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BILL NO.: **HB 649**

TITLE: Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Revenue and Distribution

SPONSOR: Delegate Solomon

COMMITTEE: Environment and Transportation

POSITION: **FAVORABLE**

DATE: February 11, 2021

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** House Bill 649 – Transportation - Highway User Revenues - Revenue and Distribution. This legislation would alter the share of funds allocated to counties from the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account (GMVRA).

Adequate transportation is fundamental to the wellbeing of all Maryland residents. They deserve to travel on roads that are in good repair and use public transport that is safe and reliable. Local governments presently struggle with funding transportation services and maintenance. The upcoming reduction of the share of funds allocated to counties through the GMVRA would only exacerbate this issue.

This legislation would amend the funding formula to maintain that in FY 25, 3.2% of funds in the GMVRA go to counties. Without this, the amount allocated to local governments, excluding Baltimore City, will drop to 1.3% in FY 25. This would reduce the funding that is necessary to maintain transportation services in Baltimore County.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on HB 649. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Director of Government Affairs, at cconner@baltimorecountymd.gov.