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As the need for efficient and cost effective public transportation grows, the State Department of Transportation is looking for ways to integrate rail transportation that will connect with our existing system.

A number of options are on the table and there will be four public hearings for input. The **Greater Baltimore Committee** has reviewed the options and strongly supports the Alternative 4 - C Plan for an east-west line including light rail and two strategically placed tunnels.

Baltimore area colleges and medical institutions share that view which they see as the critical element to increase rail mobility for students, patients, employees and their families.

In addition, GBC chairman and President of M&T Bank Woody Collins, says a comprehensible, reliable transportation system is critical to a good business climate and quality of life.


The proposed plan will cost over a billion dollars and carry an estimated 42,000 passengers a day, which more than triples the number of riders on existing bus routes.

The MTA estimates the 4 - C option will take half the time to get from one end of the line to the other. Other factors including cost of operation, attractiveness to riders and the ability to attract federal funding are crucial according to the GBC.

Plans, proposals and discussion have been going on for years, but now is the time for action. You can find hearing information and more details [here](#).

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