



Statement of the Amalgamated Transit Union (ATU) Local 689 on HB 292
Toll Roads, Highways, and Bridges - County Government Consent Requirement - Expansion

At the Amalgamated Transit Union Local 689 we represent over 13,000 workers and retirees performing many skilled transportation crafts for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA), MetroAccess, DASH, and the DC Streetcar.

We encourage all Senators to support this commonsense piece of legislation. In order to build a truly integrated regional transportation network, we need to encourage broad consensus around transportation infrastructure projects. This seems like it is only possible if the approval processes require buy-in from county governments. We believe that this bill is a simple way to encourage this approach.

Extending this approach from the Eastern Shore counties to the rest of the state also seems like a natural expansion of this already tested policy.