

Blue Ribbon Commission for Maryland Transportation Funding

Purpose: to review, evaluate and make recommendations concerning Maryland Transportation Funding, particularly related to:

- The current State funding sources and structure of the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund.
- Short and long-term transit, highway, and pedestrian/bicycle construction and maintenance funding needs.
- Options for public-private partnerships, including partnerships with local governments.
- The structure of regional transportation authorities and the ability of those authorities to meet transportation needs.
- The impact of economic development and smart growth on transportation funding.
- Options for sustainable, long-term revenue sources for transportation.

Membership:

- 28 Member Commission representing various transportation, environment and economic interests from around the State of Maryland, including WMATA, businesses, transit interests, environmental and Smart Growth interests, AAA, freight rail, motor carrier, Maryland Association of Counties, Maryland Municipal League, transportation construction, labor unions, rural areas of the State, elected officials, and State agencies [MDOT (transportation), MDP (planning), DBED (economic development) and DBM (budget and management)].
- Gus Bauman is Chairman of the Commission.
- MDOT provides staff to the Commission.
- See website (address below) for Full Membership List.

Timeframe:

- Approved by the 2010 Maryland General Assembly, the law took effect July 1, 2010 and will be in effect for a period of 2 years, through June 30, 2012.
- The Governor announced the Commission membership in August 2010.

When:

- An interim report of its findings and recommendations is due to the Governor and General Assembly on or before January 1, 2011.
- A final report of its findings and recommendations is due to the Governor and General Assembly on or before November 1, 2011.

Meetings:

- The first two meetings were September 27th and October 18th, 2010. Subsequent meetings will be posted on the website.

Further Information:

- Meeting details and other information regarding the Blue Ribbon Commission are being posted on the MDOT web site (www.mdot.maryland.gov/planning/BRC).

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