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2022 Legislative Session

The Transit Caucus is a bipartisan group of Senators and Delegates committed to supporting legislation that supports a robust, equitable, modern, and effective transit network that serves all Marylanders. To that end, the Caucus has several areas of focus for this legislative Session. We are dedicated to increasing equity in the transit system by encouraging a focus on equity throughout all transit planning. Every Marylander should have fair access to the benefits of transit regardless of race, income, disability, or zip code. We also believe that 2022 is a critical year to pass transit legislation to put Maryland in the strongest position possible to maximize federal infrastructure funds. These themes play a role in the legislation we have decided to prioritize.

Priority Bills

This Session we are prioritizing the following bills, with a focus on improving the rail system and ensuring pedestrian and bicyclist safety in our state.

Equitable and Inclusive Transit-Oriented Development Enhancement Act (SB516/HB710)

Incentivizes transit oriented development through the expansion of the More Jobs for Marylanders program and dedicates significant funds to the development of transit in the annual budget.

Maryland Regional Rail Transformation Act (SB514/HB778)

Requires the Maryland Transit Administration to make short-term investments in rail infrastructure throughout the state and establish longer-term goals to enhance rail lines and service.

Safe Access for All (SAFE) Roads Act of 2022 (HB656/SB880)

Requires the State Highway Administration to review high pedestrian and bike injury corridors/intersections and implement timely engineering improvements with increased spending and to design future projects for even greater safety.

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Vision Zero Implementation Act of 2022 (HB254/SB874)

Requires the State Highway Administration to conduct an infrastructure review of each pedestrian or bicyclist fatality that occurs on State roads and to publish said review.

Endorsements

The following bills have received an endorsement from the Transit Caucus.

Zero-Emission Bus Transition Act Revisions (HB10/SB61)

Vehicle Laws - Dedicated Bus Lanes - Prohibition and Monitoring Systems (HB53)

State Highways – Designated Shoulder Areas – Establishment and Use by Transit Buses (HB64)

Baltimore City – Complete Streets and Safe Routes to School Programs – Funding (HB73)

Railroad Companies - Condemnation Authority - Application (HB120)

Vehicle Laws – Intersections – Prohibited Acts (HB137/SB87)

Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses (HB141/SB23)

Vehicle Laws - Plug-In Electric Drive Vehicles - Reserved Parking Spaces (HB157/SB146)

Criminal Law - Assault of a Public Transportation Service Provider - Penalties (SB 208)

Vehicle Laws - School Bus Safety - Occupant Capacity (HB283)

Transportation of Persons with Disabilities - Transportation Network Companies – Employee Requirements (SB625)

Transportation of Disabled Persons - Transportation Network Companies - Employee Requirements (HB726)

Primary and Secondary Schools – Bus Driver Wages – Study (HB753/SB421)

Transportation - Elderly and Handicapped Transportation Service - County Funding (HB1019/SB838)

Vehicle Laws - Bicycles, Play Vehicles, and Unicycles - Riding on Sidewalks (HB1153)

Maryland Rail Investment Act (HB1324)