



2024 Legislative Overview¹

The Maryland General Assembly began its 446th 90-day legislative session on January 10th and adjourned for Sine Die at midnight on April 8th. Bills that did not pass on April 8th are considered dead and must be reintroduced next year. This session was complex with significant budget concerns and more bills introduced than in prior years— about 400 more. Governor Moore has until May 28, 2024, to decide whether he will sign, veto, or let legislation go into law without his signature. No vetoes are currently anticipated, however.

The General Assembly had a very difficult job this year in attempting to address a \$761 million budget deficit, as well as identifying a revenue source in which to implement the Blueprint for Maryland’s Future, the overhaul of the education system.

Other important matters related to juvenile justice reform, shock trauma funding, and legislation to assist workers at the Port of Baltimore who were impacted by the Francis Scott Key Bridge tragedy, which passed just before Sine Die.

The priorities of the Transportation Association of Maryland (TAM) included:

- Ensuring a minimum level of funding for locally operated transit systems (LOTS);
- Maintaining the increase for the Senior Rides Program from the prior year; and
- Monitoring and advocating as necessary any legislation that would impact LOTS.

Budget:

Maryland came into this Session facing an operating budget deficit of \$761 million and a \$3 billion shortfall over five years for transportation. Without action by the State, the operating deficit was projected to reach \$1 billion next year and eventually rise to \$3 billion by FY28.

Just before the legislative session was set to begin, the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) announced an estimated \$1 billion cut from its operating budget and a \$2 billion cut from its capital budget. Local governments would expect a \$400 million reduction. It was reported that MDOT would make cuts to commuter bus service, institute a 40% cut to state aid to LOTS, flatline state aid for local road projects through highway user revenue, reduce MARC service, reduce road maintenance and guardrails, reduce highway litter removal and grass cutting, and make cuts to maintenance of buses and commuter rail equipment.

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Concerned about the impact these reductions would have on LOTS, non-profits providing transportation, and riders who rely on transportation, TAM decided to introduce legislation that would require a minimum level of funding of \$80,533,314 to LOTS beginning in FY26.

Fortunately, just after the legislative session began, Governor Moore announced a restoration of the allocation to LOTS in the FY25 budget. Recognizing, however, that funding would be in jeopardy each year, TAM continued advocating for its bill and successfully passed such legislation at about 11:15pm on Sine Die, thanks to bill sponsors Delegate Edelson and Senator Jackson.

While hearings took place on our bill and thousands of others, larger discussions took place regarding incoming revenue. The House of Delegates wanted to raise significant revenues this year through a package of new taxes, fees, and other measures totaling \$1.2 billion. The Senate and Governor took a much more reserved approach, but a compromise deal was eventually struck.

The deal sets funding for the State Transportation Trust Fund, which will amount to approximately \$250 million in the first year and \$320 to \$350 million as a phase-in takes place over three years. This incoming revenue will be generated by:

- surcharge on vehicle registrations for owners of electric and plug-in hybrid vehicles;
- increased vehicle registration fees based on revised vehicle weight classes;
- a \$0.75 fee per trip for rideshare services; and
- increased fines for speeding in highway work zones.

We anticipate another robust conversation around fees, taxes, and revenues generally next year.

In addition to passing legislation to fund LOTS, TAM successfully advocated for the \$50,000 increase for the Senior Rides program for another year. This is thanks to Senate Budget & Taxation Chair Guy Guzzone who is an advocate for the program.

In addition to TAM’s personal legislative priorities, TAM monitored or advocated for/against the following legislation for impacts to LOTS and transit:

Bill	Sponsors	Title	Last Action
HB 28	R. Lewis	Passenger, Truck, and Multipurpose Vehicles - Annual Registration Fees (Pedestrian Fatality Prevention Act of 2024) Increasing the annual registration fees for passenger, certain truck, and multipurpose vehicles based on certain vehicle weight classifications.	House • Hearing 2/1 SUPPORT
HB 107	R. Lewis	Vehicle Laws - Bus Lane Obstruction - Monitoring Systems Expansion (Better Bus Service Act of 2024)	Senate • Mar 8, 2024: Referred

