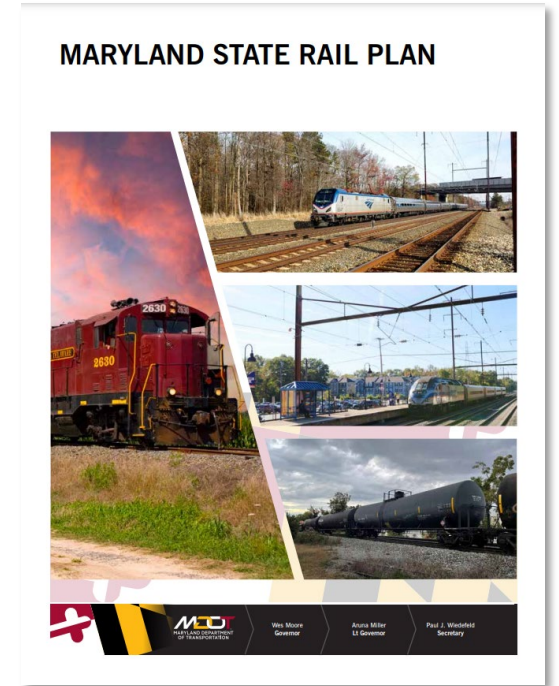
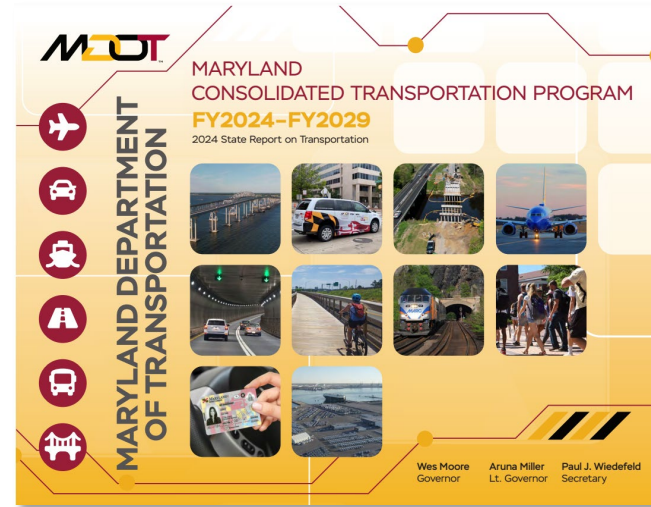
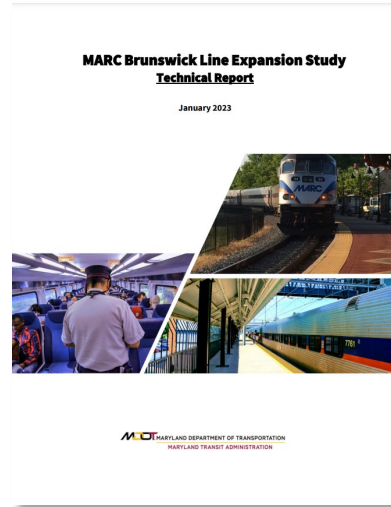
Agenda

- Welcome and Introductions
- Project Overview
- What We Heard and Learned
- Future Service Plan
- Schedule and Next Steps



Study Overview

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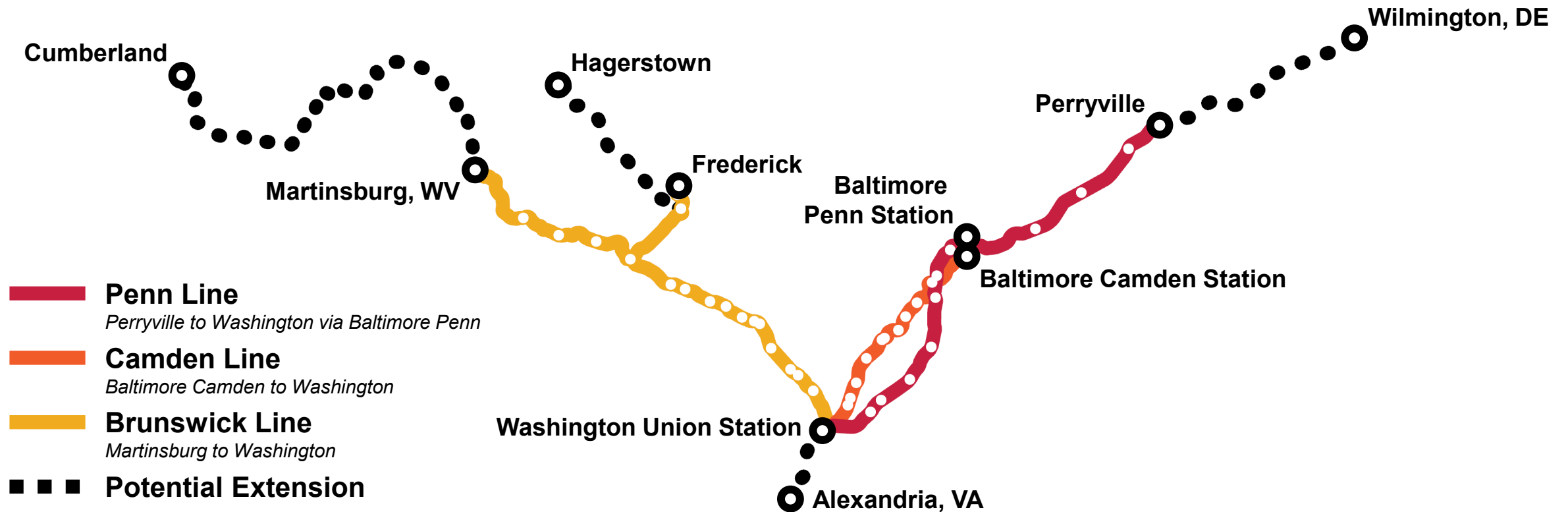
Update to the **MARC Cornerstone Plan (2019)**, which provided strategic priorities for the system and needed capital investments

