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The Mass Transit Administration was created as part of the Department of Transportation in 1970 (Chapter 526, Acts of 1970). The Administration originated as the Metropolitan Transit Authority, established in 1961 and reformed in 1969 (Chapter 670, Acts of 1961; Chapter 160, Acts of 1969).

As the public transportation arm of the Department, the Mass Transit Administration operates and maintains the public bus, subway, and rail systems. The metropolitan area served encompasses Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, and Baltimore County. Commuter bus service also has begun to link Howard and Harford Counties to Baltimore City, and southern Maryland to Washington, DC. The Administration also provides technical and financial assistance to develop or improve public transportation in small urban areas throughout the State (Code Transportation Article, secs. 7-101 through 7-706).

The Administration develops, constructs, and operates the Baltimore Metro (the subway system of Baltimore City), the Central Light Rail Line, and the Maryland Commuter (MARC) Rail Passenger Service.

Baltimore Metro. In its last stages of construction, the Baltimore Metro subway system is scheduled for completion in 1995. The finished system will cover 15.5 miles from suburban Owings Mills in Baltimore County to Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore City.

Central Light Rail Line. Inaugurated in 1992, the Central Light Rail Line consists of electric light rail cars that provide transportation between Timonium in Baltimore County and Glen Burnie in Anne Arundel County. By 1996, the line will reach north to Hunt Valley, south to Baltimore-Washington International Airport, and to Penn Station in Baltimore.

Maryland Commuter (MARC) Rail Passenger Service. In 1992, functions of the former State Railroad Administration were transferred to the Mass Transit Administration (Chapter 127, Acts of 1992). This included operations of the Maryland Commuter (MARC) Rail Passenger Service. The Service operates three rail lines. It provides commuter service each workday along 187 rail miles between northern Maryland, Baltimore City, West Virginia, and Washington, DC.

Mass Transit Administration functions are carried out by eight offices: Administration; Planning and Programming; Engineering; Transit Operations; Finance; Customer Services; Media and Public Relations; and Real Estate.

MASS TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Carol Belcher, *Chairperson*
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(410) 333-3322

Members of the Citizen Advisory Committee serve three-year terms.

OFFICE OF ADMINISTRATION

Sidney E. Williams, Jr., *Director*
(410) 333-3444

Created in 1993, the Office of Administration oversees human resources, training, tracking filled and vacant positions, management information systems, risk management, the print shop, mail, and special services.

OFFICE OF PLANNING & PROGRAMMING

Kenneth A. Goon, *Director*
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The Office of Planning and Programming began as the Capital and Statewide Programs Department, formed in 1984, and received its present name in 1993. The Office is responsible for the capital program, statewide and federal grants, legislative liaison, regional and State planning, and technical assistance.

OFFICE OF ENGINEERING

Vacancy, *Director*
(410) 333-3450

The Office of Engineering was formed as the Transit Development Division in 1983. The Division was renamed the Office of Engineering in 1993. The Office oversees contract administration, facilities, engineering, system equipment engineering, and construction management.

OFFICE OF TRANSIT OPERATIONS

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(410) 333-3388

The Office of Transit Operations originated as the Transit Operations Division created in 1983. The Office was reorganized under its present name in 1993. The Office oversees transportation; maintenance; planning and scheduling; research; the Mass Transit Administration Police; paratransit services; and the Maryland Commuter (MARC) Rail Passenger Service.

OFFICE OF FINANCE

Ronald L. Freeland, *Director*
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Established in 1986, the Finance Division, was reorganized as the Office of Finance in 1993. The Office is responsible for the Administration's capital and operations budgets, analysis, management, accounting, auditing, and transit insurance.