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**BILL NO.:** House Bill 632

**TITLE:** Baltimore East-West Corridor – Transit Study – Requirements

**SPONSOR:** Delegate Rosenberg

**COMMITTEE:** Baltimore County House Delegation

**POSITION:** **SUPPORT WITH AMENDMENTS**

**DATE:** February 18, 2022

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS WITH AMENDMENTS** House Bill 632 – Baltimore East-West Corridor – Transit Study – Requirements. This legislation would secure a record of decision for the Red Line transit project and MARC rail extension and require a plan for funding and financing the construction.

The Maryland Red Line would provide residents with efficient, low-cost transportation by connecting parts of Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Fells Point, Canton, and Johns Hopkins Bayview. The Red Line would also create a more comprehensive rail system by linking its transit line to the MARC Train, which would allow all community members and commuters to navigate the Baltimore region with ease.

Baltimore County has always prioritized accessible and equitable transportation, and feels this legislation could be strengthened by an amendment that would expand the Red Line beyond Johns Hopkins Bayview, by following Dundalk Avenue to Turner station. Broader access to the Red Line ensures that the route fulfills its purpose of bringing the region's communities closer together.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS** report on House Bill 632. For more information, please contact Joel Beller, Acting Director of Government Affairs at [jbeller@baltimorecountymd.gov](mailto:jbeller@baltimorecountymd.gov).