- Evaluating previous MTA plans, policies, reports, and legislative requirements
- Developing objectives and priorities that reflect current travel patterns
- Developing service scenarios, capital needs, and implementation strategies based on market analysis, public input, and equity analysis

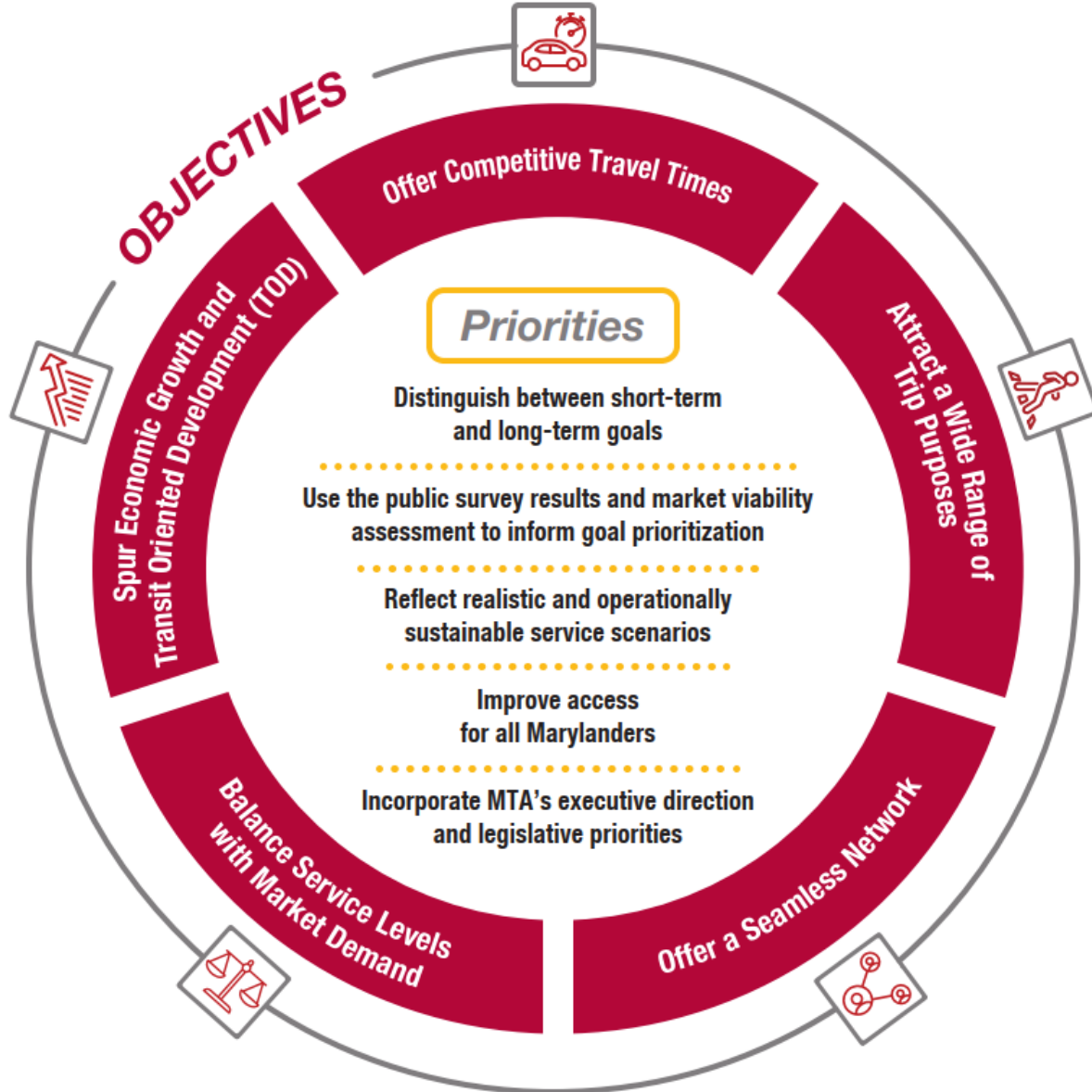
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The MARC Growth and Transformation Plan includes:

- MARC's existing three lines (Penn, Camden, and Brunswick)
- Potential extensions into Virginia, Delaware, and Western Maryland



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Objectives, Priorities, and Metrics

