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Delegate Ben Barnes, Chair  
House Appropriations Committee  
Room 121, House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**RE: House Bill 1052 – UNFAVORABLE – Transportation – Consolidated Transportation Program - Scoring**

Dear Chair Barnes and Members of the Appropriations Committee:

The Maryland Asphalt Association (MAA) is comprised of 19 producer members representing more than 48 production facilities, 25 contractor members, 25 consulting engineer firms and 41 other associate members. MAA works proactively with regulatory agencies to represent the interests of the asphalt industry both in the writing and interpretation of state and federal regulations that may affect our members. We also advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland's multimodal transportation system.

House Bill 1052 would expand the State transportation goals and measures that must be used by the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) for its project-based scoring system when it evaluates major transportation projects for inclusion in the draft and final Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). A new Workgroup on the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act, to be staffed by MDOT, is also established and tasked with reporting its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly by September 1, 2025.

MAA opposes House Bill 1052 because we believe the proposed changes to the goals and measures used in MDOT's scoring system for major transportation projects seem targeted at reducing the scores of potential road and highway projects and increasing those of transit projects being considered by the Department. In addition, the language limiting the weight that any specific goal or measure may have on an individual project's overall score effectively substitutes the judgment of the General Assembly for that of the people who manage these projects every day by restricting the authority of MDOT personnel to assess the merits of any given project as they see fit.

We appreciate you taking the time to consider our request for an UNFAVORABLE report on House Bill 1052.

Sincerely,

Marshall Klinefelter  
President  
Maryland Asphalt Association