# 10-Year Strategic Plan for Joint Development

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# **Office of Real Estate & Parking (LAND)**

## Metro owns 1,000+ acres of property across the DMV supporting

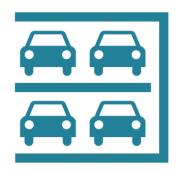
- 91 stations
- 1 million commuters (pre-COVID)

## What is Joint Development?

Real estate development on Metro-owned property that requires coordinated construction of public transit facilities with private development.



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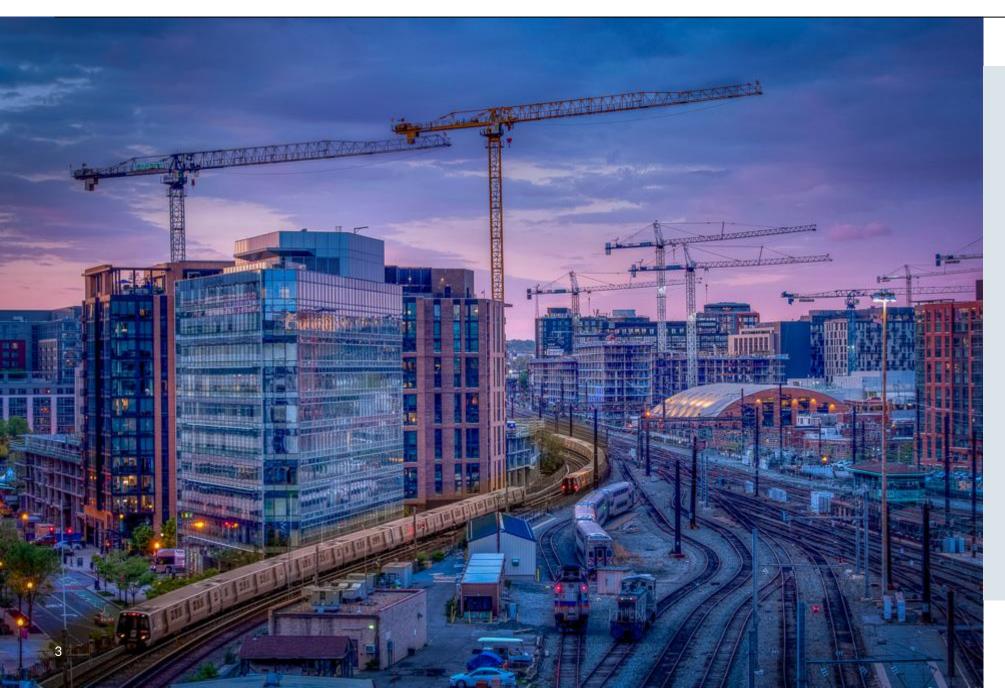
Parking



Station Area Planning

Joint Development

# **Strategic Plan for Joint Development**



- Accelerate joint development
- Align Metro and jurisdictional interests
- Attract investment
- Prioritize future station opportunities

# **Strategic Plan for Joint Development**

Metro has an ambitious goal to complete **20** new joint development agreements by 2032.



West Falls Church





**Grosvenor-Strathmore** 



**New Carrollton** 

## **Importance of TOD to Jurisdictions**

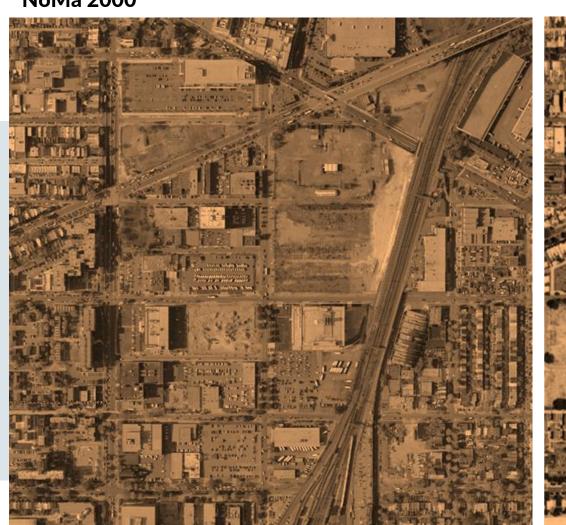
Catalyzes economic development, housing production & transit ridership

