



HB 390 /SB 548
I-270 Commuter Bus Route Study
Senate Finance Committee
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Position: Support

The Greater Washington Partnership ("Partnership") is a civic alliance of the Capital Region's leading employers and entrepreneurs stretching from Baltimore to Richmond that together employ more than 200,000 residents. Our transportation system is a priority for the Partnership as it is essential to ensuring the Capital Region is one of the best places to live, work and build a business. As one of the region's persistently congested corridors, the Partnership strongly supports a commuter bus route study for the I-270 corridor.

In 2018, the Partnership released its Blueprint for Regional Mobility, the region's first CEO-driven strategic transportation plan with specific actions that public leaders and private employers can take to address the unique transportation challenges that hold back our region. This includes the creation of a seamless performance-driven tolling network that deploys the same principles for each project, including that toll investments improve the entire transportation system, that they prioritize moving the most people compared to vehicles, and they invest toll revenue in cost-effective public transportation enhancements.

The I-270 Commuter Bus Route Study positions MDOT to implement the most cost-effective public transportation enhancements with the new tolling facilities for I-270, which is supported by the Partnership's performance-driven tolling approach. We urge your support for **HB 390 / SB 548, the I-270 Commuter Bus Route Study**. Thank you for your support and leadership.

Sincerely,

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