



TESTIMONY

COMMITTEE: Senate Budget and Taxation

DATE: February 25, 2026

POSITION: Favorable

BILL: SB 62

The Maryland Municipal League (MML) supports Senate Bill 62: Transportation - Consolidated Transportation Program - Prioritization (Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2026).

SB 62 The bill alters certain aspects of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP) and the prioritization process of its projects. Municipal governments are interested in the projects that are selected for inclusion in the CTP and the manner in which that is done.

Currently, there are few municipally managed projects that are included in the CTP, a function of the relatively small land area that municipalities occupy and the high dollar amount threshold for CTP projects. However, there are numerous important projects in the CTP that impact the movement of people and goods in and around municipalities. Local government input in the process is critical and municipalities are eligible and encouraged to submit priority letters to the Department on behalf of other projects they deem worthy of consideration. These priority letters have a point value assigned to them in the project scoring model.

Specifically, the portion of the bill that standardizes and clarifies the process by which local jurisdictions can identify and request potential transportation capacity projects, including by requiring MDOT to create guidance for local priority letters and by creating a clearer process for early-stage ideas to be evaluated for initial planning will streamline the local input process. Additionally, the proposed project scoring system will weigh the project's benefits against its cost, a focus on lower-cost but high impact projects, potentially opening the door to more municipal projects being selected for inclusion in the CTP.

For these reasons, the League respectfully requests that the committee provide Senate Bill 62 with a favorable report.

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Municipalities own and maintain about 10% of the State's lane miles in less than 5% of the State's land area.