Offer Competitive Travel Times

Attract a Wide Range of Trip Purposes

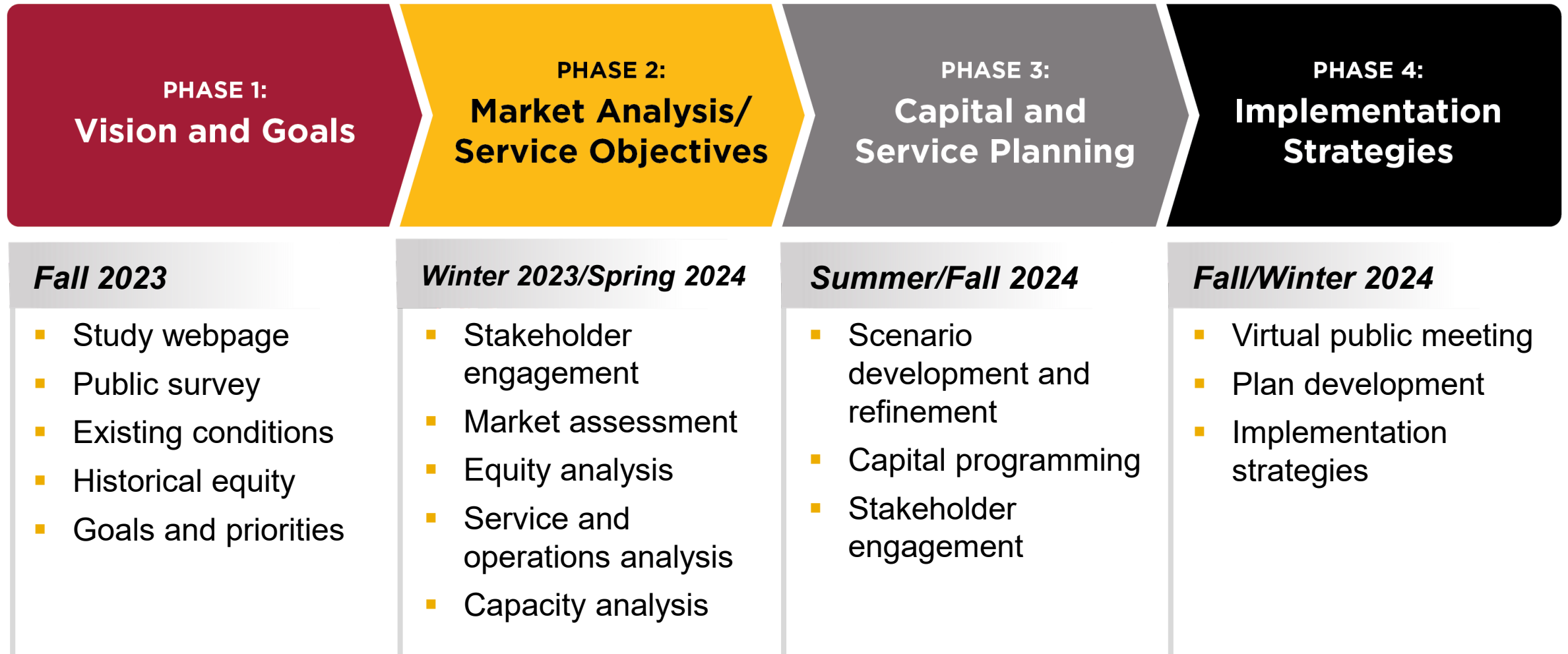
Offer a Seamless Network

Balance Service Levels with Market Demand

Spur Economic Growth and TOD

Each objective has one or more metrics that informed decision-making for future service plans

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What We Heard and Learned

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Penn Line



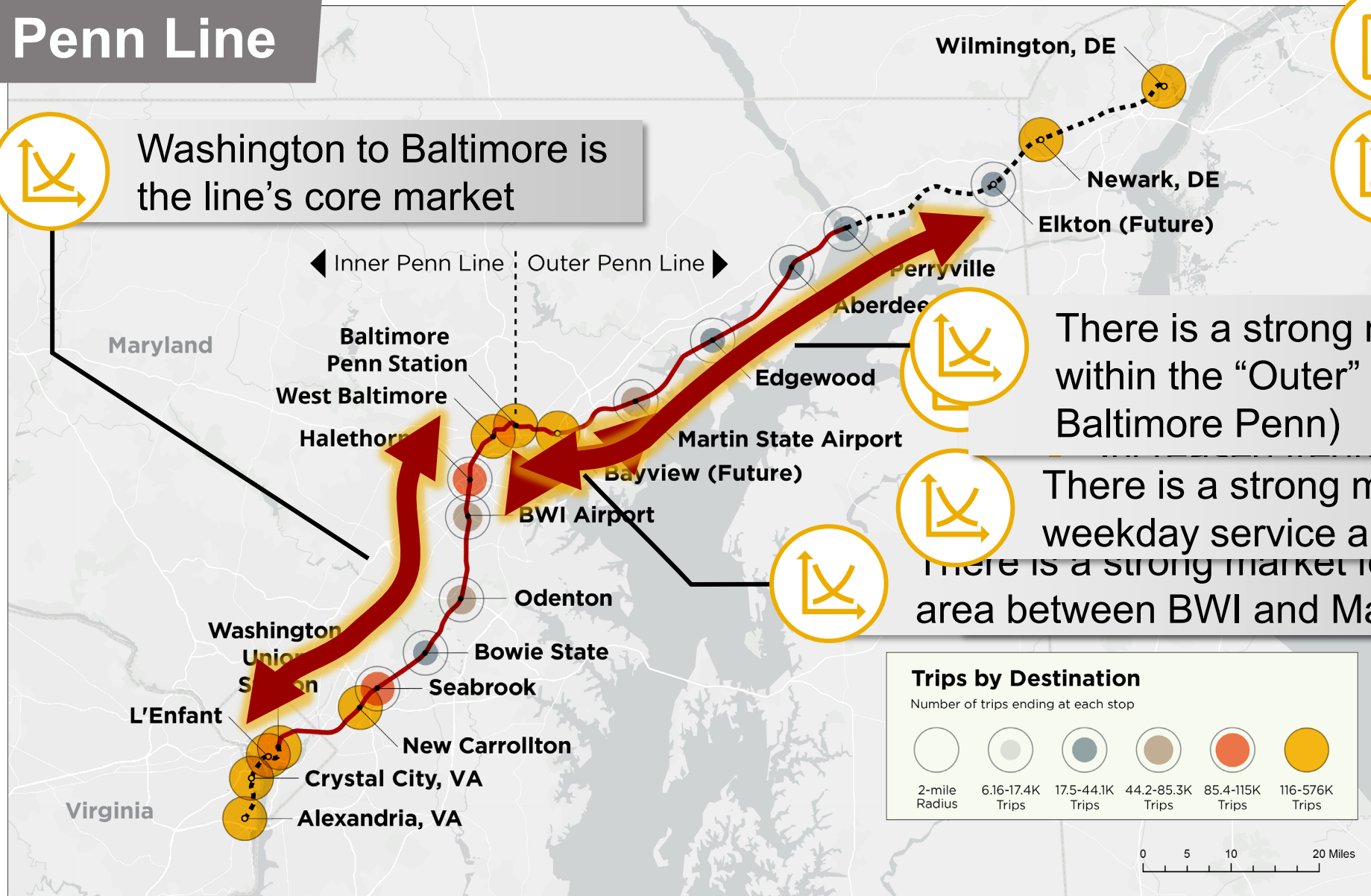
Washington to Baltimore is the line's core market



from the public survey



from the market assessment



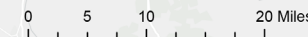
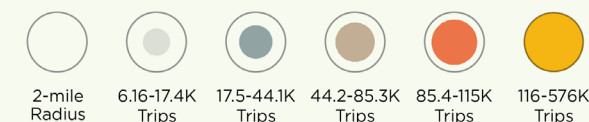
There is a strong market for connections within the "Outer" Penn Line (north of Baltimore Penn)



