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**HB 230 – Transportation - Consolidated Transportation Program - Prioritization
(Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2026)**

DATE: February 17, 2026
COMMITTEE: House Appropriations Committee
POSITION: Favorable
FROM: The Office of Frederick County Executive Jessica Fitzwater

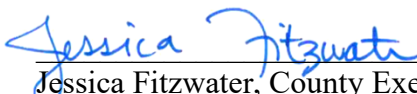
As the County Executive of Frederick County, I urge the committee to give **HB 230 – Transportation - Consolidated Transportation Program - Prioritization (Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2026)** a favorable report. This bill solidifies a new process for CTP and Chapter 30 transportation projects.

Over the past year, MDOT instituted a pilot process that changed the way CTP and Chapter 30 applications and investments operated. Under this program, Chapter 30 submissions occur every two years, Chapter 30 is provided with a larger portion of funding, projects that are not awarded or do not score well are debriefed, a new scoring criteria is instituted, and there is more flexibility to submit bike and pedestrian projects for funding.

Frederick County has used this pilot program over the last year at the direction of MDOT. This program has been impactful for the County as it provides additional certainty and clarity, and has allowed us to submit bicycle and pedestrian projects that were previously not eligible. One of these projects, the Libertytown Sidewalk project, has been a priority for the County and community for years. This new process allowed us to submit the project request for funding, while it was not eligible under the previous Chapter 30 process. Local governments and the State work the best together when there is clarity in project scoring, and this pilot program exemplifies that by providing feedback on projects that are not awarded.

As transportation funding is a priority for Frederick County, my administration supports legislation that increases access to State transportation funding. We work diligently to ensure that our project applications are complete, and our priorities are clear. This pilot program has been successful for Frederick County, and we look forward to continuing to work with the State on our transportation priorities.

Thank you for your consideration of HB 230. I urge you to advance this bill with a favorable



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