

and Prince George's counties, bus transportation is provided by Metrobus (WMATA), Montgomery County's "Ride-On" service, and Prince George's County's service called "The Bus."

Subway. Subways operate in the Baltimore and Washington, DC, areas. The MTA's Baltimore Metro runs 15.5 miles from Owings Mills to Charles Center in Baltimore, carrying an expected 44,000 passengers daily. A northeast extension to Shot Tower/Market Place and Johns Hopkins Hospital stations in Baltimore opened in 1995. Metro now has 14 stations. Commuters between Washington, DC, and the Maryland suburbs use *Metro*rail, operated by the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority and partly funded by the Maryland Department of Transportation. Metro rail has 89 miles of track, with 22 stations in two Maryland counties: Montgomery and Prince George's.

Light Rail. Begun in 1992, the Central Light Rail Line of electric-powered trains runs 22.5 miles from Timonium in Baltimore County, through the heart of Baltimore City, past Oriole Park at Camden Yards, to Cromwell Station/ Glen Burnie in Anne Arundel County. The entire line takes about one hour to travel. The Light Rail links to bus and subway lines with free parking at many Light Rail stops. Future extensions are planned to BWI Airport, Penn Station, and Hunt Valley.

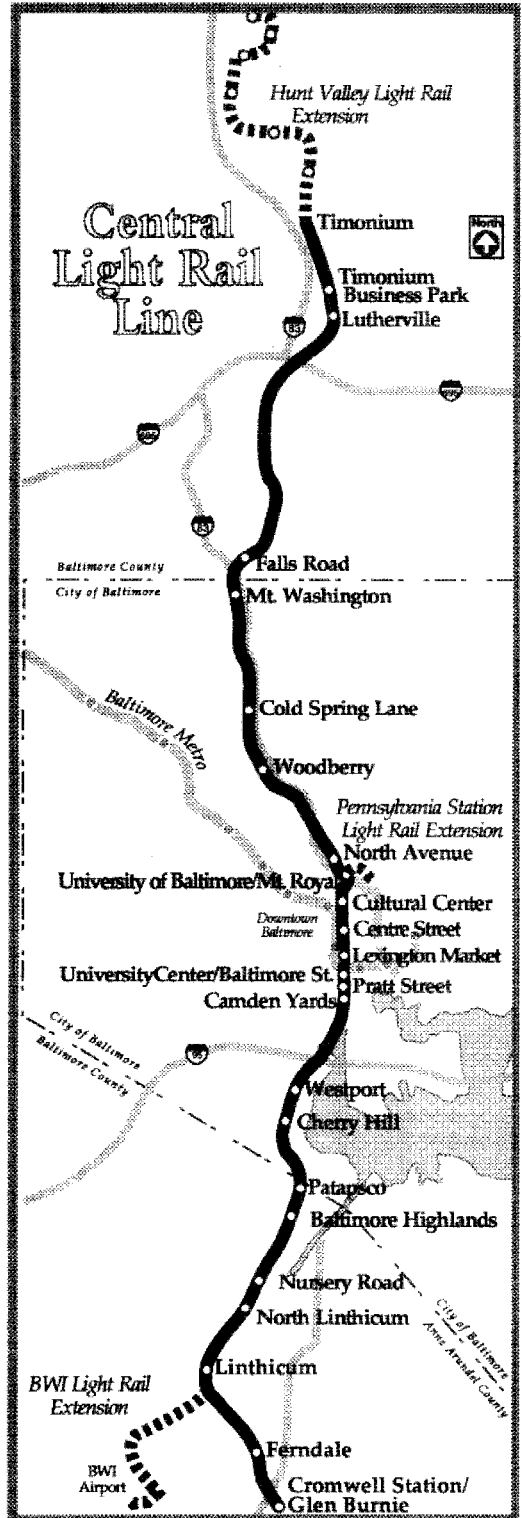
Railroad. The State currently runs three commuter train lines. Two Baltimore—Washington, DC, lines (Camden Line & Penn Line), and one Martinsburg, WV—Brunswick—Washington, DC, line form the *Maryland Rail Commuter Service (MARC)*, carrying over 20,000 passengers each weekday. Service also runs north of Baltimore on the northeast corridor into Harford and southern Cecil counties with routes ending at Perryville. The MTA contracts out operations for three freight lines on the Eastern Shore and two through Frederick and Carroll counties, covering over 150 miles. Additional service is provided for passengers by Amtrak and for freight by CSX Transportation and Conrail. Of historical note, the Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) Railroad Company was chartered by the General Assembly in 1827 to construct a transportation link to the west, establishing the nation's first long-distance railway.

TUNNELS

The Baltimore Harbor Tunnel opened in 1957, providing the first direct link north and south under the Harbor for vehicles bypassing Baltimore City. In 1985, the Fort McHenry Tunnel also crossed the Harbor and became a vital part of I-95, the East Coast's most important Interstate route.

WATER FRONTAGE

Sixteen of the 23 counties and Baltimore City border on tidal water.



Map of Central Corridor Light Rail Line, courtesy of Mass Transit Administration, Department of Transportation