		Prohibiting a person from parking or standing certain vehicles in a dedicated bus lane; making statewide the authority of a local jurisdiction to use, in accordance with certain standards and procedures, a bus lane monitoring system to enforce the prohibition against driving, standing, or parking a motor vehicle in a designated bus lane; etc.	Judicial Proceedings SUPPORT
HB 148	Ebersole	Department of Transportation - Human Trafficking Awareness, Training, and Response (See Someone, Save Someone Act) Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to develop and implement a certain training program for certain transportation-sector employees on the identification and reporting of human trafficking victims; requiring, by January 1, 2025, and each January 1 thereafter, employers to certify that all their employees have completed the training; requiring employers to provide a new employee with the required training within 90 days after the date of hire; requiring employers to establish certain reporting procedures; etc.	Senate • Mar 25, 2024: Reassigned to Judicial Proceedings MONITOR
HB 198	Korman	Transportation - WMATA Operating Assistance - Alteration (Maryland Metro Funding Act of 2024) Companion bills: SB 126 Repealing, for certain fiscal years, the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation withhold 35% of the State's share of annual operating grants for the Washington Suburban Transit District if the State's operating assistance provided in the approved Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority budget increases by more than 3% over the total operating assistance provided in the prior fiscal year. Effective July 1, 2024.	PASSED MONITOR
HB 238	Economic Matters Committee	Public Health - Clean Indoor Air Act - Revisions Companion bills: SB 244 Prohibiting vaping in certain indoor areas and certain mass transportation; and requiring that certain signs be posted and maintained in a certain manner in each indoor area open to the public and each public entrance to an indoor area where smoking or vaping is prohibited under the Clean Indoor Air Act. Effective July 1, 2024.	PASSED MONITOR
HB 350	Speaker	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2025) Companion bills: SB 360 Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc. Effective immediately.	House • Jan 17, 2024: First Reading Appropriations SUPPORT
HB 352	Speaker	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024 Companion bills: SB 362	House • Hearing 2/28

		Altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; altering the funding formula for community colleges and the State aid program for private nonprofit institutions of higher education; authorizing or altering the distribution of certain revenue; requiring interest earnings for certain special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State for fiscal years 2024 through 2028; authorizing the transfer of certain funds; etc.	SUPPORT
HB 468	Love	Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland Companion bills: SB 532 Establishing the Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland to study and make legislative, regulatory, programmatic, or other recommendations regarding certain best practices, standards, and guidelines; requiring the Commission to submit an interim progress report to the Legislative Policy Committee by December 1, 2024; and requiring the Commission to submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly by December 1, 2025. Effective June 1, 2024.	PASSED MONITOR
HB 516	Fennell	Climate Crisis and Environmental Justice Act of 2024 Establishing the Climate Crisis Initiative in the Department of the Environment to provide for the assessment of greenhouse gas pollution fees, the provision of certain benefits to households and employers, and the funding of certain climate-related activities; providing for the collection and use of certain greenhouse gas pollution fees; establishing the Household and Employer Benefit Fund and the Climate Crisis Infrastructure Fund as special, nonlapsing funds; etc.	House • Hearing 2/29 MONITOR
HB 652	Fraser-Hidalgo	Vehicle Laws - Electric Vehicles - Weight Limits Companion bills: SB 870 Allowing plug-in electric drive vehicles and certain other electric vehicles to exceed gross, axle, tandem, and bridge weight limits by up to an additional 2,000 pounds total.	House • Hearing 2/15 MONITOR
HB 764	Shetty	State Lottery Fund - Bus Rapid Transit Fund Distribution and Prince George's County Blue Line Corridor Facility Fund - Alterations Companion bills: SB 1116 Repealing a certain limitation on the State Lottery Fund distribution and allocating an amount equal to \$27,000,000 each fiscal year to the Bus Rapid Transit Fund for bus rapid transit system grants; adding an authorized use for the Prince George's County Blue Line Corridor Facility Fund; requiring the Maryland Stadium Authority, by December 15, 2024, to submit to certain committees of the General Assembly a report on all public and	PASSED SUPPORT

