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**MDOT MTA Temporary Closure of Eastern Bus Division**

**BALTIMORE, MD (March 25, 2020)** – Last night, The Maryland Department of Transportation Maryland Transit Administration (MDOT MTA) received notification from an operator that they had tested positive for COVID-19. MDOT MTA is working with health officials for formal verification. The operator last reported to work six days ago on Thursday, March 19. Buses are disinfected daily. Out of an abundance of caution, MDOT MTA has closed the Eastern bus division so that it can undergo a thorough cleaning and disinfecting.

As a result of the temporary closure, the following routes will experience service impacts:

CityLink Navy, Orange, Blue, Pink, Lime and Gold

LocalLink 21, 22, 28,36, 56, 59, 62, 63, and 65

Express BusLink 105, 120, and 160

MDOT MTA encourages riders to use transit for essential travel only. Essential travel means taking trips to work, hospitals, health care providers, pharmacies, grocery stores, banks, food distribution centers, schools, to provide care for family members, and other similar destinations.

MDOT MTA is working diligently to reopen the Eastern bus division as quickly as possible.