



## Testimony in Support of SB361

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The Maryland Transit Opportunities Coalition, a statewide coalition of transit riders, transit workers, and transit advocates, strongly supports Senate Bill 361.

The Purple Line has exposed the risks that are inherent in the P3 form of financing, even when a urgently needed and extremely cost-effective facility is carefully vetted before the procurement begins. These risks are far greater when the P3 process is abused to push through a misbegotten scheme like the I-270/I-495 toll lanes without the fiscal and policy oversight that would expose its deep flaws.

Senate Bill 361 provides for greater transparency and financial oversight in future P3 procurements. For the protection of Maryland's taxpayers and everyone who uses our transportation system, we urge you to give it a favorable report.