		private development activities currently under construction in the Blue Line Corridor; etc. Effective June 1, 2024.	
HB 924	Spiegel	<p>Transportation – Regional Transportation Authorities Companion bills: SB 1126 Establishing the Baltimore Region, Capital Region, and Southern Maryland Region transportation authorities to develop and implement certain congestion relief plans; establishing the Baltimore Region, Capital Region, and Southern Maryland Region congestion relief funds as special, nonlapsing funds; requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Comptroller, to study and report on the feasibility of creating local-option transportation revenues to fund the regional transportation authorities; etc.</p>	House Hearing 3/1 MONITOR
HB 925	Fair	<p>Vehicle Excise Tax - Rate Increase Increasing the vehicle excise tax rate from 6% to 6.5%.</p>	House • Hearing 2/20 SUPPORT
HB 950	Edelson	<p>Maryland Transit Administration - Locally Operated Transit Systems - Mandatory Funding Companion bills: SB 1125 Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2026, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund of \$80,533,314 for the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program. Effective July 1, 2024.</p>	PASSED SUPPORT
HB 1025	M. Morgan	<p>Transportation - Motor Fuel Tax Rates, Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax, and Farebox Recovery Requirement (Transportation Equity, Fairness, and Privacy Act of 2024) Companion bills: SB 841 Repealing a requirement that certain motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers; prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from imposing or levying a vehicle-miles-traveled tax or certain other similar fees, tolls, or taxes; requiring that the Maryland Transit Administration achieve a certain farebox recovery requirement for certain transit services; etc.</p>	House • Hearing 2/27 MONITOR
HB 1070	Korman	<p>Maryland Transportation Authority - Tolls - Collection and Use (Maryland Toll Rate Reform Act of 2024) Companion bills: SB 1093 Requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to transfer \$75,000,000 annually, beginning July 1, 2025, to the Transportation Trust Fund and to continue to make the transfer until the Authority has transferred total cumulative payments in the amount of \$750,000,000; increasing a certain Authority revenue bond cap from \$3,000,000,000 to \$3,750,000,000; and authorizing the Authority to offer toll discounts to daily</p>	Senate • Apr 4, 2024: Hearing canceled MONITOR

		commuters and Maryland E-ZPass account holders under certain circumstances.	
HB 1133	Wims	Public Utilities - Transportation Network Service - Assessment Cap Increase Companion bills: SB 505 Increasing the cap on the assessment a county or municipal corporation may impose on each transportation network service from 25 cents per trip to 50 cents per trip.	House • Hearing 2/29 SUPPORT
HB 1201	Buckel	Occupational and Professional Licensing - Military Training and Military Spouses Companion bills: SB 1072 Requiring an occupational licensing board to issue a license, certificate, permit, or registration to an applicant who is military trained or who is a military spouse if the applicant meets certain requirements; requiring an occupational licensing board to consider certain types of experience for a certain calculation; and authorizing an occupational licensing board to issue a temporary license, certificate, permit, or registration under certain circumstances.	House • Hearing 3/6 MONITOR
HB 1215	Korman	Transportation Financing - Retail Delivery Fee and Transportation Network Company Impact Fee (Transportation Funding Act of 2024) Pledging certain revenues from a retail delivery fee and a transportation network company impact fee to paying the principal of and interest on consolidated transportation bonds issued by the Department of Transportation; establishing a Retail Delivery Fee and Transportation Network Company Impact Fee Account in the Transportation Trust Fund; requiring the Department to allocate the funds in the Retail Delivery Fee and Transportation Network Company Impact Fee Account for certain transportation purposes; etc.	House • Hearing 3/1 SUPPORT
HB 1240	Rose	Fossil Fuel-Powered Appliances and Vehicles - Installation, Use, and Fees Prohibiting the Department of the Environment, the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the governing body of a county or municipality from prohibiting the use or installation of natural gas- and propane-powered appliances in a home that is under construction or undergoing a 50% remodel or renovation; prohibiting the Motor Vehicle Administration from charging or collecting fees and charges for a certificate of title or vehicle registration based on a vehicle's use of gasoline; etc.	House • Hearing 3/6 MONITOR
HB 1247	Adams	Environment – Advanced Clean Cars II Program – Application and Enforcement Companion bills: SB 1063	House • Hearing 3/8 MONITOR

		Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from adopting the California Advanced Clean Cars II regulations to be effective before motor vehicle model year 2030; and prohibiting the Department from applying certain provisions of law governing enforcement and penalties under the California Advanced Clean Cars II Program to a motor vehicle manufacturer for failing to meet the minimum electric vehicle or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle delivery requirements for an applicable motor vehicle model year.	
HB 1280	Miller	Sales and Use Tax – Electricity to Charge Electric Vehicles – Transportation Trust Fund Companion bills: SB 1076 Requiring the Comptroller to distribute to the Transportation Trust Fund revenue from the sales and use tax that is attributable to the sale of electricity used to charge an electric vehicle at an electric vehicle charging station or used to charge an electric vehicle and is not sold under a residential or domestic rate schedule on file with the Public Service Commission; etc.	House • Hearing 2/29 MONITOR
HB 1438	Fraser-Hidalgo	Responding to Emergency Needs From Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act of 2024 Companion bills: SB 958 Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for State efforts to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change and to address the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Fund to support efforts to mitigate climate change; etc.	House • Hearing 3/7 MONITOR
HB 1507	Addison	Transportation - Major Change in Bus Service - Publication on Website Companion bills: SB 70 Altering the information that the Maryland Transit Administration is required to publish on its website before holding a public hearing on a major service change to include certain demographic information, a summary of any publicly available minutes, records, or documents related to the service change, and a brief statement explaining the reason for the service change; and requiring the Administration to distribute the report to certain officials and entities, including each member of the General Assembly whose district would be impacted. Effective October 1, 2024.	PASSED MONITOR
SB 70	McCray	Transportation - Major Change in Bus Service - Publication on Website Companion bills: HB 1507	PASSED MONITOR

		Requiring the Maryland Transit Administration, before announcing any service reduction or cancellation of an existing bus route or line, to compile a report on the impacts of the proposed service reduction or cancellation; requiring the Administration to publish the report on its website at least 30 days before the required public hearing on the proposed service change; and requiring the Administration to distribute the report to certain officials and entities. Effective October 1, 2024.	
SB 126	Augustine	Transportation - WMATA Operating Assistance - Alteration (Maryland Metro Funding Act of 2024) Companion bills: HB 198 Repealing, for certain fiscal years, the requirement that the Secretary of Transportation withhold 35% of the State's share of annual operating grants for the Washington Suburban Transit District if the State's operating assistance provided in the approved Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority budget increases by more than 3% over the total operating assistance provided in the prior fiscal year; and requiring the Secretary to withhold 35% of the State's share of grants for the District under certain circumstances. Effective July 1, 2024.	PASSED MONITOR
SB 131	Ellis	Transportation - Consolidated Transportation Program - Categorization and Equitable Distribution of Projects Requiring the Department of Transportation to categorize the major transportation projects being considered for inclusion in the Consolidated Transportation Program into four project categories; requiring the Department to rank each project under the appropriate category using the project-based scoring system; and requiring the Department to increase a certain weighting metric by 45% for a project located in a minority, rural, or underserved community.	Senate • Hearing 1/18 MONITOR
SB 153	Jackson	Maryland Department of Transportation - Child Exploitation and Human Trafficking Awareness, Training, and Response Requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to develop and implement a certain training program for certain transportation-sector employees, taxicab drivers, and transportation network operators on the identification and reporting of suspected child exploitation and human trafficking; requiring certain transportation-sector employers to establish procedures for reporting suspected child exploitation and human trafficking to certain entities; etc.	Senate • Hearing 1/31 MONITOR
SB 244	Finance Committee	Public Health - Clean Indoor Air Act - Revisions Companion bills: HB 238 Prohibiting vaping in certain indoor areas and places of employment and certain mass transportation; requiring that certain signs be posted and maintained in a certain manner in certain indoor areas and certain public entrances; requiring the Maryland	PASSED MONITOR

