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SB 514

**Transportation – Investment
Program – MARC Rail
Service (Maryland Regional
Rail Transformation Act)**

County Position: SUPPORT

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Committee: Finance

Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner urges your **SUPPORT** for Senate Bill 514 – Transportation – Investment Program – MARC Rail Service (Maryland Regional Rail Transformation Act).

Public transportation supports and strengthens our economy, ensuring residents have access to opportunity by connecting them to services and jobs. It is the responsibility of government to provide this service, and that it is reliable, safe, and efficient.

County Executive Gardner supports the provisions in the proposed legislation that:

- Establishes individual investment programs in the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) to improve and enhance MARC lines, and extend the Brunswick line to better serve Western Maryland;
- Requires these individual investment programs are updated every five fiscal years and sets requirements for completion of certain components, thereby creating an implementation plan to realize the goals of the 2019 MARC Cornerstone Plan;
- Utilizes the approach of creating investment programs for specific rail infrastructure projects, which is a best practice in the transportation industry, and positions the State to more effectively compete for federal funds; and
- Ensures the long-term commitment and adequate resources necessary to advance the State's goal of a modern regional public transit system and that connects our communities to the District of Columbia, Virginia and Delaware.

Frederick County Executive Gardner urges favorable **SUPPORT** for Senate Bill 514.