



Maryland Municipal League

The Association of Maryland's Cities and Towns

TESTIMONY

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Committee: House Environment and Transportation

Bill: House Bill 351 - Land Use and Vehicle Miles Traveled Workgroup

Position: Support

Reason for Position:

The Maryland Municipal League supports House Bill 351. This legislation creates a Land Use and Vehicle Miles Traveled Workgroup on which municipalities would have representatives and sets deliverables for the workgroup.

Municipalities in Maryland are often the economic, residential, and cultural hubs of their region, which often leads to high levels of congestion on the roadways. Easing traffic on the roadways is important and the workgroup is tasked with looking at transportation comprehensively; including review of land use development, local zoning policies, and other local initiatives that affect transportation decisions.

Input from local officials on this important issue, that impacts local decision making, is critical. This workgroup would provide a framework for local and State officials as well as interest groups to work collaboratively on the issue of vehicle miles travelled.

For these reasons, the League supports House Bill 351 and respectfully requests that the committee report the bill favorably.

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