



March 14, 2024

The Honorable William Ferguson, President of the Senate
The Honorable Adrienne Jones, House Speaker
The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Budget and Taxation Committee Chair
The Honorable Brian Feldman, Education, Energy, and Environment Committee Chair
The Honorable Ben Barnes, Appropriations Committee Chair
The Honorable Marc Korman, Environment and Transportation Committee Chair

Re: Transportation Revenue Needs

Dear Senate President Ferguson, Speaker Jones, Chair Guzzone, Chair Feldman, Chair Barnes, and Chair Korman,

The Transform Maryland Transportation Coalition has expressed a strong concern about public transit cuts that were proposed this year and partially ameliorated through the use of \$150 million from the “Rainy Day Fund.”

However, according to MDOT Secretary Wiedefeld, the cuts will be in full force for the next fiscal year. In light of the many still unmet needs for transit for capital projects and operations, including funding the Red Line, we request expansion of transportation revenues during this legislative session to meet those needs.

We cannot wait for the Maryland Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs to complete its comprehensive analysis of future transit funding, which will not be available to buffer the near term budget issues and already proposed cuts.

Additional revenue generation in transportation as well as reallocations from highway expansion to public transit expenditures will avert cuts in transit funding and fund future transit needs. We request that the revenue raised be in alignment with the climate and sustainability goals of the State and not be diverted for additional highway capacity.

Thank you for your consideration.

Transform Maryland Transportation Coalition

The Transform Maryland Transportation Coalition (www.tmtcoalition.org, @tmtcoalition) comprises individuals and organizations with members throughout the state. Our mission is to create a robust, transformational, equitable, and sustainable transportation system that helps us meet our climate targets and serves all Marylanders.