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House Appropriations Committee
120-121 Taylor House Office Building
Annapolis, MD 21401 - 1991

SUPPORT: HB0084 Transportation and Climate Alignment Act

Bikemore, Baltimore City's livable streets advocacy organization representing more than 8,000 advocates and the 30% of Baltimoreans who lack access to a car, is writing in support of HB0084.

The Transportation and Climate Alignment Act builds off of successful legislation in other states, ensuring that scarce transportation funding is used in a fiscally responsible manner by only funding projects that advance Maryland's adopted emissions and VMT reduction targets.

Many of the neighbors we represent lack access to a car, and do not benefit from road widenings in suburbs. The resulting induced demand, sprawl, and poor air quality from those widenings means the rest of the state doesn't benefit from them either. We simply have to start making smarter investments with our transportation dollars.

Investments in transit, active transportation, and accessibility for pedestrians have been shown time and again to have a positive return on investment, strengthening Maryland's economy more than any road project.

This legislation would not prevent a choice to invest in road widening, but it would require us to offset the negative externalities of that choice by funding more economically and environmentally productive projects.

We urge the committee to support HB0084 and help advance access to opportunity for all Marylanders.

Sincerely,

Jed Weeks
Executive Director