



March 7, 2023

Delegate Kumar Barve, Chair  
House Environment and Transportation Committee  
Room 251 House Office Building  
Annapolis, MD 21401

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

**RE: House Bill 1201 – UNFAVORABLE – Public-Private Partnerships**

Dear Chairs Barve and Barnes and Members of the Committees:

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.

HB 1201 would establish the Public-Private Partnership (P3) Oversight Review Board that would review P3 pre-solicitation reports and make recommendations regarding the designation of a public infrastructure asset as a P3. This bill is entirely redundant and unnecessary. The State already has an oversight review board that reviews P3 projects called the Board of Public Works ("BPW"). We cannot understand why such a board is needed when the BPW already reviews all of the tasks listed in this bill. Enacting such legislation would only further delay necessary transportation projects in our State and undermine the processes already in place.

We appreciate you taking the time to address this important issue and we respectfully urge an unfavorable report on House Bill 1201.

Thank you,

Michael Sakata  
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