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**BILL NO.:** SB 136

**TITLE:** Transportation - Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act - Alterations

**SPONSOR:** Senator Feldman

**COMMITTEE:** Budget and Taxation

**POSITION:** **SUPPORT**

**DATE:** February 5, 2020

Baltimore County **SUPPORTS** Senate Bill 136 – Transportation - Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act - Alterations. This bill makes changes to the Maryland Metro/Transit Funding Act, including changes related to the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan that must be completed by the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA).

County Executive Olszewski has made long term planning of regional transportation a top priority. In recognition of the collaborative nature of this policy area, the County is eager to support any changes that strengthen the State’s transportation planning efforts in the Baltimore region. This bill accomplishes that by expanding the information and other components that must be included in the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan and bolsters the resources provided to complete that plan. It also improves the requirements related to the MTA’s communication with the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan Commission and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council regarding the preparation of the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan.

Accordingly, Baltimore County requests a **FAVORABLE** report on SB 136. For more information, please contact Chuck Conner, Chief Legislative Officer, 443-900-6582.