



Baltimore Regional Transportation Board

2019 Legislative Session Update

Transportation Issues Briefing

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Background

- These were the key transportation-related legislative issues as we see them.
- BMC is not actively engaged in lobbying on any of these issues this legislative session.
- For more information about any of these bills, please visit <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>

Key Issues

- **FY2020 Budget - State Aid to Local Governments - Transportation**
- **Maglev**
- **Public-Private Partnerships**
- **Chesapeake Bay Bridge and other Toll Roads**
- **Regional Transportation Authority Study**
- **Bicycle and Pedestrian**
- **Electric Scooters and Bicycles**
- **Clean Cars**
- **Free MTA Rides for State Employees**
- **Task Force to Study Transportation Access**

State Aid to Local Governments – Highways User Revenues & Capital Grants

	2018	2019	2020
	<u>HUR</u> <u>% of GMVRA</u>	<u>HUR</u> <u>% of GMVRA</u>	<u>Mandated Capital Grants</u> <u>% of GMVRA</u>
MDOT	90.4%	90.4%	n/a
Baltimore City	7.7%	7.7%	8.3%
Counties	1.5%	1.5%	3.2%
Municipalities	0.4%	0.4%	2.0%
Total	100.0%	100.0%	13.5%
Highway User Revenues			
MDOT	\$1,647,294,684	\$1,700,102,740	\$1,895,789,000
Local Share	174,933,949	180,541,883	\$0
Total GMVRA	\$1,822,228,633	\$1,880,644,623	\$1,895,789,000
Local Distribution			
Baltimore City	\$140,311,605	\$144,809,636	\$0
Counties	27,333,429	28,209,669	0
Municipalities	7,288,915	7,522,578	0
Total	\$174,933,949	\$180,541,883	\$0
Capital Grants			
Baltimore City	\$5,484,423	\$5,558,937	\$157,350,487
Counties	12,796,987	29,892,204	60,665,248
Municipalities	20,109,551	22,480,289	37,915,780
Total	\$38,390,961	\$57,931,430	\$255,931,515

Highway User Revenues and Elderly & Disabled Transportation Grant Funding

County (including muni's)	HUR	Elderly & Disabled	Total	\$ Change from 2019	% Change from 2019
(\$ in Thousands)					
Anne Arundel	8,100	463	8,564	968	12.7%
Baltimore City	157,350	379	157,730	8,914	6.0%
Baltimore	9,003	396	9,399	713	8.2%
Carroll	4,678	151	4,829	794	19.7%
Harford	4,797	170	4,967	703	16.5%
Howard	3,544	593	4,136	305	8.0%
Queen Anne's	1,468	122	1,590	195	14.0%

Maglev

- **HB1296/SB200 – “State Finance and Procurement - Prohibited Appropriations - Magnetic Levitation Transportation System” - Del. Chang/Sen. Pinsky (D’s – Anne Arundel & Prince George’s) Generally prohibiting the use of State dollars in the construction of a magnetic levitation system.**
- **HB765/SB914 – “Transportation - Magnetic Levitation Projects – Requirements” - Del. Valentino-Smith/Sen. Beidle (D’s – Prince George’s & Anne Arundel) Prohibiting the construction of a magnetic levitation system without informed consent of a majority of the governing bodies of the affected counties.**
- **Status: These bills have not received a vote yet.**

Public-Private Partnerships (P3s)

- HB663/SB781 – “Public-Private Partnership Projects - Real Property Acquisition – Prohibition” - Del. Love/Sen. Waldstreicher (D’s – Montgomery) – Prohibits the State or its designee from acquiring residential real property for a public-private partnership project that includes the addition of toll lanes to I-495 or I-270.
- HB1257/SB931 – “Maryland Transportation Public-Private Partnership Oversight Act” - Del. Carr/Sen. Waldstreicher (D’s – Montgomery) – Establishes the Office of Transportation Oversight (OTO) as the regulatory entity for transportation-related P3s and partnership agreements.
- Status: These bills have not received a vote yet.

Public-Private Partnerships (P3s)

- **HB695/SB788 – “Transportation Climate Accountability Act of 2019” - Del. Lierman/Sen. Rosapepe (D – Baltimore City/ D- Prince George’s & Anne Arundel) Requires MDE to conduct a comprehensive study regarding the environmental impact of certain public-private partnership projects; prohibits a reporting agency for certain proposed public-private partnerships from submitting a certain presolicitation report before the submission of the comprehensive study; requires that the study to inventory and estimate certain environmental impacts at certain intervals**
- **Status:** These bills have not received a vote yet.

Chesapeake Bay Bridge and other Toll Roads

- **HB212/SB107 – “Anne Arundel County - Toll Roads, Highways, and Bridges and Chesapeake Bay Crossing - Consent Requirement” - Del. Malone/Sen. Reilly (Rs – Anne Arundel) – Prohibits a State agency, including the Maryland Transit Authority (MDTA), from constructing a road, highway, or bridge that crosses the Chesapeake Bay and affects Anne Arundel, unless it has the express consent of the Anne Arundel gov’t.**
- **Status:** These bills have not received a vote yet.

