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# 2023 Legislative Session Update

## Transportation Issues Briefing

February 28, 2023



# Background

- These are the key transportation-related legislative issues as we see them.
- For more information about any of these bills, please visit <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov>
- This report reflects the status of bills as of February 27, 2023

# Bills of Note in 2023

- HB0491(SB0630) – Commission to Study BRTA
- HB0794(SB0876) – Baltimore Regional Transit Commission – Establishment
- HB1072(SB0875) – Taskforce to Study the Reconstitution of the Maryland Transportation Commission

- HB0009(SB0019) – Equity in Transportation Sector
- HB0012(SB0151) – Equitable & Inclusive TOD Act
- HB0341( – STIP/TIP Equity Impacts
- HB1052 – CTP scoring
- HB1125(SB0939) – Transit – Grant Funding for Local Service

# BMC Transit Governance and Funding Taskforce

HB0491(SB0630)

Transportation – Commission to Study Establishing a Baltimore Regional Transit Authority

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- **Sponsors: (H) Bridges, Boyce, Edelson, Wells, Young; (S) Washington**
- Establishing a Commission to Study Establishing a Baltimore Regional Transit Authority; requiring the Commission to conduct a comprehensive study of establishing a Baltimore Regional Transit Authority; and requiring the Commission to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by October 31, 2024.

HB0794(SB0876)

Baltimore Regional Transit Commission - Establishment

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- **Sponsors: (H) Bridges; (S) Washington**
- Establishing the Baltimore Regional Transit Commission to review and approve annual budget requests of the Maryland Transit Administration, updates to the Central Maryland Transportation Plan, and annual reports on the Administration's state of good repair and to perform other oversight and advocacy duties related to Baltimore region transit services.

HB1072(SB0875)

Task Force to Study the Reconstitution of the Maryland Transportation Commission

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- **Sponsors: (H) Bridges; (S) Washington**
- Establishing the Task Force to Study the Reconstitution of the Maryland Transportation Commission to review the laws governing the Commission, examine the historic evolution of the duties and activities of the Commission, and make recommendations related to the Commission.

# Equity In Transportation Bills

HB0009(SB0019)

## Equity in Transportation Sector - Guidelines and Analyses

- **Sponsors: (H)Ruth, Bagnall, Cardin, Chang, et al; (S) Carter**
- Requiring that equity be considered when State transportation plans, reports, and goals are developed; altering the membership of the advisory committee on State transportation goals; requiring the Department of Transportation to conduct transit equity analyses, cost-benefit analyses, and consult with certain communities before announcing or proposing any major service change or any reduction or cancellation of a certain capital expansion project in the construction program; etc.

HB0012(SB0151)

## Equitable and Inclusive Transit-Oriented Development Enhancement Act

- **Sponsors: (H) J Lewis; (S) Augustine**
- Establishing the Transit-Oriented Development Capital Grant and Revolving Loan Fund to promote the equitable and inclusive development of transit-oriented developments; requiring interest earnings of the Fund to be credited to the Fund; authorizing the Department of Transportation to use the Fund to provide financial assistance to local jurisdictions; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation sufficient to ensure a fund balance of at \$10,000,000 at the start of the fiscal year; etc.

# Equity In Transportation Bills

HB0341

## Transportation – STIPS and TIPS – Equity Impacts

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- **Sponsors: (H)J Lewis**
- Requiring the Department of Transportation to include in the statewide transportation improvement program analyses of how the transportation improvement program may impact low-income communities and minority communities; and requiring a metropolitan planning organization to include in a transportation improvement program analyses of how the transportation improvement program may impact low-income communities and minority communities.

HB1052

## Transportation – Consolidated Transportation Program - Scoring

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- **Sponsors: (H) Ruth**
- Requiring that certain goals and measures used to score certain transportation projects be within certain parameters; altering the goals and measures of the Consolidated Transportation Program; requiring that certain calculations used to score transportation projects be posted on the Department's website and the appendix of the Consolidated Transportation Program; establishing the Workgroup on the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Decision Act; and requiring the Workgroup to report its findings by September 1, 2025.

# Equity In Transportation Bills

HB1125(0939)

## Transit – Grant Funding for Local Service - Alterations

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- **Sponsors:** (H)Solomon, Charles, Ebersole, et al; (S)Watson
- Establishing the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program; authorizing program funds to be sourced from federal and State public transportation programs; requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2025, the total grants for locally operated transit service to exceed the total for fiscal year 2019, adjusted for inflation; requiring the Department of Transportation to make a certain adjustment in a subsequent fiscal year to reflect the actual inflation rate; etc.

# For More Information

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