Legislative Update
2017 General Assembly Session

County Engineers Association of Maryland
2017 Spring Conference
Thursday, May 25, 2017
MACo's legislative efforts = 77% success rate
Major Session Highlights in Public Works

- Local roads funding increased by $13.4m
- Staved off onerous water delivery mandates
- Ensured MDOT “scorecard” bill does not negatively affect counties
- No new cutbacks, cost shifts, or unfair new burdens in budget
**Highway User Revenues**

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<th>FY18 Final: Transportation Grants</th>
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<td>&quot;Hold Harmless&quot;</td>
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<td>Baltimore City</td>
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- Additional $13.4 million in local transportation grants added to budget
- “One-time” grants which may or may not come back next year
MACo’s Infrastructure Initiative: SB 586/HB 1322

- Local Infrastructure Fast Track for Maryland Act
- Restoration of highway user revenues to all local governments through 7-year phase-in
- Assessment of the state of all our infrastructure
- Increased accountability
**Other Highway User Bills**

- **HB 552**: restored highway user revenues, shared new gas taxes with local governments, and amended Constitution to protect HUR
- **SB 563/HB 946**: ensured municipalities receive $50m annually in 2 years
- **SB 564/HB 942**: provided municipalities greater share over 2 years
- **SB 161**: phased-in restoration over 7 years if revenues higher than anticipated
- **No HUR bills moved out of committee.**
SB 307/HB 402 “Road Kill Bill”

- Governor’s bill, as introduced, repealed law
- MACo supported; would support “repeal” or “replace”
- “We’re not going to pass a repeal.” - Senate President
- Revised law makes scoring system informational only, removes ties to population, and creates workgroup to review and make recommendations
HB 1251: #RealRoadKill

We need a single, centralized process to solve the roadkill epidemic once and for all - Del. Korman

#REALROADKILL
Water Delivery Service Bills

- HB 228/SB 546: Water Shut-off: required strict and rigorous process before shutting off water/wastewater services for nonpayment
- HB 453: Water Lien Prohibition: prohibited tax sales to solely enforce utility liens
- HB 918: Water Affordability Program: required onerous affordability programs be put in place

All killed, but not without fight
# Other Bills of Interest

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<td>SB 302/HB 36: mandates for plug-in vehicle parking</td>
<td>Oppose</td>
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<td>SB 136: restricted parking citation late fees</td>
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<td>SB 865: mandated traffic signals at all crosswalks near schools</td>
<td>Amend to remove mandate</td>
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Other Bills of Interest That Passed

- SB 484/HB 271: repeals MTA’s farebox recovery requirement of 35%
- SB 142/HB 192: establishes Task Force to study bicycle safety, infrastructure and funding sources
- HB 889: tow trucks can use HOV lanes
- HB 11: prohibits “coal rolling”: deliberate diesel soot emissions on others
- HB 119: establishes safety commission for WMATA, in compliance with Federal law
Obstacles in our Future

- Continued politicization of transportation funding
- Divisive partisanship
- Economic uncertainty
  - National political climate
  - Slow economic growth
  - Unpredictable state revenues
Thank you!

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