

Committee: Environment & Transportation

Testimony on: HB 485 – Public-Private Partnerships – Process and Oversight

Position: Favorable

Hearing Date: March 5, 2020

I write in support of the P3 Reform Bill (HB485/SB361). P3 tollways are designed to profit from congestion instead of relieving it so the premise of widening the Beltway is fundamentally flawed. Studies show that commuters will save five minutes on their commutes which is a meager ROI for the millions it will cost to build.

It is the General Assembly's responsibility to protect taxpayers who are on the hook for any contracts MDOT enters into then reneges on before the results of the environmental impact study are complete. Montgomery and Prince George's County residents are still stinging from the MDOT's mismanagement of the dispute with Purple Line Transit Partners. MDOT needs to be more transparent in their decision making and honor the commitment it made to Maryland resident not to select a Phase Developer prior to the completion of the environmental impact study. Until trust is restored, the only recourse is P3 oversight & reform.

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