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BILL NO.: **SB 151**

TITLE: Equitable and Inclusive Transit-Oriented Development
Enhancement Act

SPONSOR: Senator Augustine

COMMITTEE: Budget and Taxation

POSITION: **SUPPORT**

DATE: January 25, 2023

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 151 - Equitable and Inclusive Transit-Oriented Development Enhancement Act. This legislation would establish the TOD Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund.

Many residents who cannot afford personal transportation struggle to access reliable and varied modes of public transit. Transit-Oriented Developments (TODs) can be a critical tool to center transportation accessibility for individuals without personal transportation.

Senate Bill 151 expands and enhances incentives to develop and locate what within TODs by establishing the TOD Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund. These funds would make crucial capital available to local jurisdictions which seek to establish equitable and inclusive processes to develop TODs. The TOD Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund would provide local jurisdictions funding for the design or improvement of a TOD, as well as gap funding for development within a TOD. This vital investment in our communities will further the County's efforts to promote accessible development for all residents.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 151. For more information, please contact Jenn Aiosa, Director of Government Affairs at jaiosa@baltimorecountymd.gov.