

March 6, 2023

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

***Re: Support for House Bill 1052 to enhance the transparency of the Consolidated Transportation Program***

Dear Chair Barnes and Committee Members,

On behalf of the Greater Washington Partnership (the Partnership), I am writing to express our support for House Bill 1052, which would establish a workgroup to enhance transparency behind the decision-making and prioritization of the state's transportation investment decisions.

The Partnership is a civic alliance of leading employers in the Capital Region of Baltimore, Washington, and Richmond, who together employ more than 300,000 residents and are committed to making this region one of the best places to live, work, and build a business. Better transportation is central to that vision. In 2018, the Partnership released the [Blueprint for Regional Mobility](#), an action-oriented strategy to transform the Capital Region's transportation system into a world class asset that ensures our global competitiveness.

To ensure the best use of limited resources, the Blueprint calls for Maryland to review its performance-driven project scoring program and measure and report the outcomes and equity benefits of each capital investment. House Bill 1052 helps advance that goal by establishing a workgroup to study implementation of the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act of 2016 and review the prioritization and scoring processes of the state's transportation investment decisions. The workgroup would issue its findings and recommendations by September 1, 2025.

The Partnership encourages a favorable report for this bill which will help create more transparent public-sector decision making that can maximize the benefits of the state's transportation investment program.

Sincerely,



Kathy Hollinger  
CEO

CC: John Hillegass, Director, Regional Mobility & Infrastructure, Greater Washington Partnership