



February 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024

Delegate Vanessa Atterbeary, Chair  
Ways and Means Committee  
131 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: HB 919 – FAVORABLE – Property Tax – County Authority to Set Special Rates**

Dear Chair Atterbeary and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (“MTBMA”) has been and continues to serve as the voice for Maryland’s construction transportation industry since 1932. Our association is comprised of 200 members. MTBMA encourages, develops, and protects the prestige of the transportation construction and materials industry in Maryland by establishing and maintaining respected relationships with federal, state, and local public officials. We proactively work with regulatory agencies and governing bodies to represent the interests of the transportation industry and advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland’s multimodal transportation system.

House Bill 919 would authorize the governing bodies of the Counties and Baltimore City to set a special property tax rates for the purpose of financing the cost of state or county transportation improvements or the county’s minimum school funding amount.

MTBMA strongly supports HB 919 because we have suggested using localized taxing to assist with transportation funding needs for a long time. In coordination with other associations around Maryland, we created the Together for Transportation Funding Coalition aimed at educating public officials about various ways we can increase revenue in Maryland for transportation projects. One of those ways is through regional transportation authorities, which set localized taxes in a region that are used for transportation-related purposes, benefiting the localities of that region. HB 919 seeks to do something very similar by allowing counties to set tax rates that can be used to finance transportation improvements.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 919.

Thank you,

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