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BILL NO.: HB 71

TITLE: Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act -
Nonbudgeted State Agencies

SPONSOR: Delegate Carr

COMMITTEE: Appropriations

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: January 28, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 71 – Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act - Nonbudgeted State Agencies. This bill alters the Maryland Funding Accountability and Transparency Act to require the Department of Budget and Management to include in a searchable website the payments made by agencies that receive funds that are not appropriated in the annual budget bill and requires the Department to update the payment data on the website on or before the 15th day of the month that follows the month of the payment.

County Executive Olszewski has made long term planning of regional transportation a top priority. In recognition of the collaborative nature of this policy area, the County is eager to support any changes that strengthen the State’s transportation planning efforts in the Baltimore region. This bill accomplishes that by injecting more transparency and accessibility into to the Department of Budget and Management’s reporting on payments made to agencies including the Maryland Transit Administration. This will allow jurisdictions like Baltimore County to better understand and duplicate successful efforts that other jurisdictions have made to invest in transit, establishing an open source for all jurisdictions alike for the purpose of collaboration and comparison.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 71. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, 443-900-6582.