



March 31, 2022

Senator Delores G. Kelley, Chair
Senate Finance Committee
3 East Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

RE: HB 1336 – FAVORABLE – Greater Baltimore Transit Governance and Funding Commission

Dear Chair Kelley and Members of the Finance Committee:

The Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (“MTBMA”) has been and continues to serve as the voice for Maryland’s construction transportation industry since 1932. Our association is comprised of 200 members. MTBMA encourages, develops, and protects the prestige of the transportation construction and materials industry in Maryland by establishing and maintaining respected relationships with federal, state, and local public officials. We proactively work with regulatory agencies and governing bodies to represent the interests of the transportation industry and advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland’s multimodal transportation system.

House Bill 1336 seeks to establish the Greater Baltimore Transit Governance and Funding Commission who will study, analyze, and make recommendations regarding changes to the funding and governance of transit in the greater Baltimore region.

MTBMA applauds the Sponsor for the forward thinking that this bill provides. We strongly believe legislation like HB 1336 is the precursor to regional transportation authorities across Maryland, an idea that we strongly support. Regional transportation authorities have proven very effective in other jurisdictions around the country, allowing specific regions within a state to produce enough revenue to fund and support mass transportation projects and efforts in those defined regions. We are excited about this legislation and look forward to being included on the Commission.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this issue, and we urge a favorable report on House Bill 1336.

Thank you,

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