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**House Bill 572**

**Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing - Affected Counties - Infrastructure Funding**

**House Appropriations Committee**

**Position: FAVORABLE**

Anne Arundel County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 572 - Chesapeake Bay Bridge Crossing - Affected Counties - Infrastructure Funding.

This Bill requires the Governor's budget to include capital grants, in years when there is funding for planning, engineering, right-of-way acquisition, or construction related to a third bridge across the Bay, to the counties in which the bridge starts and ends. These grants would be used for transportation infrastructure and other improvements needed as a result of the bridge. A third bridge located in Anne Arundel County would bring significantly more traffic through the County and place an increased burden on its transportation infrastructure. Many County roads are already at, or beyond, capacity and any additional state funding would help the County meet the additional construction costs and increased maintenance of transportation infrastructure resulting from a third bridge. While a third bridge would benefit all Marylanders, its impact would be felt most acutely by the residents in the area where it is built.

Accordingly, Anne Arundel County respectfully requests a **FAVORABLE** report on House Bill 572.