

Transportation For Maryland

Presentation to the Baltimore
Regional Transportation Board

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What is T4 MD?

- ▶ **1000 Friends of Maryland**
- ▶ **Baltimore Regional Initiative Developing Genuine Equality**
- ▶ **Central Maryland Transportation Alliance**
- ▶ **Chesapeake Bay Foundation**
- ▶ **Citizen Planning and Housing Association**
- ▶ B'more Mobile
- ▶ Eastern Shore Land Conservancy
- ▶ Environment Maryland
- ▶ Maryland League of Conservation Voters
- ▶ Maryland Public Interest Research Group
- ▶ National Wildlife Federation's Chesapeake Mid-Atlantic Regional Center
- ▶ One Less Car
- ▶ Prince George's Advocates for Community-based Transit
- ▶ More joining every week!



Our Three Goals:

- ▶ Ensure Maryland uses its Federal Stimulus funds effectively and efficiently
- ▶ Federal Transportation Bill should be rewritten, not just reauthorized
- ▶ Maryland's transportation system should be improved to ensure that it meets performance standards, such as creating jobs and protecting the environment; and is fully and fairly funded



Rewriting the Federal Transportation Bill

- ▶ Under SAFETEA-LU there are 108 individual programs
- ▶ USDOT consists of separate agencies, each focused on one mode of transportation
- ▶ No strategic focus, no vision
- ▶ Lack of clear goals, performance metrics

Rewriting the Federal Transportation Bill

- ▶ Develop a new national transportation vision
- ▶ . . . with objectives and performance metrics
- ▶ Restructure and consolidate the programs
- ▶ More direct funding to metropolitan regions, with greater accountability



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- ▶ Completing the National Transportation System
 - National discretionary grant programs
 - Impact to entire network, not just local
 - Also freight – Howard Street tunnel (CSX)



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▶ Metropolitan Access Program

- Multi-modal competition
- Achieve national transportation objectives



Moving Forward: Next Steps

- ▶ Continue to build the coalition, meet with elected officials, and build support for transformative federal change
- ▶ Track stimulus dollars and support funds for smart transportation projects
- ▶ Support legislative reform in Maryland
- ▶ Fight for a meaningful reauthorization bill and funding for projects Maryland needs

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Transportation for Maryland Coalition Statement

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We need a bold vision for the nation's and for Maryland's transportation infrastructure investments that promotes maximum economic benefits, access to opportunity, public health and environmental sustainability for people living in urban, suburban and rural communities. This means planning our transportation systems – and our development patterns – to ensure that there are convenient and affordable travel options available to everyone, in every community, at every stage of life.

Now is the time for change. The federal transportation bill is up for re-authorization, providing the first opportunity in six years for transformative change in our transportation programs. Federal stimulus dollars showed the opportunities and the weaknesses of our existing transportation planning and funding systems. And as Maryland struggles to close a growing transportation funding deficit, the state itself is positioned to truly re-think how we choose and how we fund our transportation projects.

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We, the undersigned, support the Transportation for Maryland platform. We encourage Maryland's Congressional delegation to work on national efforts to reform the Federal Transportation bill to -

- Establish better accountability and transparency in the state and federal transportation process, and evaluate results against whether they move us towards a 21st century system
- Streamline the funding process so that all modes of travel have a level playing field
- Create a system that helps achieve climate, energy and employment goals
- Ensure that the transportation program is funded adequately

We encourage Maryland's administration and state elected officials to transform Maryland's transportation system to -

- Integrate transportation and land use decisions to provide more transportation choices to more Maryland citizens, especially those who do not own personal vehicles
- Reduce environmental damage from planning decisions
- Improve access to jobs and expand local employment opportunities
- Ensure that the transportation planning process results in more accountability and helps achieve statewide goals and standards

To join email Jennifer@FriendsOfMD.org with your name, organization, email, and phone.

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Transportation for Maryland Platform

June 23, 2009

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Transportation for Maryland, through its members, will do cutting edge research, education and mobilization of key public officials, community leaders and citizens, and utilize strategic media efforts to achieve these goals. We will:

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To achieve these goals Transportation for Maryland will focus on three key areas.

1. Ensure Maryland uses its Federal Stimulus funds effectively and efficiently, including:

- Accountability and transparency in how stimulus dollars are spent
- Ensure MPOs and local governments spend increased transportation dollars in a manner that is accountable to Federal and State transportation goals
- Discretionary funds are sought and spent on transportation projects that expand transportation choices for Maryland citizens and invest in Maryland's existing communities.
- Ensure new projects that can now be funded due to stimulus opportunities also expand travel choices and invest in Maryland's existing communities.
- Ensure that Maryland effectively advocates for High Speed Rail funds
- Influence the second round of stimulus funding and ensure the State is on track now to have projects that increase transportation choices and invest in Maryland's existing communities shovel ready by the fall

2. Federal Transportation Bill should be rewritten not just reauthorized to:

- Create a national transportation vision with performance targets
- Restructure programs to level the funding and opportunities between modes

- Reform transportation agencies and the decision-making process, including strengthening public participation in the planning process so it is more meaningful and ongoing
- Help metropolitan planning organizations better achieve regional planning
- Rethink transportation finance to ensure adequate funding
- Promote job creation for local residents and access to jobs
- Prioritize funding for projects that most fit our 21st century transportation needs, including transit (such as the Baltimore Red Line, DC Area Purple and Corridor Cities Transitway); bicycle and pedestrian improvements; repairing and maintaining our highway infrastructure; neighborhood revitalization; and congestion reduction initiatives.

3. Maryland's transportation system should be improved to meet the following goals:

- Performance standards incorporated into the process for determining the State Transportation Investment Program
- Strengthen and reform MPOs
- Create new funding sources for transportation
- Improve access to jobs and ensure local job creation
- Reduce environmental damage from the transportation sector