

## ANNAPOLIS CIRCULATOR TROLLEY



- Launched in 2011; 2.25 mile loop between City Dock and Park Place<sup>1</sup>
- Free service; runs from 8am to midnight on Sunday through Thursday, 8am to 2:30am on Friday and Saturday<sup>2</sup>
- Operated by Annapolis Department of Transportation; one of three downtown shuttle routes
- Designed for tourists and visitors (both shoppers and people going to the state capital)
- Designed to relieve parking demand and congestion in the heart of downtown; parking garages are progressively more expensive the closer you get to City Dock
- Ridership is going up; 16,491 riders in March 2014, 23% increase over the year before<sup>3</sup>
- \$1.27m yearly operating costs, \$50.81/hour<sup>4</sup>
- Lack of political will to maintain the service; as of May 2014, City Council considering cutting it or reducing service due to high costs, anti-tax sentiment<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> "Route of Circulator Trolley," City of Annapolis website, <http://www.annapolis.gov/government/city-departments/transportation/circulator/route-of-circulator-trolley>; retrieved 6/23/2014

<sup>2</sup> "Circulator," City of Annapolis website, <http://www.annapolis.gov/government/city-departments/transportation/circulator>; retrieved 6/23/2014

<sup>3</sup> "Transit Data Reports," City of Annapolis website, <http://www.annapolis.gov/government/city-departments/transportation/transit-data-reports>; retrieved 6/23/2014

<sup>4</sup> Data from Annapolis Department of Transportation

## COMPARISON TO GAITHERSBURG CIRCULATOR (PROPOSED)

|  | <b>Annapolis Circulator</b> | <b>Gaithersburg</b> |
|--|-----------------------------|---------------------|
| <b>Pedestrian-friendly street grid</b>                       | ✓                           | ✗                   |
| <b>Attractions all day (18-hour day)</b>                     | ✓                           | ✓                   |
| <b>High population density</b>                               | ✓                           | ✗                   |
| <b>High employment density</b>                               | ✓                           | ✗                   |
| <b>Limited parking availability</b>                          | ✓                           | ✗                   |
| <b>Charge for parking</b>                                    | ✓                           | ✗                   |
| <b>Frequent service (15 minutes or less, 18 hours a day)</b> | ✓                           | ✓                   |
| <b>High ridership all day and all week</b>                   | ✓                           | ✗                   |
| <b>Free circulator fare</b>                                  | ✓                           |                     |

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<sup>5</sup> "The end of the line for Annapolis' Circulator?", Jack Lambert, Capital Gazette; [http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/annapolis/the-end-of-the-line-for-annapolis-circulator/article\\_dd727c07-5086-5160-ba19-ce4dbecee1c8.html](http://www.capitalgazette.com/news/annapolis/the-end-of-the-line-for-annapolis-circulator/article_dd727c07-5086-5160-ba19-ce4dbecee1c8.html); retrieved 6/23/2014