



Chair Marc Korman  
and Members, Environment and Transportation Committee  
House Office Building  
6 Bladen Street  
Annapolis, Maryland 21401

February 29, 2024

Dear Chair Korman and Members of the Environment and Transportation Committee:

My name is Dan Reed and I serve as the Regional Policy Director for Greater Greater Washington, a nonprofit that works to advance racial, economic, and environmental justice in land use, transportation, and housing throughout Greater Washington. GGWash supports House Bill 1215, the Transportation Funding Act of 2024, which would place a small fee on trips that create additional wear-and-tear on our roads.


Our transportation system, from the way streets are designed to the way they're funded, reflects a previous era of travel behavior. In recent years, two new sources of trips have emerged: transportation network (TNC) providers such as Lyft and Uber, and e-commerce deliveries from services like Amazon. While these services are extremely convenient for customers and in some cases reduce private car trips, the volume of these trips puts a significant strain on our roads. The costs these trips impose on our infrastructure are not adequately captured today, further stretching our limited transportation funding.

As written, this bill would charge a small, flat fee on TNC rides and e-commerce deliveries, which is projected to raise as much as \$200 million per year. Along with House Bill 1070, House Bill 1215 will provide the revenue we need to maintain the transportation network Marylanders rely on today while funding investments for the future. We urge the Environment and Transportation Committee to give this bill a favorable report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Dan Reed'.

Dan Reed  
Regional Policy Director  
Greater Greater Washington

The Washington, DC region is great  and it can be greater.