



**Bill:** Maryland Department of Planning – Modernization

**Position:** Support w/ Amendment

Dear Chair, Vice Chair, and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the City of Gaithersburg, I am writing to support HB 272/SB 236 with an amendment to replace or include the reference to projections from the “Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission” (MNCPPC) with projections from the “Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (MWCOG).”

This amendment would ensure a broader, more inclusive data set that accurately reflects regional growth trends and transportation planning needs. MWCOG, as a federally recognized MPO, offers projections that encompass a larger geographical area, including jurisdictions outside of the MNCPPC’s purview. This approach aligns with the legislative intent of fostering coordinated and comprehensive planning efforts that benefit not only Prince George’s and Montgomery Counties but also neighboring counties and the entire state.

The City of Gaithersburg believes this amendment will improve the bill’s effectiveness and ensure it supports long-term planning and development goals in a manner that reflects the interconnectedness of our communities.

Thank you for your consideration of this important amendment. Please contact me if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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