

Meeting Summary  
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**Agency:** MTA (MDOT)

**Date of Meeting:** April 2, 2010

Following is a summary of issues discussed at the MTA Stat on April 2, 2010. Analysis is provided by StateStat and the Governor’s Delivery Unit (GDU).

**General Discussion**

- **CharmCard Pilot:** The agency recently started a pilot program for the CharmCard, which allows transit riders to pay fares with an electronic fare card. The card will allow a transit rider to pay the exact amount of their fare by tapping the card against a sensor at the gate or fare box. 500 CharmCards are being tested on the MTA metro, and the agency expects to expand the pilot to MTA buses in the near future. The CharmCards are compatible with the SmartCards used by WMATA, and are on track for a full roll-out in the fall of 2010.
- **MARC Concrete Tie Replacement:** The agency provided an update on repairs to concrete ties on the north-bound Penn line. Repairs are currently underway at the Seabrook station, and will continue northward to the Bowie station within the next few weeks. In order to counteract possible issues with delays, the agency decided to add a seventh train to north-bound Penn line service. Repairs are expected to be concluded by September.
- **ARRA/5307 Locally Operated Transit Systems (LOTS) Grant:** The agency discussed the 5307 LOTS grant. The 5307 LOTS grant will fund 70 projects across Maryland to support locally operated transit systems. Funds are to be passed through the agency to transit systems operated by local jurisdictions. To date, the agency has sub-awarded 88% of the \$36,267,802 received in ARRA funding through the LOTS grant to 14 local jurisdictions. The funds received by these local jurisdictions will be used for bus purchases and system upgrades for local transit operations. 26 of the 70 LOTS grant projects are currently underway, and 15 of these projects have been completed.

