

Workgroup on the Reorganization of the Maryland Transit Administration

Public Participation Policy

Background

1. The Workgroup on the Reorganization of the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) was established to study the potential of reorganizing the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) and MTA. The Workgroup comprises legislators, representatives from regional government bodies, MDOT, MTA, and MTA riders.
2. As defined by the Open Meetings Act, the Workgroup is a public body that discusses public business and a quorum is when a majority of its members are present.
3. The Open Meetings Act requires public bodies to “adopt and enforce reasonable rules regulating the conduct of persons attending its meetings.”

Purpose

1. The Workgroup is interested in hearing from members of the public regarding its work.
2. The Workgroup will invite public comments when noted on its agenda.

Public Participation Procedure(s)

1. In the interest of time and fairness, the Workgroup will limit public **comments to three (3) minutes per person**. The Workgroup may ask the commenter follow-up questions, responses to these questions will not violate the three (3) minute limit.
2. The Workgroup will not entertain certain comments, including but not limited to those regarding personnel matters, matters in litigation, and comments that are derogatory in nature or are intended to generally disrupt the business of the meeting.
3. All persons attending and commenting are asked to refrain from any conduct that is disruptive to the meeting. If the presiding officer determines that a person is disrupting a meeting, the Workgroup may have the individual removed.
4. Anyone interested in speaking during a defined public comment session is asked to sign up at **least three (3) business days prior** to the scheduled meeting.
5. Please contact Mr. Sean Winkler, Senior Policy Advisor, MDOT, at 443-401-7788 or swinkler1@mdot.maryland.gov to sign up.
6. You will need to provide your name, contact information, and disclose any organization you may be representing.
7. You may submit a written comment that will be included in the meeting materials for the Workgroup. Written comments must be received at least three (3) business days prior to the scheduled meeting.

Public Participation Policy Action Date(s)

Approved by the Workgroup on the Reorganization of the MTA on October 9, 2025.

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