

Bill Number: HB 519
Jason Carey, Baltimore County Resident
Support

Hon. Chair Kumar Barve
6 Bladen Street, House Room 251
Annapolis, MD 21401

Good afternoon,

I am a frequent commuter and I support HB519! In 2014, the current commuter discount plan went into effect. It offers a discount for commuters to pay \$1.40 for 50 trips in a 45 day span. Commuters must pre-pay this amount prior to using the trips. That works out to be \$70 every 45 days (or \$567.70 a year). The plan states that if a commuter does not cross 50 times during that 45 days the commuter forfeits the unused trips. The 2018 MDTA Traffic and Revenue forecast estimates that the MDTA will rake in approximately \$14 million in prepaid unused tolls from all of its facilities.

From 2010 to 2014, the tolls at the Francis Scott Key Bridge increased three times. The commuter rate increased approximately 350% during this 4 year period from .40/trip (\$162/year) to its current rate of \$1.40/trip (\$567.70/yr). In 2015, Governor Hogan provided toll relief at many of the facilities. He reduced the Maryland Bay Bridge commuter plan from 50 trips every 45 days to 25 trips every 45 days, thus reducing the chances that Bay Bridge frequent commuters would forfeit unused pre-paid tolls. HB519 will bring the commuter plan at the Key Bridge in line with the Bay Bridge and will help so many hard working people. Please consider this bill for you constituents who have been suffering with the oppressive toll increases.

Please consider passing this bill - We need your help!

Thank you,

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