## **National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board**

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The Honorable Martin J. O'Malley Maryland Governor State House 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

The Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller President, Maryland State Senate State House H-107 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401-1991 The Honorable Anthony G. Brown Maryland Lieutenant Governor State House 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401-1925

The Honorable Michael E. Busch Speaker of the Maryland House of Delegates State House H-101 100 State Circle Annapolis, MD 21401-1991

Dear Governor O' Malley, Lieutenant Governor Brown and Leaders of the Maryland General Assembly:

In a letter to you dated December 31, 2012 the National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board (TPB), the metropolitan planning organization (MPO) for the Washington region, expressed its support for your efforts to enact revenue increases for transportation. The letter provided background information underscoring the urgent need for additional revenues to ensure that the region's highway and transit systems are adequately maintained and have the capacity to support anticipated population and employment growth in the region. The letter also provided examples of approaches for raising transportation revenues that have been implemented in other states and localities throughout the country.

The TPB would like to take this opportunity to thank you for enacting a bill that employs reliable sources to significantly increase transportation revenues for present and future years. The bill will provide additional statewide revenues as well as establishes a Task Force to address major local and regional transportation challenges in the future. The TPB recognizes that extensive negotiation and compromise were needed in crafting this bill, and greatly appreciates your leadership and dedication in reaching a successful outcome.

Please feel free to contact me at <u>Scott.York@loudoun.gov</u> or Ronald Kirby, staff director to the TPB, at <u>rkirby@mwcog.org</u>, if there is any additional information or support that the TPB can provide in the implementation of this important and much needed new legislation.

Sincerely,

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