Chesapeake Bay Bridge and other Toll Roads

- **HB102/SB442 – “Toll Roads, Highways, and Bridges - County Government Consent Requirement – Expansion”** - Del. Lierman/Sen. Smith (Ds – Baltimore City & Montgomery) Expands to all counties in the State a prohibition on State agencies constructing within the nine Eastern Shore counties a toll road, toll highway, or toll bridge without the consent of a majority of the affected counties; etc.
- **Status:** These bills have not received a vote yet.

Regional Transportation Authority Study

- **HB771/SB630 – “Transportation - Regional Transportation Authority Study” - Del. Bridges/Sen. Carter (D’s – Baltimore City) Requires the General Assembly to contract with a qualified transportation entity to conduct a study on regional transportation authorities and report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and General Assembly on or before October 31, 2019.**
- **Status:** Neither bill has received a vote yet.

Bicycle and Pedestrian

- **HB517/SB460 – “Pedestrian Safety Fund Act of 2019”**
- Del. Stewart/Sen. Waldstreicher (D’s – Montgomery)
Establishes a minimum fine of up to 2 months imprisonment or a fine of \$150 - \$500 that may be imposed for a violation of certain provisions of Maryland Vehicle Law regarding crosswalks; establishes the Pedestrian Safety Fund for the purpose of enhancing the safety and quality of pedestrian and bicycle transportation to include educational programs for bicyclists, motorists, and pedestrians, certain physical design changes, and increased enforcement of existing rules.
- **Status:** Neither bill has received a vote yet.

Bicycle and Pedestrian

- **HB398/SB354 – “Vehicle Laws - Overtaking and Passing Bicycles” - Del. Cassilly/Sen. Lee (R – Cecil & Harford/ D - Montgomery) Authorizes the driver of a vehicle to drive on the left side of the roadway in a no-passing zone to overtake and pass at a safe distance a bicycle traveling in the same direction in accordance with certain provisions of law.**
- **Status:** These bills have not received a vote yet.

Bicycle and Pedestrian

- **HB1281/SB787 – “Transportation - Bikeways Network Program – Funding” - Del. Lierman/Sen. Rosapepe (D – Baltimore City/ D- Prince George’s & Anne Arundel) Codifies the Bikeways Network Program to provide grant support for bicycle network development; requires an appropriation (\$4.5M) for the Program; requires that \$100,000 of the appropriation be distributed to MACo and MML for technical assistance**
- **Status: These bills have not received a vote yet.**

Electric Scooters and Bicycles

- HB748/SB770 – “Vehicle Laws - Electric Low Speed Scooters” - Del. Fraser-Hidalgo/Sen. Smith (D’s – Montgomery) - Establishing that an electric low speed scooter is considered to be a bicycle for the purposes of the Maryland Vehicle Law.
- HB939/SB935 – “Vehicle Laws - Electric Bicycles - Equipment and Operation” - Del. Cassily/Sen. Waldstreicher (R – Cecil & Harford, D – Montgomery) Establishes classes of electric bicycles; that electric bicycles may be operated in any place where bicycles are allowed to travel, subject to certain restrictions; prohibiting a person under the age of 16 years from operating a Class 3 electric bicycle (28 mph).
- Status: These bills have not received a vote yet.

Clean Cars

- **HB151/SB168 – “Clean Cars Act of 2019” - Administration Bill - Expands the existing qualified plug-in electric vehicle excise tax credit by (1) increasing to \$6.0 million the total amount of credits that the Motor Vehicle Administration (MVA) can award for fiscal 2020 and (2) extending eligibility to qualified fuel cell electric vehicles (aka Hydrogen cells). The bill also renames the council and expands the membership, responsibilities, and reporting requirements of the Maryland Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Council (EVIC) to be the Maryland Zero Emission Vehicle Infrastructure Council (ZEVIC).**
- **Status: Neither bill has received a vote yet.**

Free MTA Rides for State Employees

- **HB201/SB319 – “Maryland Transit Administration - State Employees - Free Ridership (Transit Benefit for State Employees)” - Del. Korman/Sen. Augustine (D’s – Montgomery/ Prince George’s) - Requires MTA to offer free transit ridership to Executive Branch State employees who have collective bargaining rights. The bill also requires MDOT and DBM to submit a report to specified legislative committees, by January 1, 2020, on the cost and feasibility of expanding the transit ridership program to include other State employees and transit services.**
- **Status: Voted Favorably in the House; Passed Second Reader in the Senate**

Task Force to Study Transportation Access

- **HB923/SB642 – “Task Force to Study Transportation Access” - Del. Stein/Sen. Klausmeier (D’s – Baltimore) – Establishes the Task Force to Study Transportation Access; requires MDOT to provide staff; the Task Force is to study and make recommendations, for individuals and families in the State without access to public transportation or the ability to use personal motor vehicles, to improve access to employment, training and education opportunities, health and rehabilitation services, and other social services.**
- **Status: Neither bill has received a vote yet.**

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