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BILL NO.: **HB 1159**

TITLE: Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan and Commission -
Alterations

SPONSOR: Delegate Boyce

COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: February 27, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 1159 – Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan and Commission – Alterations. This bill requires the Maryland Transit Administration to prepare corridor studies for at least three corridors prioritized in the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan as early opportunity corridors. The legislation would also require the State to publish a progress report on the plan’s implementation.

Baltimore County is undergoing a new period of residential growth and commercial revitalization, but the County’s development is only as strong as its transportation infrastructure. Addressing the County’s transportation challenges is one of County Executive Olszewski’s top priorities, and investing in our transportation corridors will encourage further economic growth and enhance community development. By requiring the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan to be more comprehensive and binding it to stricter reporting requirements, HB 1159 will help jurisdictions across the entire region develop long term strategies to improve and expand public transit.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 1159. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, at 443-900-6582.