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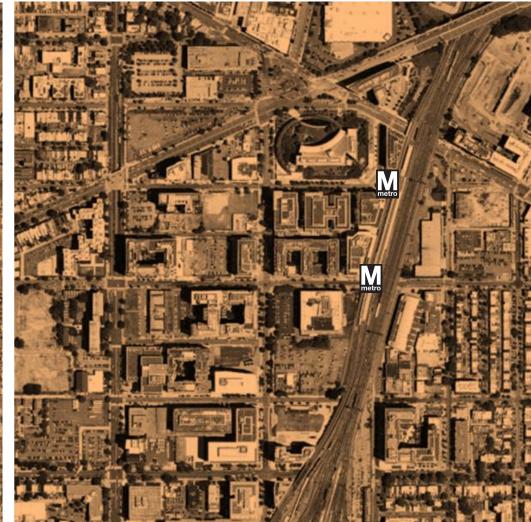
Since 2004: + 21 M SF built / planned

+ \$168M taxes/yr

+ 20,800 daily trips Pre-COVID



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# **Importance of TOD to Metro**

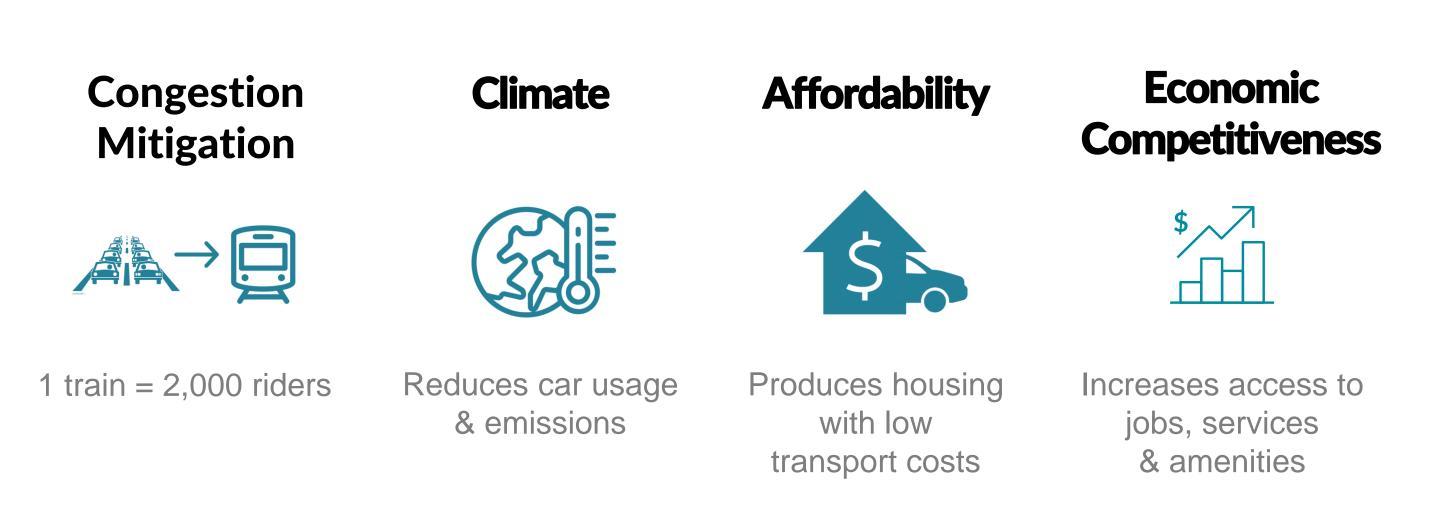
### **Creates more stable Metro ridership**

**Stations with Significant TOD** (>35k jobs and households in ½ mile) Percent Change in Ridership since 2011 20% 19% SafeTrack 17% 14% 11% 10% 10% 9% 8% 3% Systemwide 0% 0% 0% (Avg. 12.5k jobs = -3% households in ½ mile) -4% -5% -10% -13% -13% -16% -16% -20% 2011 2017 2019 2013 2015

