



Senate Bill 384 -- Metro Funding Modification Act of 2025
Senate Budget and Taxation Committee
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Support

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), the voice of business in Metro Maryland, supports Senate Bill 384 -- *Metro Funding Modification Act of 2025*.

Senate Bill 384 modifies the formulas used to calculate the two annual grants that the State of Maryland provides to the Washington Suburban Transit District (WSTD) to pay the capital costs of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). Specifically, the bill requires grant funding to be adjusted for inflation and increased by 3% annually. Maryland's regional Metro funding partners, which are Virginia and the District of Columbia, would also be required to pass similar legislation for Senate Bill 384 to go into effect.

DMV Moves, a regional initiative aimed at securing long-term, predictable, and sustainable transit funding, has identified the lack of indexing as a threat to Metro's progress and state of good repair. Despite improvements in the Metro system over the past several years, regional funding commitments have not kept pace with inflation. Therefore, these commitments, including Maryland's, need to be re-based and adjusted.

MCCC contends that Senate Bill 384 will ensure the sustainability of regional dedicated Metro funding in the future. Without indexing, WMATA's progress and the Metro system's state of good repair are at risk. The Chamber, which has previously backed dedicated capital funding to revitalize our region's Metro, continues to advocate for viable and competitive regional transit as a pivotal component to a thriving regional economy.

For these reasons, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce supports Senate Bill 384 and respectfully requests a favorable report.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), on behalf of its members, champions the growth of business opportunities, strategic infrastructure investments, and a strong workforce to position Metro Maryland as a premier regional, national, and global business location. Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent, non-profit membership organization.

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