

# Amalgamated Transit Union Local 1300

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## **HB 1137 - Land Use - Multifamily Developments and Mixed-Use Developments - Authorization (Bring Back Main Street Act)**

### **Favorable**

House Economic Matters Committee

March 5th, 2026

ATU Local 1300 represents over 3,000 transit workers at the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA). This includes bus operators, bus mechanics, rail operators, rail maintenance workers, and more. Our members keep Maryland moving every day.

Transit oriented development (TOD) is a key component of sustainable transportation. Building dense, mixed-use, and walkable neighborhoods near our existing transit infrastructure is essential to ensure we get the best return on our investments. As a transit union, one of our goals is to help move as many riders to where they need to go. TOD drives ridership and helps decrease car dependency. Maryland has a substantial number of underutilized rail stations that would benefit from a serious statewide push for transit oriented development. HB 1137 helps promote the type of housing stock seen in some of the most desirable neighborhoods in the entire state. It rebuilds the downtowns and Main Streets that helped drive development and transit ridership over a century ago.

We urge the committee to issue a favorable report on HB 1137.