#### **CHANGE IN RIDERSHIP SINCE 2011 (%)**



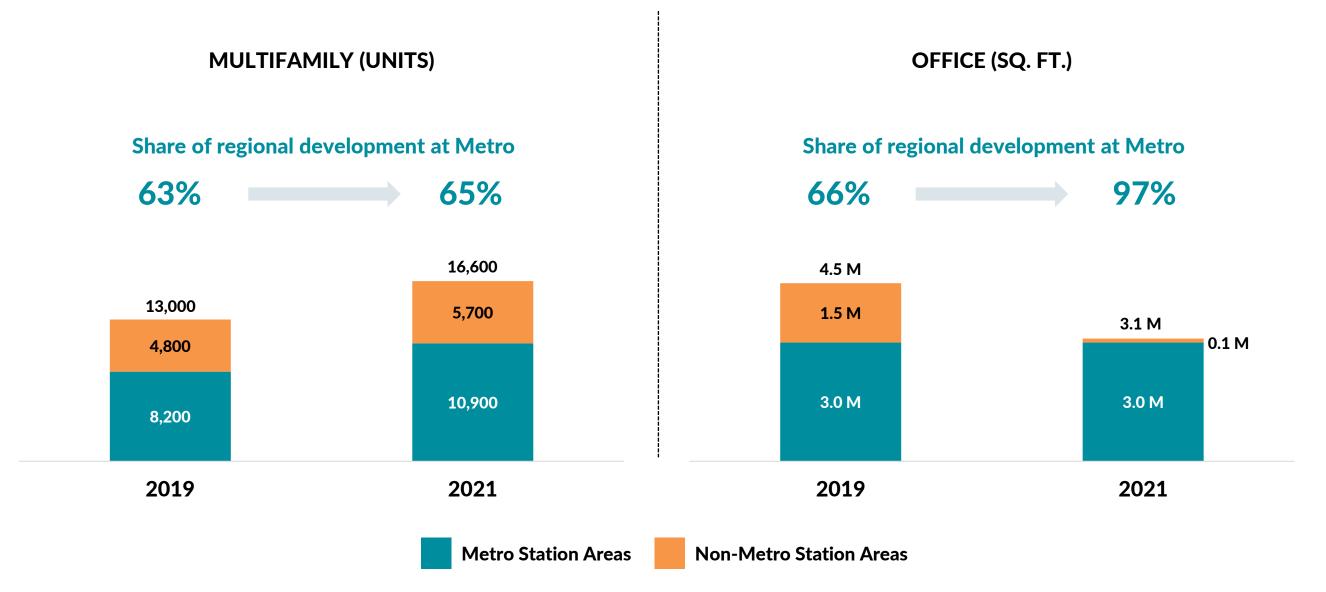
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**Increasing share of post-Covid development starts at Metro stations** 



# **Impact of Joint Development**

Most active joint development program in the nation **Completed Joint Development 55** buildings completed at 30 stations **17 million** sq. ft. of mixed-used development **5** million annual Metro trips generated **\$194 million** in annual local & state taxes