There is a strong market for later weekday service and weekend service
There is a strong market for trips within the area between BWI and Martin State airports

Trips by Destination

Number of trips ending at each stop



What We Heard and Learned

Camden Line



The Camden Line has a market that presents the best opportunity for transit-oriented development at and around stations



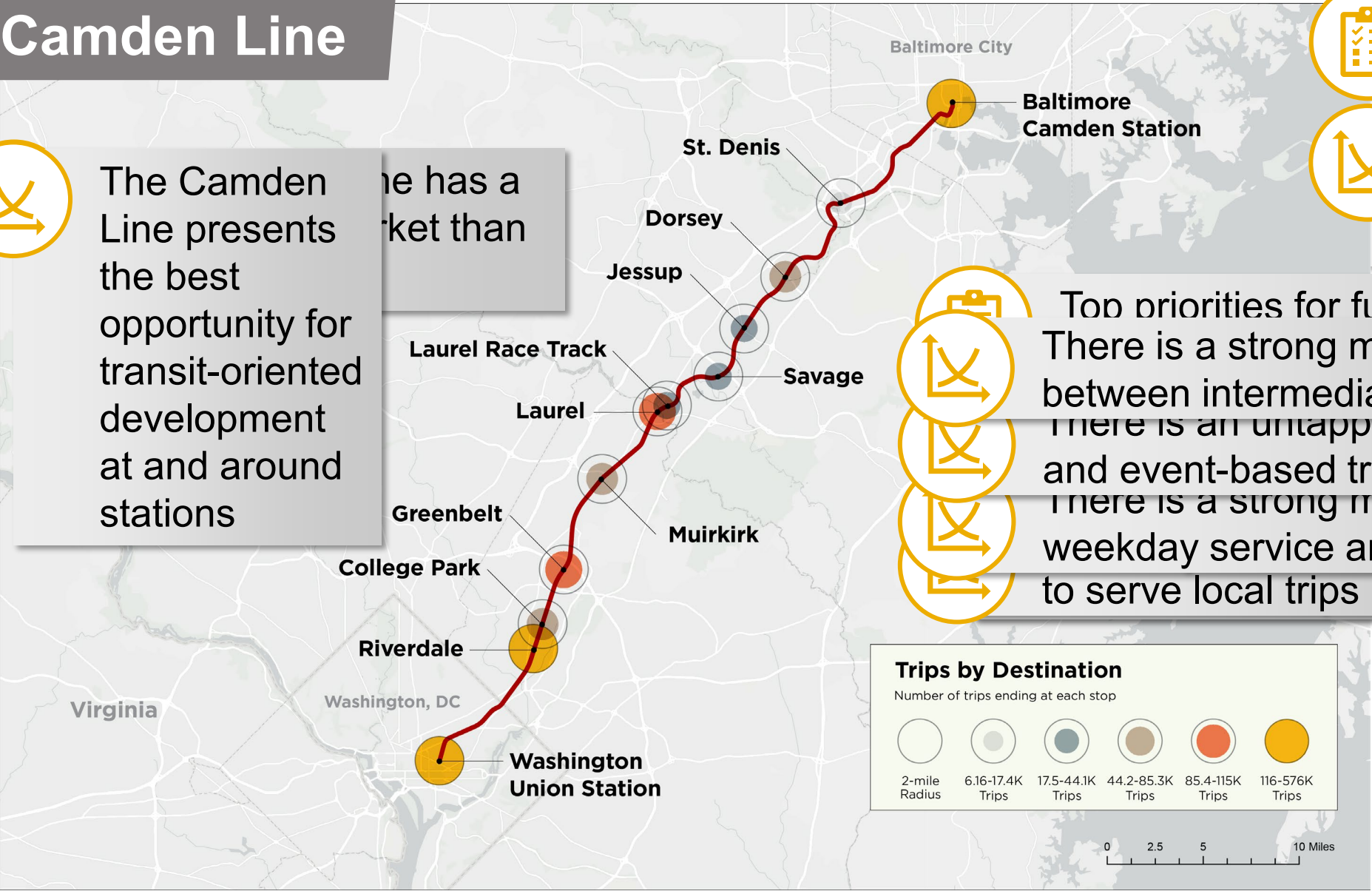
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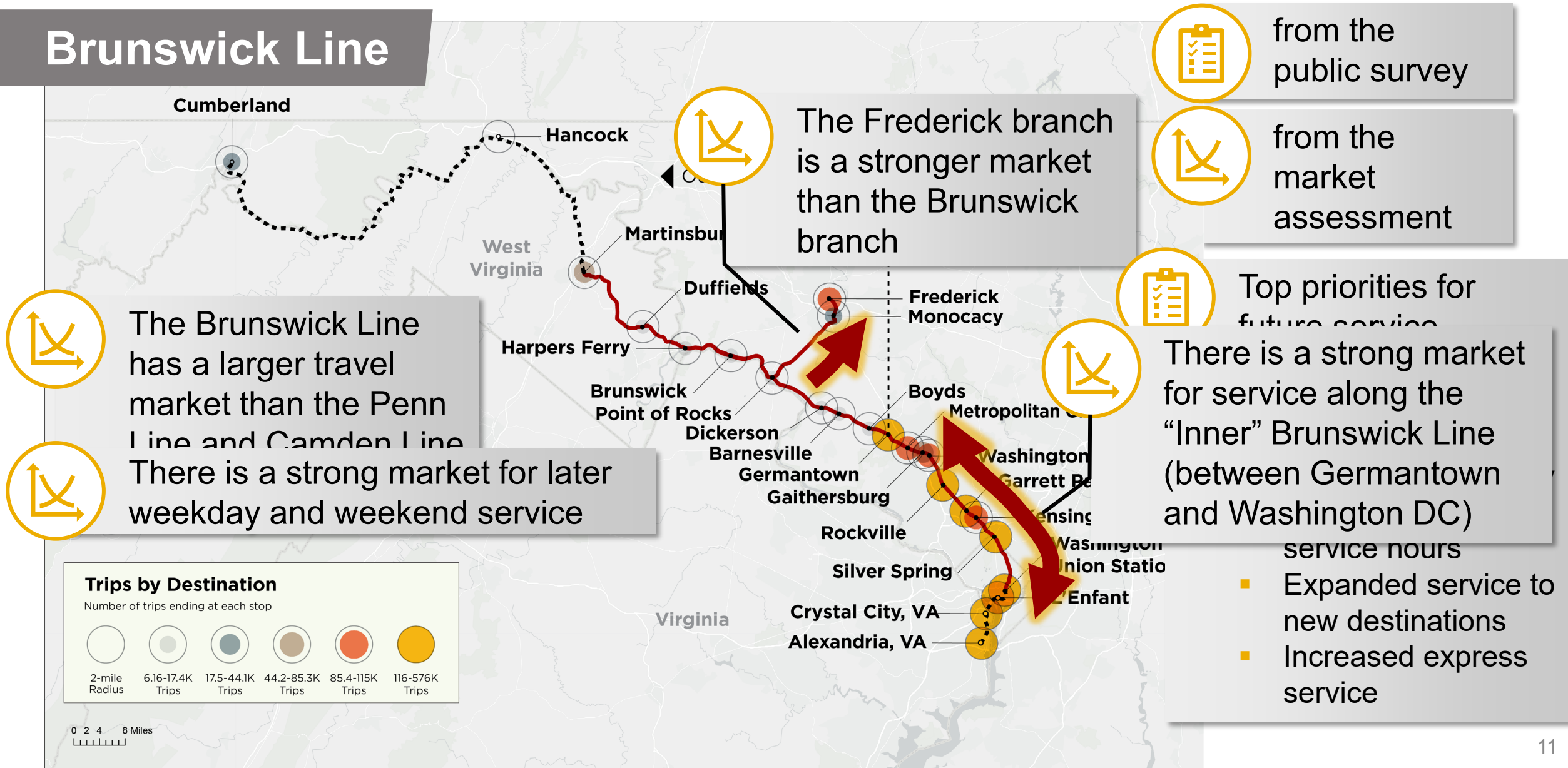


