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SPONSOR: Senator McCray

ASSIGNED TO: Budget and Taxation Committee

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POSITION: Support

Transportation – Highway User Revenues Capital Grants – Calculation

Senate Bill 288, with anticipated sponsor amendments, is intended to maintain the status quo for the allocation of capital grants funded by State Highway User Revenues beyond Fiscal Year 2027, when, without passage of legislation, a sudden and significant drop in State support for local road funding will occur.

The Montgomery County Department of Transportation maintains a transportation system that serves over one million residents, with nearly 7,000 miles of roads, 1,600 miles of sidewalks, and a transit system that serves 19 million passengers per year. The County's transportation budget is constantly constrained to improve safety, update our roads to meet today's standards, and support economic development for the State and region. The County is also a national leader in building out a Countywide bus rapid transit system and retrofitting roads for safety. Each year, the County delays projects or shrinks programs due to fiscal constraints.

Every dollar is critical to help our residents, employees, and visitors travel safely, reliably, and efficiently through the County by motor vehicle, bus, bicycle, and foot.

The sharing of Highway User Revenues dates back to 1968, and over the years has undergone many hard fought revisions. However, a State-local partnership has always survived. With limited revenue raising options at the local level, this partnership remains as important as it was in 1968. For these reasons among many, Montgomery County urges passage of this legislation, with the inclusion of sponsor amendments to ensure its intended purpose.