



**Transportation
Alliance**



Bikemore

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**Testimony on SB 1093 –
Maryland Toll Reform Act of 2024 –
Budget & Taxation Committee**

Position: Favorable With Amendments

The Central Maryland Transportation Alliance and Bikemore support the Maryland Toll Reform Act of 2024 with some suggested amendments that we believe strengthen the bill.

Overall, we support the intent of SB 1093 to optimize toll revenue and broaden the use of that revenue for transportation needs outside of the Maryland Transportation Authority.

The careful consideration of toll rates, including the introduction of near optimal toll rates and the incorporation of discounts for specific demographics, reflects a thoughtful and reasonable approach to toll policy in the state.

We suggest three specific amendments in 3-216 (d)(5):

1. In subsection (l), remove “construction and” so that the funds are focused on maintaining our existing infrastructure first.
2. In subsection (l)(1), replace “relieve traffic congestion” with “improve person throughput” or similar language.
3. In subsection (1)(2), replace “general vicinity” with a more specific, accountable geographic boundary, such as “within the jurisdiction in which the toll facility is located”.

We encourage a FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS report for Senate Bill 1093.