		Department of Health to convene a workgroup to study the issuance of alcoholic beverages licenses to tobacconists and report its findings on or before July 1, 2025; and prohibiting a local alcoholic beverage license from being issued to a tobacconist from July 1, 2024, to July 1, 2026. Effective July 1, 2024.	
SB 310	Education, Energy, and the Environment Committee	Department of Planning – State Repository and Clearinghouse for Federal and State Financial and Technical Assistance Repealing a requirement that the Department of Planning serve as a repository and clearinghouse for information concerning federal and State grants, loans, and other financial and technical assistance; repealing a requirement that the Department adopt certain regulations and publish certain information in the Maryland Register; and altering a requirement that the Department publish certain information concerning State financial and technical assistance offered through State assistance programs. Effective October 1, 2024.	PASSED & SIGNED INTO LAW BY GOVERNOR SUPPORT
SB 360	President	Budget Bill (Fiscal Year 2025) Companion bills: HB 350 Making the proposed appropriations contained in the State Budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2025, in accordance with Article III, Section 52 of the Maryland Constitution; etc. Effective immediately.	PASSED SUPPORT
SB 361	President	Creation of a State Debt - Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2024, and the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loans of 2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2020, 2021, 2022, and 2023 Companion bills: HB 351 Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$1,795,896,000, the proceeds to be used for certain necessary building, construction, demolition, planning, renovation, conversion, replacement, and capital equipment purchases of the State, for acquiring certain real estate in connection therewith, and for grants to certain subdivisions and other organizations for certain development and improvement purposes, subject to certain matching fund requirements; etc. Effective June 1, 2024; June 1, 2025; June 1, 2026; June 1, 2027; June 1, 2028.	PASSED MONITOR
SB 362	President	Budget Reconciliation and Financing Act of 2024 Companion bills: HB 352 Altering or repealing certain required appropriations; authorizing the use of certain funds for certain purposes; altering the funding formula for community colleges and the State aid program for private nonprofit institutions of higher education; authorizing or altering the distribution of certain revenue; requiring interest earnings for certain special funds to accrue to the General Fund of the State for fiscal years 2024 through 2028; authorizing the	PASSED SUPPORT

		transfer of certain funds; etc. Effective June 1, 2024 and July 1, 2024.	
SB 505	Kramer	Public Utilities - Transportation Network Service - Assessment Cap Increase Companion bills: HB 1133 Increasing the cap on the assessment a county or municipal corporation may impose on each transportation network service from 25 cents per trip to 50 cents per trip.	Senate • Hearing 2/15 SUPPORT
SB 513	A. Washington	Employment Discrimination - Use of Cannabis Products Companion bills: HB 525 Prohibiting an employer from discriminating against an individual because of the individual's use of cannabis products under certain circumstances; establishing that certain provisions prohibiting employment discrimination do not prohibit an employer from taking certain actions against an employee under certain circumstances or authorize certain behaviors by an employee; and requiring certain employers to issue a drug policy under certain circumstances.	Senate • Hearing 2/22 MONITOR
SB 532	Gallion	Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland Companion bills: HB 468 Establishing the Commission to Advance Lithium-Ion Battery Safety in Maryland; requiring the Commission to study and make legislative, regulatory, programmatic, and other recommendations regarding certain best practices, standards, and guidelines; and requiring the Commission to submit an interim report of its progress and status to the Legislative Policy Committee on or before December 1, 2024, and a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before December 1, 2025. Effective June 1, 2024.	PASSED MONITOR
SB 566	Watson	Education - Transporting Students and Jobs That Require Driving - Authorization and Requirements (Drivers Education for Good Jobs Act of 2024) Authorizing a county board of education to authorize a certain employee to transport a public school student in a vehicle if the driver meets certain requirements; and requiring, on or before December 31, 2024, the Career and Technical Education Committee to establish a certain pathway for students to prepare for a career that requires driving skills and a driver's license and establish an annual goal for the number of students who obtain certain licenses before they graduate high school.	Senate • Hearing 2/14 SUPPORT
SB 841	Ready	Transportation - Motor Fuel Tax Rates, Vehicle-Miles-Traveled Tax, and Farebox Recovery Requirements (Transportation Equity, Fairness, and Privacy Act of 2024)	Senate • Hearing 2/28 MONITOR

