



TESTIMONY ON

HB 230 – Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2026

FAVORABLE

TO: House Appropriations Committee

FROM: The Rev. Steve Holt, member of the Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN)

DATE: February 17, 2026

Dear Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Kaiser, and Honorable Members of the Committee,

The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network supports HB 230 to update and clarify our transportation project prioritization program. Transportation is a critical issue that affects how we care for each other as human beings and how we take care of the creation that has been entrusted to us. It is vital that we ensure we are spending our public funds on transportation projects that deliver equitable results to all Marylanders and demonstrate proper concern for our environment.

HB 230 requires the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to make reforms to the project prioritization program so that it is more transparent for everyone involved. This transparency and accountability is necessary so that we can fully understand the impact of these projects on important goals such as increasing affordability and reducing environmental impacts, and we can align our transportation spending with our values and with our commitment to best serving all people and communities.

The Maryland Episcopal Public Policy Network (MEPPN) requests a FAVORABLE report.