



**Montgomery County's Advocates for Better Transportation**

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SUPPORT for the Transportation Funding Act

HB 1215

The Action Committee for Transit supports the Transportation Funding Act of 2024 (HB 1215). As Maryland seeks new sources of funding for the transportation infrastructure it relies on, HB 1215 taps into a previously underutilized source. It draws funding from rideshare and e-commerce companies—which tend to increase the wear-and-tear on road and transportation infrastructure in the course of their business operations—by leveling a small 50 cent fee.

The Action Committee for Transit welcomes the forward-looking mechanisms in HB 1215 which will keep the fees charged in line with the real value of money, avoiding the pitfalls which have befallen funding sources like the gas tax, which have not kept pace with inflation. As most users of rideshare and the most frequent users of e-commerce sites tend to be people with greater incomes, we feel that the fee will have negligible negative impact on socioeconomic equity.

Though small in terms of cost to consumers, this fee will still provide roads and transportation infrastructure with a sizable new dedicated source of funding. Further, it dedicates any funds in surplus of the needs of the initial specified uses specifically to public transportation.

The Transportation Funding Act of 2024 will provide Maryland's transportation infrastructure with a reliable and long-term funding source and has the Action Committee for Transit's full support. We strongly urge you to vote yes on this legislation, HB 1215.

Sincerely,

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