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THE SENATE OF MARYLAND
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SB456

Transportation - Third Chesapeake Bay Crossing - Study

Chairman Kelley and Members of the Finance Committee;
Chairman Guzzone and Members of Budget and Taxation;

Thank you for the opportunity to introduce SB456, Transportation - Third Chesapeake Bay Crossing – Study. SB 456 requires the Maryland Transit Institute (MTI) at the University of Maryland to conduct a study on the addition of a third Chesapeake Bay crossing at the current bridge site. The study would include short and long traffic solutions, any potential health and environmental impact the addition would create, provide opportunities for public input and comment from surrounding communities, and develop recommendations for addressing any potential health and environmental impact of construction and operating a third span.

The study will address not only the third Chesapeake Bay crossing but the traffic on Maryland Route 50, Route 97 and the local arteries as well. Already our constituent's face constant backups just to get home, without crossing the bridge. Expanding the bridge capacity will only make it possible to cross the bay quicker, not access the bridge. This traffic situation stresses not only those crossing the bridge, but also our constituents trying go about daily life activities - working, shopping, deliveries, service calls and most important, emergency services. The Governor has publicly announced that no other location will be considered for the construction other than expansion at the current site. This means that the traffic in Anne Arundel County or Queen Anne's County approaching the Bay Bridge will be heavily impacted.

This study will allow us to view the problem in its entirety and not just as a bridge crossing location.

I ask for the Committees favorable report on SB456.

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The Honorable Guy Guzzone, Chair
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Dear Chairman Kelley, Chairman Guzzone and Members of Finance and Budget and Taxation;

The Anne Arundel County Senators met and considered SB 456, Transportation – Third Chesapeake Bay Crossing - Study. They voted to support SB 456.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Pamela G. Beidle". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "P".

Pamela G. Beidle, Chair
Anne Arundel County
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