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TESTIMONY ON HB#/0230 – FAVORABLE

Transportation - Consolidated Transportation Program - Prioritization (Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2026)

TO: Chair Barnes, Vice Chair Kaiser and members of the Appropriations Committee

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My name is Richard K. Kaplowitz. I am a resident of District 3. I am submitting this testimony in support of HB#0230, Transportation - Consolidated Transportation Program - Prioritization (Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2026)

The Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) is a comprehensive, six-year capital budget for transportation projects,, drafted annually by the [Maryland Department of Transportation \(MDOT\)](#). It outlines funding for major projects, including roads, transit, aviation, and port improvements across the state, with the Draft FY 2026-2031 plan totaling \$21.5 billion in planned investments. ¹

The Maryland Department of Transportation has as its mission: ²

The Maryland Transportation Commission shall consider any request for the dedication of transportation facilities in memory or honor of individuals or groups of significance to the state of Maryland. Formed in 1971, the Maryland Transportation Commission (MTC) studies the State transportation system (Chapter 526, Acts of 1970) and advises the Secretary of Transportation and Department Administrators on policy and programs.

The required elements of the CTP include:

[The CTP is] Maryland’s six-year, fiscally constrained capital budget for transportation projects, mandated to align with the Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP). It requires detailed project justifications, including location maps, purpose/need statements, and alignment with state goals like safety, system preservation, and economic development. Key elements include six-year funding, project prioritization based on Chapter 30, and inclusion of all Transportation Trust Fund projects.

This bill will alter the required elements of the Consolidated Transportation Program; requiring the Department of Transportation to develop a certain project-based scoring system, identify certain funds available for certain purposes, and solicit requests from certain entities for certain projects; requiring the Department to evaluate and score certain major surface transportation projects; altering the makeup, chair, frequency of meetings, and responsibilities of the Maryland Transportation Commission; etc.

I respectfully urge this committee to return a favorable report and pass HB0230.

¹ Google AI Search “What is the Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program”

² <https://www.mdot.maryland.gov/tso/pages/Index.aspx?PagelId=86>