Top priorities for future service include:
There is a strong market for service between intermediate stations
There is an untapped market for leisure and event-based trips
There is a strong market for later weekday service and weekend service to serve local trips



What We Heard and Learned

Brunswick Line



Future Service Plan

Future Service Plan

Developing Future Service Plans



Phasing Strategy

5-Year Plan:
FY2026-2030

15-Year Plan:
2031-2040

Unconstrained Plan:
FY2041 and Beyond

Future Service Plan: Systemwide

The Future MARC System

- **Transformational, market-oriented service** that recognizes constraints
- **More equitable, frequent, all-day service** (including weekends) across the system to serve changing and new travel markets
- **Improved system connectivity** between MARC lines, other MTA services, Amtrak, WMATA, VRE, and SEPTA
- **Expansions into Virginia, Delaware, and Western Maryland**



Future Service Plan: Unconstrained

Unconstrained Service Plan

Weekday Peak

- 20-min Penn Line service
 - Hourly Edgewood-Perryville, Baltimore Camden, and Alexandria, VA service
 - Service to Wilmington, DE every 2 hours
- 30-min Camden Line service
- Hourly Brunswick Line service
 - 30-min limited-stop service
 - Extends Brunswick service to Western MD and Frederick service to Alexandria, VA



Future Service Plan: Unconstrained

Unconstrained Service Plan

Off-Peak and Weekend

- 20-to-30-min Penn Line service
 - Hourly Edgewood-Perryville, Baltimore Camden, and Alexandria, VA service
 - Service to Wilmington, DE every 2 hours
- Hourly Camden Line service
- Hourly Brunswick Line service
 - 30-min limited-stop service
 - 2 trains per day to Western MD



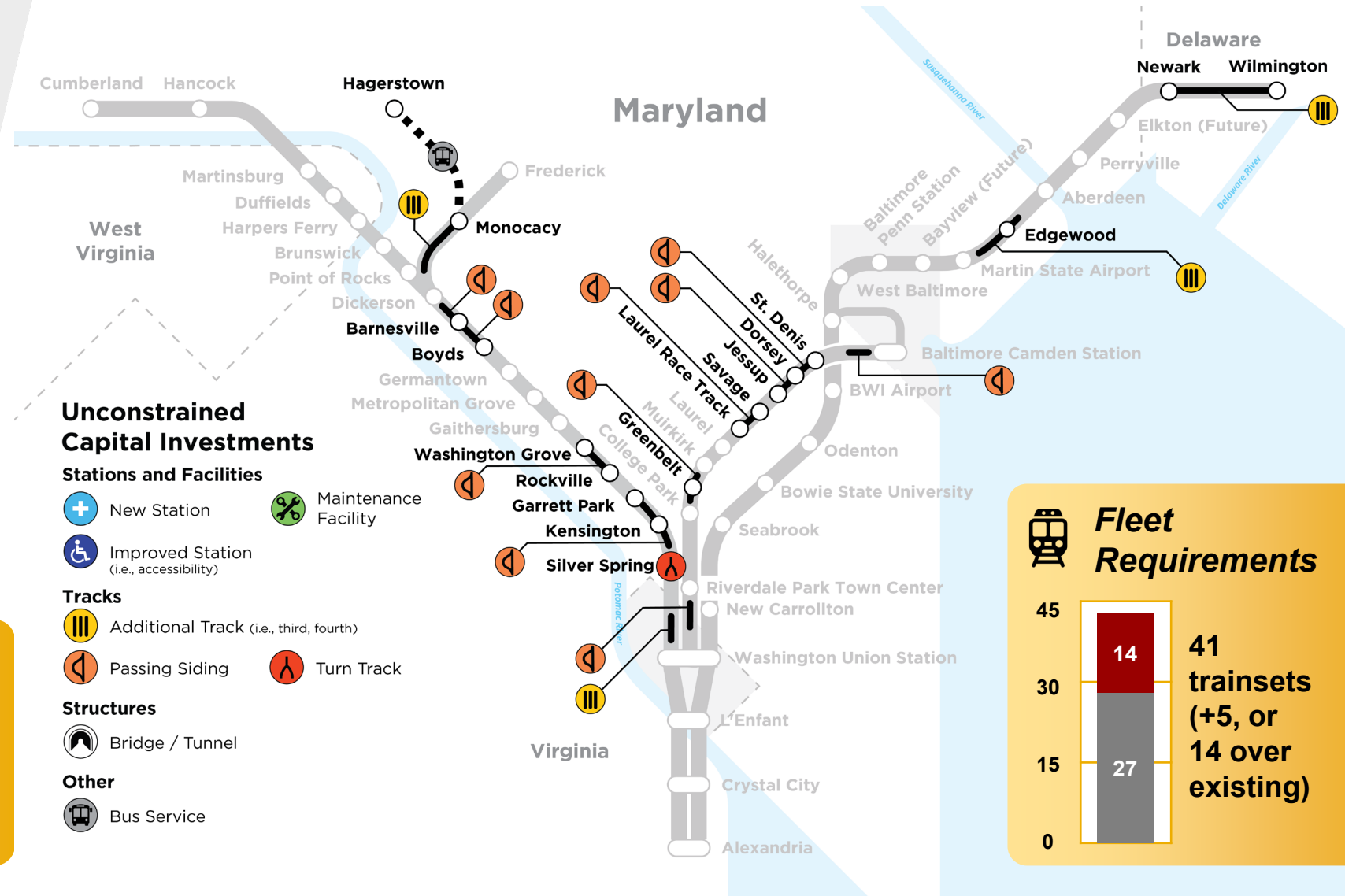
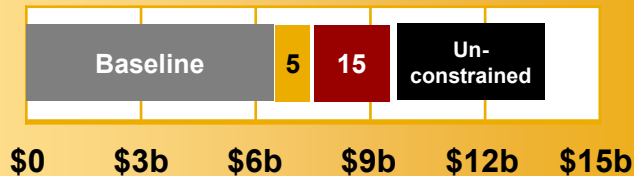
Future Service Plan: Unconstrained