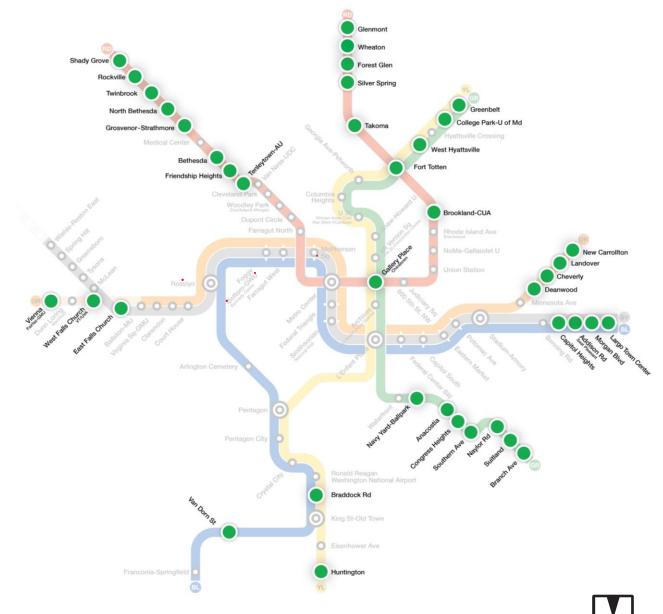
# **Future Opportunity at 40 Stations**

**31 million** sq. ft. of new mixed-use development

- **26,000** new housing units
- **5 million** sq. ft. commercial

\$340 million in new annual local & state taxes

9 million annual Metro trips generated
\$40 million new annual Metro fares
\$50 million new annual lease revenue



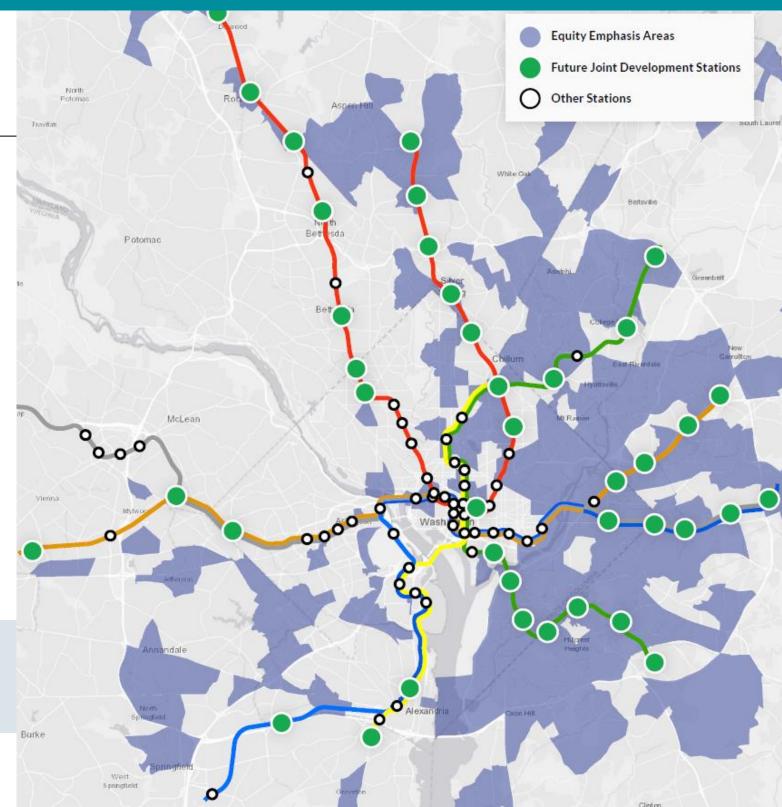
# **Equitable Development**

## Most future station opportunities have high concentrations of low-income individuals and/or racial and ethnic minorities

Joint development could:

- Attract investment to underserved communities
- Increase housing production & delivers new affordable housing in transit-accessible locations
- Support access to critical services & amenities

## 70% of future JD sites are in Equity Emphasis Areas defined by MWCOG



# **Policy Requirements**

**Requires coordination with jurisdictional partners to:** 

- Maintain or enhance ridership
- Replace transit facilities (where needed)
- Comply with local land use plans & regulations
- Fulfill FTA "Fair Share of Revenue" guidelines

