



In Support of SB 455 – Transformational Projects Financing

Chair and Members of the Committee:

On behalf of the Baltimore Greenway Trails Network Coalition, I write to express strong support for Senate Bill 455, establishing the Transformational Projects Financing Program.

The Coalition is working to deliver a connected, citywide network of greenways that improve mobility, public health, environmental resilience, and economic opportunity across Baltimore. Projects such as the Herring Run Trail, the Inner Harbor Promenade, and other priority corridors *are critical infrastructure that connect neighborhoods*, provide less expensive, safe alternatives to driving, and shape the long-term growth of our communities.

Advancing these projects at scale requires coordinated investment in land, infrastructure, and adjacent development. While the long-term public and economic benefits are clear, assembling the capital needed to deliver comprehensive greenway systems remains a persistent challenge. **SB 455 provides a meaningful solution.**

By allowing a portion of incremental State tax revenue to be reinvested into transformational projects, the bill enables more robust infrastructure packages to integrate greenways *with* surrounding development. This is particularly important for advancing projects that combine trail investment with complementary uses such as affordable housing, mixed-use development, and neighborhood-serving retail.

The benefits of this approach are far-reaching. Environmentally, greenways improve stormwater management, expand urban tree canopy, and reduce emissions by supporting active transportation. Socially, they create safe, accessible public spaces that promote health and connect communities that have historically been divided by infrastructure. From a transportation perspective, they provide critical alternatives to congested roadways and strengthen multimodal networks. Economically, they increase property values, attract private investment, and support small businesses along these corridors.

SB 455 is a **statewide** gives Maryland the ability to pair infrastructure and development in a way that support active transportation investments to maximize public benefit and long-term economic return. **We respectfully urge a favorable report on SB 455.**

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Misty Fae". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Misty Fae

Chair

Baltimore Greenway Trails Network Coalition