Unconstrained Capital Investments

Key Projects

- Track improvements on Penn, Camden, and Brunswick Lines
- Silver Spring Turnback

 **Cost Estimate = \$13.7 billion***



*Information subject to change.

Future Service Plan: 15-Year

15-Year Service Plan

Weekday Peak

- 20-min Penn Line service
 - Hourly Edgewood-Perryville, Baltimore Camden, and Alexandria, VA service
 - Pilot service to Wilmington, DE (two trains per day)
 - New Bayview and Elkton stations
- 30-min Camden Line service
- Hourly Brunswick Line service
 - 30-min limited-stop service
 - 3 trains per day to WV stations



Future Service Plan: 15-Year

15-Year Service Plan

Weekday Off-Peak

- 30-min Penn Line service
 - Hourly Edgewood-Perryville, Baltimore Camden, and Alexandria, VA service
 - Pilot service to Wilmington, DE (two trains per day)
- Camden Line bus service
 - Between Baltimore Camden and College Park only
- Brunswick Line (Frederick Branch) service twice per day*

* Subject to negotiations with CSX Transportation



Future Service Plan: 15-Year

15-Year Service Plan

Weekend

- 30-min Penn Line service
 - 2-to-4 trains per day north of Baltimore Penn
 - Hourly Baltimore Camden and Alexandria, VA service
- Camden Line bus service
 - Between Baltimore Camden and College Park only
- Brunswick Line (Frederick Branch) every two hours*



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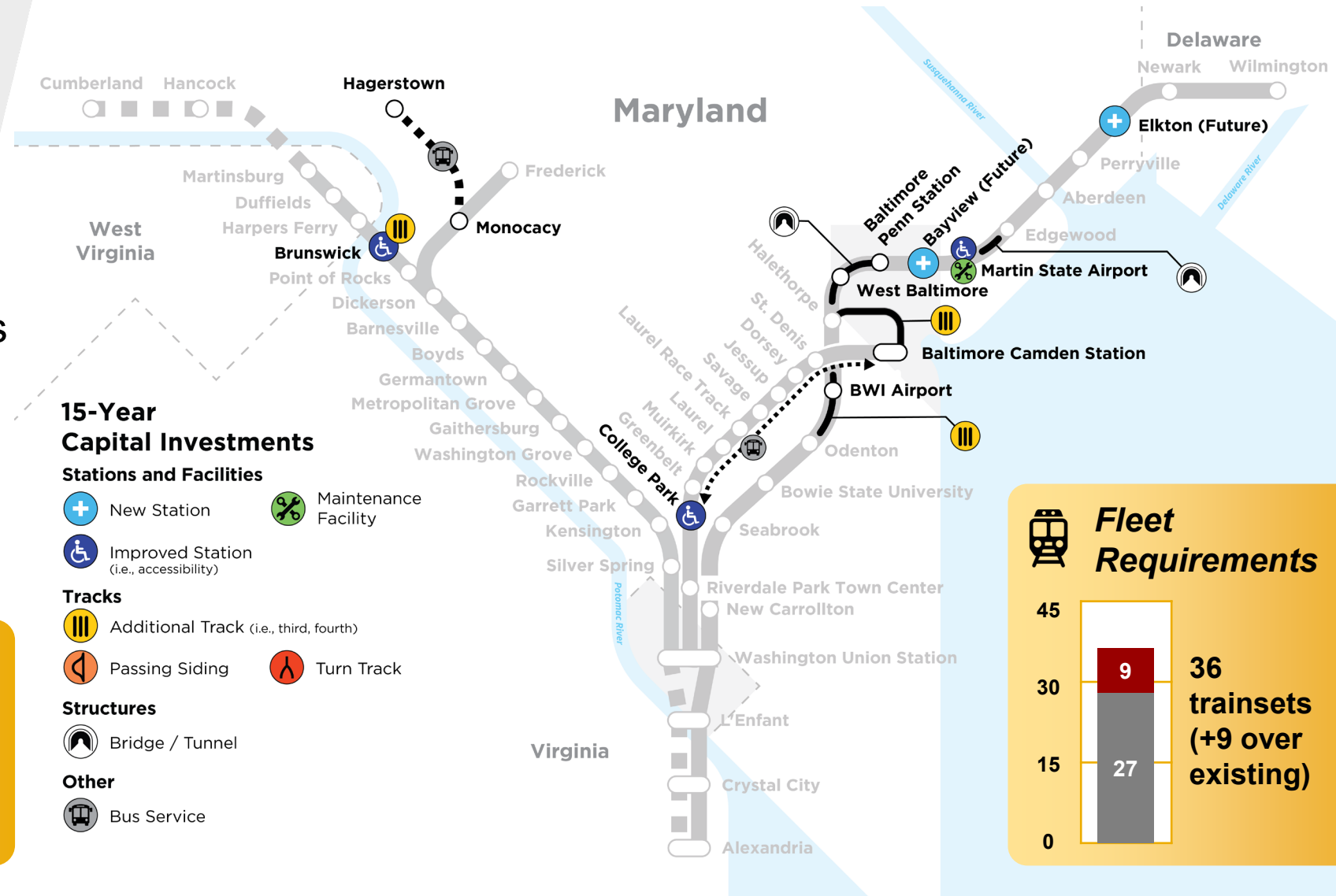
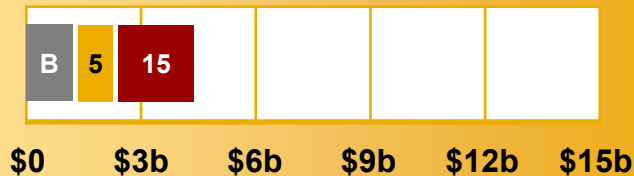
Future Service Plan: 15-Year