Generate a **positive** net fiscal impact for WMATA

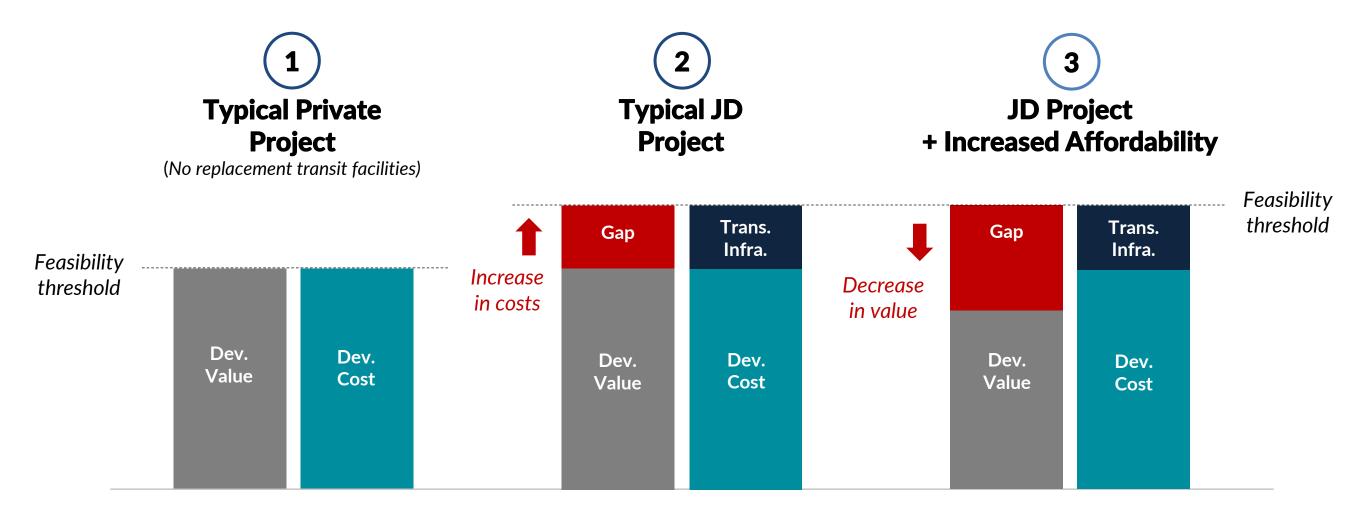
### **Station Example: Shady Grove**

- High infrastructure costs that must be financed up-front
- Financial gaps for high-rise development desired by Comp Plan



# **Joint Development Financial Challenge**

Realizing future JDs will require coordination with jurisdictional partners & developers to overcome obstacles.





# **Metro Potential to Support DC Housing Goals**

**District Housing Goals** 

**+36,000** Housing Units thru 2025\*

**12,000** Affordable Units thru 2025

## **Metro Housing Potential**

+2,927 Units as Mid-Rise Units as High-Rise +292 Affordable Units\* +4,407 Units as High-Rise +4,407 Units as High-Rise

(\*) Assumes 10% IZ set-aside

#### HOUSING POTENTIAL

**STATIONS PAD SITES MID-RISE (7 STORIES) HIGH-RISE (8+ STORIES)** 1-2 400+ 750+ Anacostia **Brookland** 450 N/A per FLUM 3 **Congress Heights** 240 360 1 North **Congress Heights** N/A 1 212 South N/A per FLUM Deanwood 325 1 Fort Totten 2 450 960 **Friendship Heights** 500 +1.000 +3+ Takoma 350 N/A per FLUM 1

Denotes project is fully entitled



**NEGATIVE FINANCIAL FEASIBILITY** 

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# **Strategies to Accelerate Joint Development**

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Partner with Local Jurisdictions



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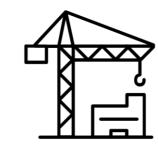
Right-Size Transit Facilities

Increase Development Readiness

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Minimize Implementation Risks





