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The Honorable Marc Korman
Chair, House Environment and Transportation Committee
251 House Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

RE: Letter of Information – House Bill 956 – Public-Private Partnership (P3) Oversight and Accountability Act

Dear Chair Korman and Committee Members:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) offers the following information on House Bill 956 for the Committee's consideration.

House Bill 956 would alter the framework under which P3 agreements in the State are undertaken. Maryland's statutory framework for P3 agreements was established in 2013 in accordance with the recommendations of a multi-year, bi-partisan Joint Legislative and Executive Commission on Oversight of Public-Private Partnerships chaired by then-Lieutenant Governor Anthony Brown. Over the course of a year, the 15-member Commission heard from national P3 experts, other state's P3 programs, labor, private interests, and State agencies and created a comprehensive statutory framework for P3s that balances the needs of many stakeholders.

The Commission on Transportation Revenue and Infrastructure Needs (TRAIN Commission) was established by Chapter 455, Acts of 2023, to review, evaluate, and make recommendations on the prioritization and funding of transportation projects. Recognizing the need to review public-private partnerships as it relates to transportation funding options, the TRAIN Commission is expected to review the current P3 framework when it resumes its work following the legislative session. MDOT believes that this work should serve as the catalyst for potential changes and updates to the State's P3 law. Similar to how the P3 framework was created in 2013, MDOT looks forward to a collaborative approach as the TRAIN Commission addresses this issue.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information during its deliberations of House Bill 956.

Respectfully submitted,

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