



THE PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY GOVERNMENT

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County Council

POSITION STATEMENT

HB 1236
Delegate Solomon, et. al
Environment &
Transportation Committee

Transit - Maryland Area Regional Commuter Train -
Expansion of Service

POSITION:

SUPPORT

HB 1236 – Transit - Maryland Area Regional Commuter Train - Expansion of Service – Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to engage in good faith negotiations with certain jurisdictions and train companies to reach a written agreement on a pilot program to establish Maryland Area Regional Commuter train service between Union Station in the District of Columbia and Alexandria Station in the Commonwealth of Virginia; requiring the Administration to consult with regional private entities to determine the most effective means to establish service between those train stations; etc.

HB 1236 would legislate that the reports required to be submitted by the Maryland Transit Authority (MTA) must summarize the best efforts and discussions undertaken to comply with the bill; identify solutions to any issues with establishing the expanded MARC train service; if necessary, list the statutory changes necessary to establish the expanded service; and provide any other information that MTA deems necessary for successful run-through service.

Better coordination between Union Station in the District of Columbia and Alexandria Station in the Commonwealth of Virginia would work towards removing the current transportation silos, removing the currently disjointed network of transit options. Expanding MTA services would reduce travel times and fully connect these communities to the city's transit system—and thereby job and housing opportunities.

For the foregoing reasons, the Prince George's County Council **SUPPORTS HB 1236** and respectfully requests your favorable consideration of its position.

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