



**Senate Bill 281 -- Metro Funding Modification Act of 2026**  
**Senate Budget and Taxation Committee**  
**February 3, 2026**  
**Support**

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), the voice of business in Metro Maryland, supports Senate Bill 281 -- *Metro Funding Modification Act of 2025*, which would increase Maryland's contribution for Metro capital funding.

Metro is an essential component of Montgomery County's transportation network and the region's economic vitality. Sustained support for the system's continuous improvement and modernization is critical. However, unfunded capital needs continue to grow. With additional investment, Metro can maintain a manageable capital backlog while delivering safe, frequent, and reliable service throughout the day and week. These resources will also support modernization and reinvestment in infrastructure that improves safety, reliability, and capacity, while ultimately reducing costs and enabling expanded service.

MCCC supports Senate Bill 281 because it will help ensure the long-term sustainability of the region's dedicated Metro funding. Without action, Metro's progress and its overall state of good repair are at risk. The Chamber has long supported dedicated capital funding to strengthen the Metro system and continues to advocate for viable, competitive regional transit as a cornerstone of a thriving regional economy.

**For these reasons, the Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce supports Senate Bill 281 and respectfully requests a favorable report.**

*The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), on behalf of its members, champions the growth of business opportunities, strategic infrastructure investments, and a strong workforce to position Metro Maryland as a premier regional, national, and global business location. Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent, non-profit membership organization.*

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