



Senator Guy Guzzone, Chair
Budget and Taxation Committee
3 West Miller Building
Annapolis, MD 21401

February 3, 2026

RE: SB 281 – FAVORABLE WITH AMENDMENTS – Metro Funding Modification Act of 2026

Dear Chair Guzzone and Members of the Committee:

The Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (“MTBMA”) has been and continues to serve as the voice for Maryland’s construction transportation industry since 1932. Our association is comprised of 250 members. MTBMA encourages, develops, and protects the prestige of the transportation construction and materials industry in Maryland by establishing and maintaining respected relationships with federal, state, and local public officials. We proactively work with regulatory agencies and governing bodies to represent the interests of the transportation industry and advocate for adequate state and federal funding for Maryland’s multimodal transportation system.

MTBMA supports SB 281 as a meaningful step toward enhancing the stability of Maryland’s investment in the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA). **However, we urge the Committee to amend the bill to establish a dedicated, sustainable funding source for WMATA’s capital and operating needs.**

While SB 281 increases the predictability of appropriations by mandating funding levels and linking them to performance criteria, the current bill still relies on annual appropriations from the Transportation Trust Fund and the budgeting process.

MTBMA respectfully requests the Committee consider an amendment that would identify and establish a dedicated funding mechanism for WMATA that is statutorily guaranteed and independent of annual budget negotiations. Possible options include a transportation-related dedicated tax or fee specified in law, with revenues credited directly to a WMATA capital and operating fund; or language that ties WMATA funding to growth in transportation revenues.

Thank you,

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