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**POSITION STATEMENT**

Additional support to local governments for transportation and fixed-route transit

County Position: Support

As the Frederick County Executive, I urge the Maryland General Assembly to increase funding to local governments for transportation infrastructure and fixed route transit. In particular, the Maryland General Assembly should restore local Highway User Revenues (HUR) allocations to local governments and increase investments in the rural and urbanized area fixed-route transit operations funding.

Local transportation funding continues to lag pre-recession levels and existing demand, despite 83% of our state's road miles falling under the responsibility of local governments. Frederick County is responsible for nearly 1,300 centerline miles of roadway, 222 twenty-foot-plus span bridges, 250 ten to twenty-foot span bridges, and approximately 6,000 culverts. The State has an obligation to fund this public infrastructure and should restore the full local share of Highway User Revenues.

Additionally, Frederick County's comprehensive plan – known as Livable Frederick – depends on stable investments in transit and multimodal transportation. Importantly, the South Frederick Corridor Plan will require investments in our transit system to support expanded services. Transit operations continue to remain under financial strain, and the equivalent local match at increased levels is crucial to effective transit operations at the County level. Access to reliable transportation continues to be a challenge for many County residents, including older adults, people with disabilities, and low-income or Asset Limited, Income Constrained, Employed (ALICE) households.

In both the urbanized and rural areas, there is a great need for more transportation options. We are seeking to increase annual operating funding to expand services and provide County residents with more robust transit options. Sustained financial support from MDOT is critical to providing quality transit service in Frederick County. I urge the state to increase the state match to 5311 and 5307 operating funding to help support rural and urbanize transit.

I look forward to working with the Maryland General Assembly and the Maryland Department of Transportation on all our local transportation needs.