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HB 437 - Transportation - Major Highway Capacity Expansion Projects and Impact Assessments (Transportation and Climate Alignment Act of 2026)

Favorable
House Appropriations Committee
February 10th, 2026

ATU Local 1300 represents over 3,000 transit workers at the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). This includes bus operators, bus mechanics, rail operators, rail maintenance workers, and more. Our members keep Maryland moving every day.

Our state has set ambitious climate goals, but those goals are often only used to frame discussions of energy policy. Why should these goals be separated from our state's transportation decisionmaking? In order to bring our transportation and climate goals into alignment, we need to make sure the decisions around the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) include climate considerations. This is primarily done through requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to study and consider the impact on vehicle miles traveled and greenhouse gas emissions in its plans. Any capacity expansion projects that increase emissions would need to be offset with multimodal transportation expansions that decrease emissions.

We believe that this bill is the transportation equivalent of taking climate planning seriously. We urge a favorable report on HB 437.