



Transportation Alliance

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Testimony on HB 20 – *Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2025* – Appropriations Committee

Position: Favorable

The Central Maryland Transportation Alliance supports HB 20, which updates and clarifies the transportation project prioritization program codified in Chapter 30. The point is to ensure that public funds are spent efficiently and effectively on transportation projects that deliver the greatest benefits to the community.

HB 20 requires the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to make reforms to the project prioritization program that has been in place since 2017 so that it is clearer and more predictable for stakeholders including counties, municipalities, Metropolitan Planning Organizations and other entities that propose transportation projects for inclusion in the MDOT capital program.

It is always important for MDOT to be a careful steward of how public dollars are spent, and now more so as the legislature considers separate proposals for increasing revenues to the Transportation Trust Fund. This departmental bill will improve the transparency and accountability of the spending side of the ledger.

We encourage a FAVORABLE report for House Bill 20.