15-Year Capital Investments

Key Projects

- BWI 4th Track
- Bayview and Elkton stations
- Penn-Camden Connector
- Frederick Douglass Tunnel

 **Cost Estimate = \$3.8 billion***



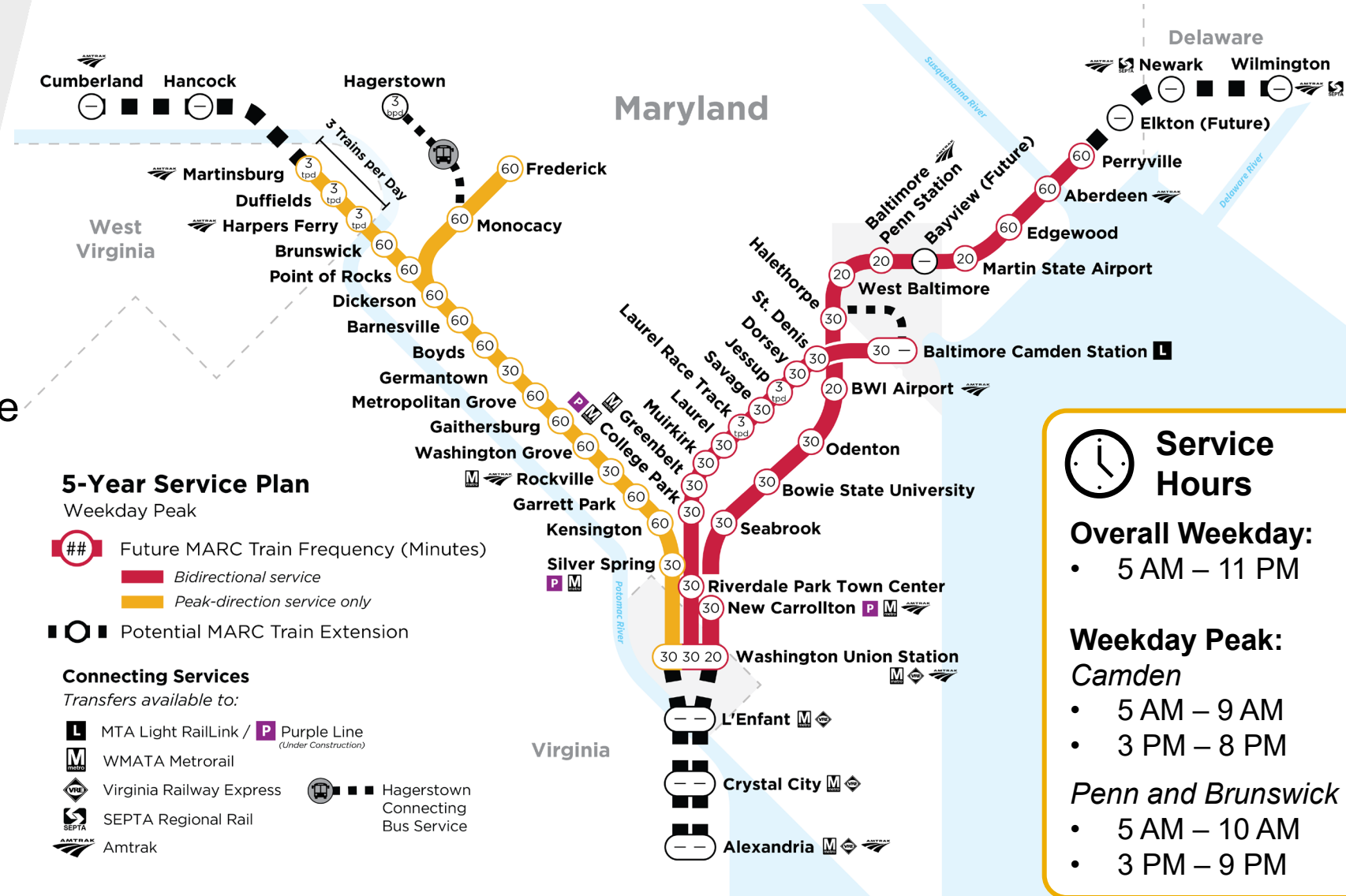
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Future Service Plan: 5-Year