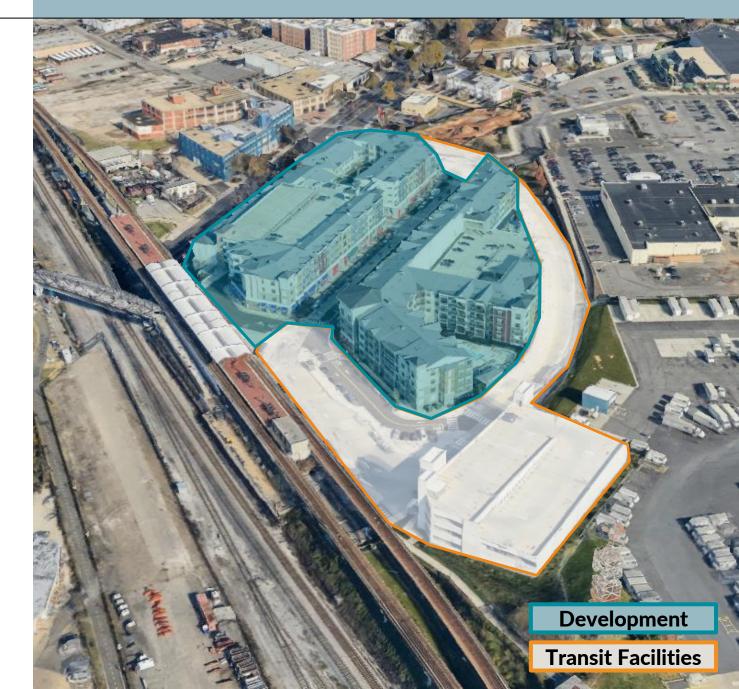


# Partner with Local Jurisdictions

- 1. Coordinate Site Infrastructure Needs & Funding
- 2. Pursue Policies & Funding that Support Housing Goals
- 3. Leverage Local Economic Development Strategies

#### **Rhode Island Ave-Brentwood**

- Discounted land value to pay for replacement transit facilities
- Increased affordability with DC PILOT & New Market Tax Credits



# **Supporting Regional Housing Goals**

## Local Tax Abatement – Montgomery County

15-year tax abatement supports high-rise construction to creates more housing supply and increase affordable units.



Grosvenor-Strathmore 574 units, 21% affordable

## Low-Rate Financing – Amazon Housing Equity Fund

\$125M in low-rate financing to create 1,000 units of affordable housing on Joint Development sites.

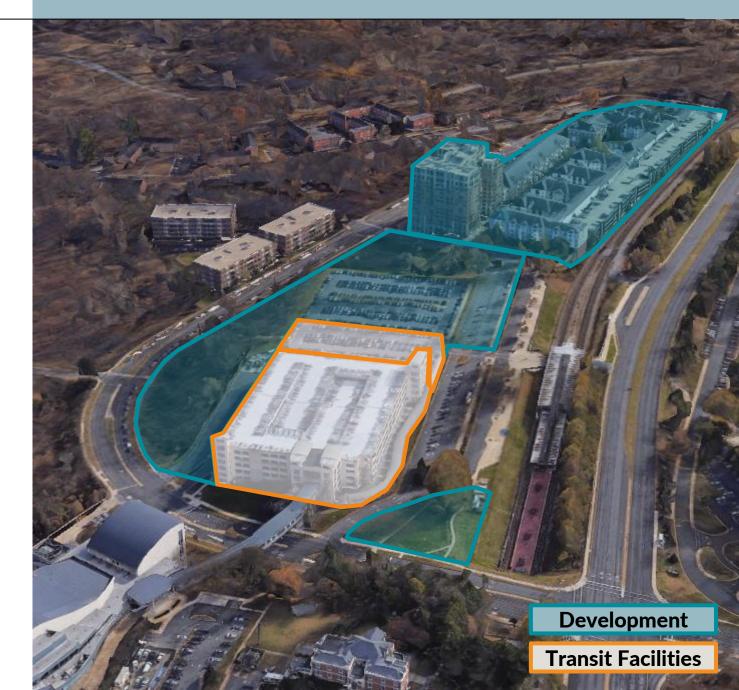


# **2** Right-Size Transit Facilities

- 1. Reduce Parking
- 2. Modernize Pick Up / Drop Off Locations
- **3.** Optimize Bus Infrastructure

#### **Grosvenor-Strathmore**

- Consolidated & later reduced total parking capacity
- Benefited from efficient bus + K&R configuration



## **B**Increase Development Readiness

- 1. Evaluate Site Conditions & Development Feasibility
- 2. Resolve Entitlements & Other Site Issues
- 3. Secure Gap Funding Commitments

### West Falls Church

- Completed financial feasibility analysis pre-RFP (first station)
- Initiated Comp Plan amendment prior to solicitation



## Minimize Implementation Risks

- 1. Complete Compact Public Hearings for Transit Facility Changes pre-RFP
- 2. Offer Smaller Parcels
- 3. Simplify Solicitations & Proposal Requirements

### **College Park**

- Held compact hearing & built parking garage before 2<sup>nd</sup> RFP attempt
- Offered smaller parcel with no transit replacement requirements



Mosaic at Metro Apartments Prince George's Plaza Station Prince George's County, MD

# STATION EVALUATION

# **Station Evaluation**

Metro applied three evaluation criteria for prioritizing the 40 remaining undeveloped stations.



