

Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Miller Senate Office Building, 3 West Wing 11 Bladen Street Annapolis, MD 21401 - 1991

SUPPORT: SB0198 Transportation - Consolidated Transportation Program - Prioritization (Transportation Investment Priorities 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 SB0198.

We are pleased to see the Maryland Department of Transportation recognize flaws in the original Chapter 30 project scoring program and propose revisions that will create a more transparent process in which both residents and local governments can engage.

We believe this prioritization process, in conjunction with the Moore-Miller administration's commitment to Complete Streets and Vision Zero, will result in projects that deliver safer and more accessible transportation options for all Marylanders.

As the program is more fleshed out, we would like to see consideration of explicit prioritization of active transportation, a differentiation of vehicle and vulnerable road user safety, and eventual incorporation of federal fund source projects into the scoring process.

But we believe that SB0198 is a strong step in the right direction by the Maryland Department of Transportation, and encourage the committee to issue a favorable report.

Sincerely,

Jed Weeks

Executive Director

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