



Senate Bill 62

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

MACo Position: **LETTER OF
INFORMATION**

To: Budget & Taxation Committee

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MACo respectfully submits this Letter of Information on SB 62, the Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2026. The bill proposes updates to the structure and content of the Consolidated Transportation Program (CTP), including refinements to the project-based scoring framework, new transparency and publication requirements, and changes to the composition and responsibilities of the Maryland Transportation Commission.

The CTP is the Maryland Department of Transportation's (MDOT) six-year capital program that identifies, schedules, and funds major state transportation investments across modes—highways, transit, aviation, and port facilities. Updated and published annually, the CTP translates long-range planning into a fiscally constrained, project-specific program that outlines which projects will advance, associated timelines, and funding levels. For counties, the CTP is the principal mechanism through which state transportation priorities are implemented locally, shaping mobility, economic competitiveness, infrastructure capacity, and quality of life.

MACo commends MDOT for its collaborative engagement with counties throughout the interim and for efforts to incorporate local input into provisions that govern how transportation priorities are assessed and reflected in the CTP. Counties recognize that clarifying required CTP elements and creating a more explicit prioritization framework can strengthen transparency around project selection and improve predictability for local planning.

Overall, MACo appreciates MDOT's responsiveness and the bill's direction toward clearer, more transparent transportation planning. While counties continue to have general implementation considerations – particularly regarding scoring criteria, submission processes, and opportunities for local input – SB 62 represents constructive progress and provides a stronger foundation for shared understanding of how the State's major transportation investments are prioritized.