		<p>Companion bills: HB 1025</p> <p>Repealing a requirement that certain motor fuel tax rates be adjusted in future years based on growth in the Consumer Price Index for all urban consumers; prohibiting the State or a local jurisdiction from imposing or levying a vehicle-miles-traveled tax or certain other similar fees, tolls, or taxes; requiring that the Maryland Transit Administration achieve a certain farebox recovery requirement for certain transit services; etc.</p>	
SB 870	Kelly	<p>Vehicle Laws - Electric Vehicles - Weight Limits</p> <p>Companion bills: HB 652</p> <p>Allowing plug-in electric drive vehicles and certain other electric vehicles to exceed gross, axle, tandem, and bridge weight limits by up to an additional 2,000 pounds total.</p>	<p>Senate</p> <p>• Hearing 3/6</p> <p>MONITOR</p>
SB 891	McCray	<p>Transportation - MobilityLink Paratransit Service Improvements - Study</p> <p>Companion bills: HB 1199</p> <p>Requiring the Maryland Transportation Institute at the University of Maryland to conduct a study to identify methods to improve the Maryland Transit Administration's ADA MobilityLink paratransit service; authorizing the Governor to include in the fiscal year 2026 budget bill an appropriation of at least \$150,000 for the study; and requiring the Institute to submit a report on its findings and recommendations to the Governor, the General Assembly, certain elected officials, and a certain department by July 1, 2025. Effective July 1, 2024.</p>	<p>PASSED</p> <p>MONITOR</p>
SB 943	Kelly	<p>Vehicle Laws - Bus Lane Obstruction - Monitoring Systems Expansion and Workgroup (Better Bus Service Act of 2024)</p> <p>Authorizing the use of automated bus obstruction monitoring systems to enforce violations of certain parking-related prohibitions; making statewide the authority of a local jurisdiction to use, in accordance with certain standards and procedures, bus obstruction monitoring systems to enforce certain prohibited acts related to dedicated areas near the edge of roadways; prohibiting a person from stopping, standing, or parking a vehicle in a bus stop zone or a bike lane; and establishing the Workgroup on Curb Space Management. Effective July 1, 2024 and October 1, 2024.</p>	<p>PASSED</p> <p>SUPPORT</p>
SB 958	Hester	<p>Responding to Emergency Needs From Extreme Weather (RENEW) Act of 2024</p> <p>Companion bills: HB 1438</p> <p>Establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and Mitigation Payment Program in the Department of the Environment to secure payments from certain businesses that extract fossil fuels or refine petroleum products in order to provide a source of revenue for State efforts to adapt to and mitigate the effects of climate change and to address the health impacts of climate change on vulnerable populations; establishing the Climate Change Adaptation and</p>	<p>Senate</p> <p>• Hearing 2/20</p> <p>MONITOR</p>

		Mitigation Fund to support efforts to mitigate the effects of climate change; etc.	
SB 1063	Hershey	<p>Environment - Advanced Clean Cars II Program - Application and Enforcement Companion bills: HB 1247</p> <p>Prohibiting the Department of the Environment from adopting the California Advanced Clean Cars II regulations to be effective before motor vehicle model year 2030; and prohibiting the Department from applying certain provisions of law governing enforcement and penalties under the California Advanced Clean Cars II Program to a motor vehicle manufacturer for failing to meet the minimum electric vehicle or plug-in hybrid electric vehicle delivery requirements for an applicable motor vehicle model year.</p>	<p>Senate • Hearing 3/05 MONITOR</p>
SB 1065	Guzzone	<p>Motor Vehicles - Registration - Annual Surcharge</p> <p>Requiring the owners of zero-emission vehicles and plug-in electric drive vehicles that are not zero-emission vehicles to pay an annual surcharge of \$150 and \$122.50, respectively; authorizing the surcharge to be paid in installment payments; requiring the proceeds collected from the surcharge to be deposited into the Transportation Trust Fund; and requiring the Motor Vehicle Administration to refuse to register or renew or transfer the registration of a motor vehicle for failure to pay the surcharge or installments.</p>	<p>House • Hearing 3/27 SUPPORT</p>
SB 1072	McKay	<p>Occupational and Professional Licensing - Military Training and Military Spouses Companion bills: HB 1201</p> <p>Requiring an occupational licensing board to issue a license, certificate, permit, or registration to an applicant who is military trained or who is a military spouse if the applicant meets certain requirements; requiring an occupational licensing board to consider certain types of experience for a certain calculation; and authorizing an occupational licensing board to issue a temporary license, certificate, permit, or registration under certain circumstances.</p>	<p>Senate • Hearing 3/1 MONITOR</p>
SB 1076	Corderman	<p>Sales and Use Tax – Electricity to Charge Electric Vehicles – Transportation Trust Fund Companion bills: HB 1280</p> <p>Requiring the Comptroller to distribute to the Transportation Trust Fund revenue from the sales and use tax that is attributable to the sale of electricity used to charge an electric vehicle at an electric vehicle charging station or used to charge an electric vehicle and is not sold under a residential or domestic rate schedule on file with the Public Service Commission; requiring the Comptroller to determine, on or before December 31, 2024, a method of</p>	<p>House • Hearing 3/28 MONITOR</p>

