



Transportation Alliance

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Testimony on HB 1215 – *Transportation Funding Act of 2024* – Environment & Transportation Committee

Position: Favorable

The Central Maryland Transportation Alliance supports the Transportation Funding Act of 2024, which created the Retail Delivery Fee and Transportation Network Company Impact Fee as new sources of revenue for the state's Transportation Trust Fund (TTF).

By imposing a modest fee of 50 cents per trip, HB 1215 recognizes the impact that transportation network companies and delivery services have on the state's infrastructure. Additionally, the bill upholds accountability by establishing dedicated accounts within the TTF with clear guidance that the funds in those accounts be used for already established state transportation needs and commitments: maintaining a state of good repair for the Maryland Transit Administration and adequately funding state transportation aid for local governments.

While HB 1215 seeks to address the state's transportation budgetary pressures by increasing revenue, we also encourage the General Assembly to look closely at the spending side of the ledger and to seriously consider reprioritizing how the state allocates its transportation dollars. Previous efforts at reform and transparency, such as the Chapter 30 project scoring process, should be re-evaluated and strengthened to ensure better transportation outcomes for Maryland residents.

We encourage a FAVORABLE report for House Bill 1215.