## **Development Potential**

What are the land use/zoning & physical site characteristics that inform what can be built?



## **Infrastructure Needs**

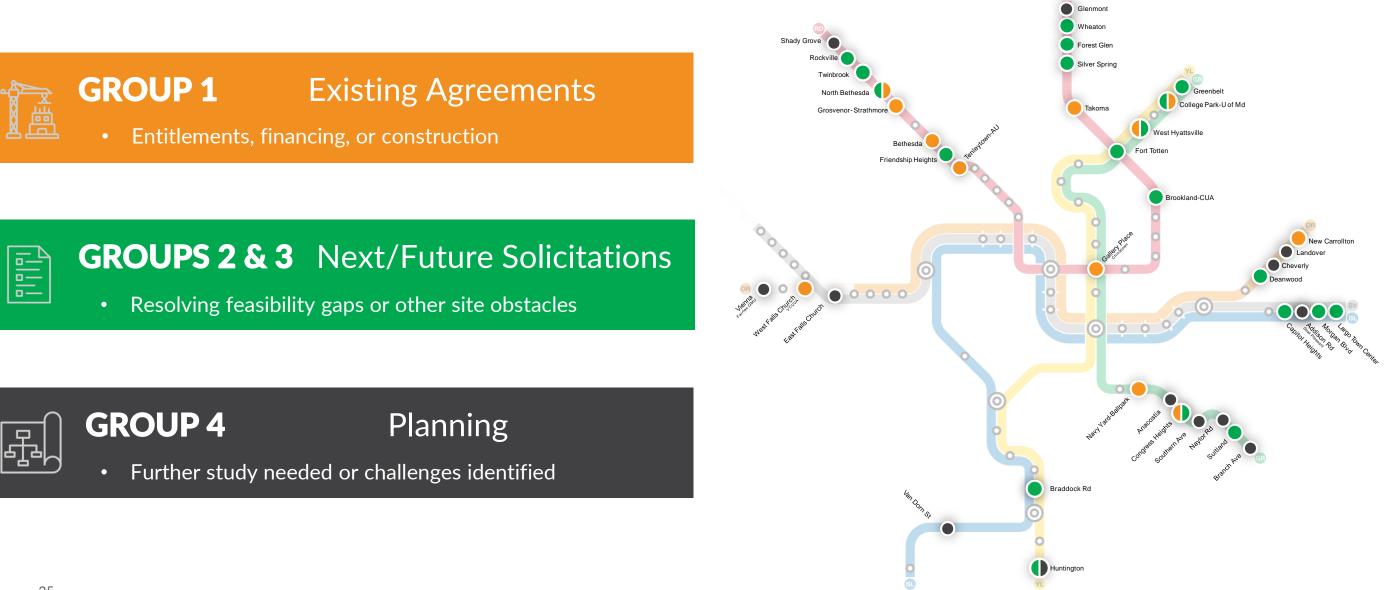
Is there existing infrastructure that requires replacement to accommodate future transportation needs on site?

## **Market Readiness**

What private development can be supported based on market factors such as rent, absorption, vacancy, etc.?



# **Station Prioritization**





## **Strategic Plan Outreach**

- Publish Strategic Plan report
- Conduct roundtables with jurisdictions
- Hold forums with developers & TOD advocates

## **Ongoing Engagement**

- Produce annual progress report card
- Hold quarterly updates with jurisdictions
- Include projects on WMATA, Jurisdictional & MWCOG CIPs
- Board requests for compact hearings & JD solicitations



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