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The Honorable Melony Griffith
Chair, Senate Finance Committee
3 East, Miller Senate Office Building
Annapolis MD 21401

Re: *Letter of Information – Senate Bill 875 – Task Force to Study the Reconstitution of the Maryland Transportation Commission*

Dear Chair Griffith and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) takes no position on Senate Bill 875 but offers the following information for the Committee’s consideration.

Senate Bill 975 establishes a Task Force to study the operation of the Maryland Transportation Commission (MTC) and make recommendations on possible changes to membership and responsibilities of the Commission. The MDOT Secretary is to be a member of the Task Force, and MDOT is responsible for staffing. The Task Force’s report is due by December 31, 2024.

The MTC was established in law in 1971 and serves as a body to study the State transportation system and advise the Secretary of Transportation and modal Administrators on policy and programs. It is comprised of 17 members, ten appointed by the Governor, and seven regional members that serve ex officio. The MTC meets monthly. It should be noted that those serving on the MTC require necessary expertise to approve modal plans, the Consolidated Transportation Program, and other transportation related plans and policies.

For MDOT to staff the Task Force, additional resources would be necessary, estimated to be \$100,000 for Fiscal Year (FY) 24 and FY 25.

The Maryland Department of Transportation respectfully requests the Committee consider this information when deliberating Senate Bill 875.

Respectfully submitted,

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