5-Year Service Plan

Weekday Peak

- 20-to-30-min Penn Line service
 - Hourly Edgewood-Perryville service
- 30-min Camden Line service
- Hourly Brunswick Line service
 - 30-min limited-stop service
 - 3 trains per day to WV stations
- Schedule adjustments to expand service hours and improve timed transfers
 - Brunswick Line peak service extended by one hour



Future Service Plan: 5-Year

5-Year Service Plan

Weekday Off-Peak

- Hourly Penn Line service
- Hourly Camden Line bus service
- Brunswick Line (Frederick Branch) service twice per day




Future Service Plan: 5-Year

5-Year Service Plan

Weekend

- Hourly Penn Line service
 - 4 trains between Martin State Airport and Perryville on Saturdays; 3 on Sundays
- Hourly Camden Line bus service
- No weekend service on the Brunswick Line



 **Service Hours**
Weekend:
• 7 AM – 12 AM

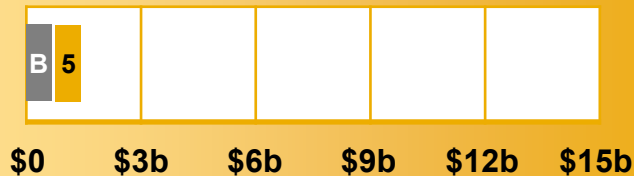
Future Service Plan: 5-Year

5-Year Capital Investments

Key Projects

- Germantown Station Area Improvements
- Planning, design, and administration for projects to be built in future phases

 **Cost Estimate = \$885 million***



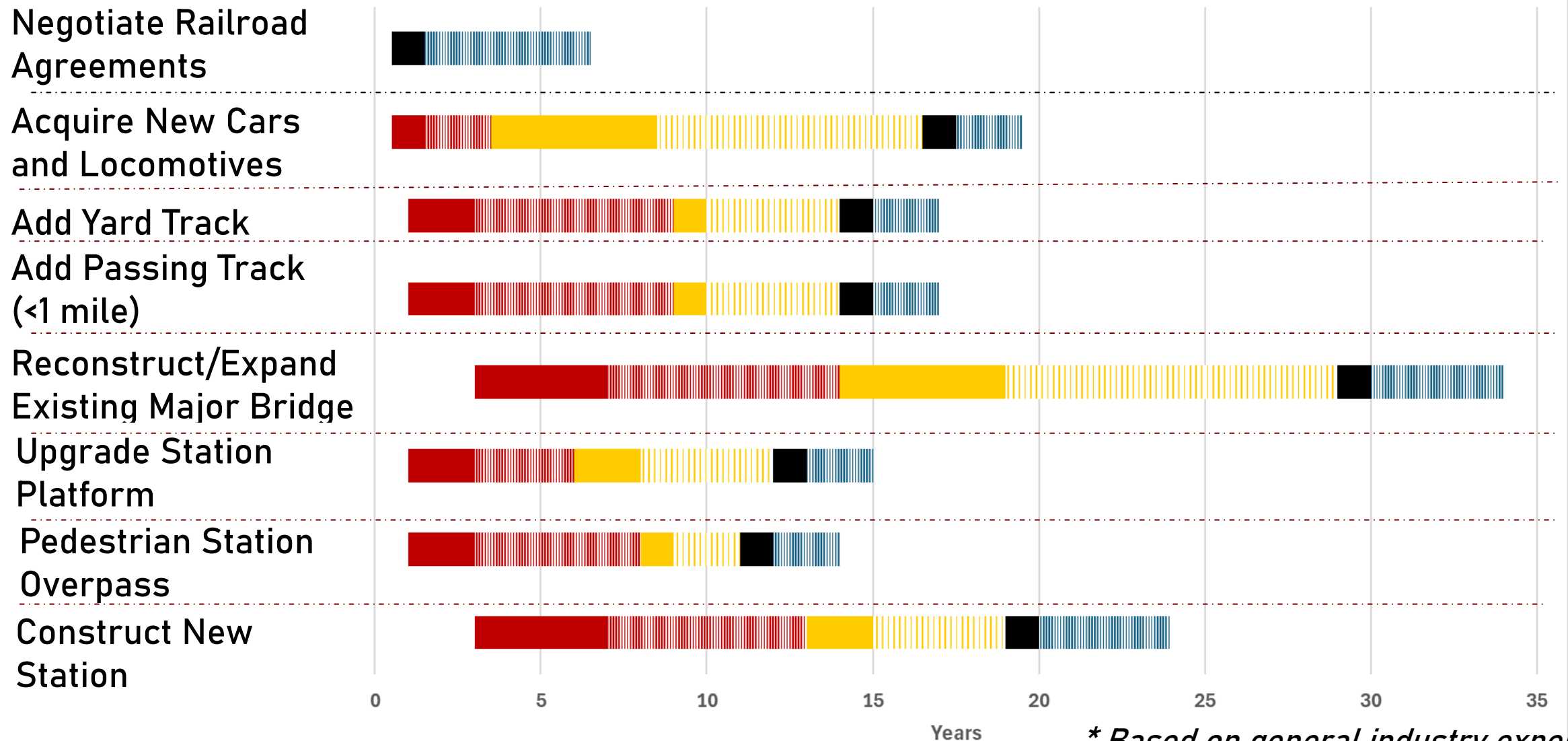
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Future Service Plan: Systemwide

Plan Phase	Estimated MTA Capital Cost
Baseline (Total through 2050)	\$7,119,300,300
5-Year Phase	409,068,000
15-Year Phase	1,765,195,400
Unconstrained Phase	4,409,710,600
TOTAL	\$13,703,274,300



Next Steps – Capital Delivery Timeframes*



* Based on general industry experience.

■ Planning & Design (short) ■ Planning & Design (long) ■ Construction (short) ■ Construction (long) ■ Implementation (short) ■ Implementation (long)

Schedule and Next Steps

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Finalizing the Plan

- **June 2025:**
Complete and Publish Final Plan
- **Identify Next Steps for Implementation**
- **Identify Funding Opportunities to Advance Project Development**



Thank You!

For more information, please visit:
mta.maryland.gov/marc-growth-plan

