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HB 932 – Maryland Transit Administration – Fifth Bus Division Facility – Construction

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Thank you, Chair Korman, Vice Chair Guyton and members of the Environment and Transportation Committee. I am Delegate Robbyn Lewis testifying on behalf of HB 932 which will increase the speed, reliability and quality of bus service by enabling construction of a bus maintenance yard in Baltimore city, the core service area of the Maryland Transit Administration.

The humble bus is the backbone of Maryland’s public transit system. In the Baltimore metro region (Baltimore City, and the counties of Anne Arundel, Howard, Harford and Baltimore) more than 135,000 people rode MTA local buses every day in 2025 – that's about 50 million rides a year. To access opportunity, Marylanders need reliable, affordable options for getting around, including quality bus service.

That’s where this HB 932 comes in. It's a very simple bill that simply requires the MTA to complete construction of a fifth bus maintenance yard, or “bus division” in Baltimore city by June 30, 2032. Building this additional division is needed to expand high quality bus service and really deliver for the hundreds of thousands of riders in the metro region.

MTA organizes bus service around geographically spread-out maintenance yards where the bus fleet is stored, repaired and maintained. There are currently four divisions: Kirk Avenue Division; in operation since 2021; Northwest Bus Division, opened in 1987; Bush Division; and the Eastern Bus Division.

Given our current fiscal climate, talking about infrastructure and building is challenging. I believe MDOT has included this project in its current Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP). To deliver access to opportunity to the people of Maryland, we must improve that

workhorse of our transit system, the humble bus. HB 932 will help achieve that goal. I respectfully request a favorable report. Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robbyn Lewis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

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