		calculating certain sales and use taxes and to distribute the taxes in a certain manner; etc.	
SB 1093	Guzzone	<p>Maryland Transportation Authority - Tolls - Collection and Use (Maryland Toll Rate Reform Act of 2024) Companion bills: HB 1070</p> <p>Establishing the Transportation Facilities Overage Account in the Transportation Trust Fund; requiring the Maryland Transportation Authority to fix, revise, charge, and collect fees, tolls, and other charges for the use of transportation facilities under its control to maximize revenues above certain amounts and to distribute the additional revenues to the Transportation Facilities Overage Account for certain purposes; and establishing certain standards under which the Authority is required to set certain toll rates.</p>	Senate • Hearing 2/29 MONITOR
SB 1116	Zucker	<p>State Lottery Fund - Bus Rapid Transit Fund Distribution - Alterations Companion bills: HB 764</p> <p>Repealing a certain limitation on the distribution of up to a certain amount of money from the State Lottery Fund to the Bus Rapid Transit Fund for certain bus rapid transit system grants; and altering the circumstances for distributions from the Bus Rapid Transit Fund.</p>	Senate • Feb 7, 2024: First Reading Senate Rules MONITOR
SB 1125	Jackson	<p>Maryland Transit Administration - Locally Operated Transit Systems - Mandatory Funding Companion bills: HB 950</p> <p>Requiring, beginning in fiscal year 2026, the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation from the Transportation Trust Fund of \$80,533,314 for the Locally Operated Transit System Grant Program</p>	Senate • Feb 9, 2024: First Reading Senate Rules SUPPORT
SB 1126	King	<p>Transportation – Regional Transportation Authorities Companion bills: HB 924</p> <p>Establishing the Baltimore Region, Capital Region, and Southern Maryland Region transportation authorities to develop and implement certain congestion relief plans; establishing the Baltimore Region, Capital Region, and Southern Maryland Region congestion relief funds as special, nonlapsing funds; requiring the Department of Transportation, in consultation with the Comptroller, to study and report on the feasibility of creating local-option transportation revenues to fund the regional transportation authorities; etc.</p>	Senate • Feb 9, 2024: First Reading Senate Rules MONITOR

Advocacy Day:

The Association hosted another successful and widely attended legislative advocacy evening with countless VIPs in attendance, including Lt. Governor Miller, Executive Branch leaders including MDOT Secretary Wiedefeld, Maryland Transit Administration Administrator Arnold, Maryland

Aviation Administration Executive Director Smith, and countless elected officials. Being involved and present in Annapolis is essential for successful advocacy.

Future Important Dates:

Late August- Late September- MDOT/MTA submits their budget requests to the Department of Budget and Management (DBM).

September-December- DBM reviews agency budget requests and makes recommendations to the Governor. Governor makes decisions on budget allowances.

November 1, 2024- Statutory deadline for members of the General Assembly to request drafting of pre-filed bills.

January 8, 2024- 2025 Session begins.

