

**DECLARATION OF A WAY FORWARD FOR MARYLAND'S TRANSPORTATION:
*Let's Get to Work***

WHEREAS: A robust and interconnected transportation system supports every element of an economically healthy region for all by creating- access to jobs and workers,, housing choices, education, and;

WHEREAS: Many job-growth areas are outside Baltimore and other urban centers and are poorly served by public transportation, effectively denying opportunity to job-ready transit dependent populations; and

WHEREAS: Interconnected mass transit systems foster and concentrate growth around transit hubs, thereby increasing use of mass transit, and decreasing emissions - a major source of air pollution; and

WHEREAS: Insufficient funding has resulted in the deferral of maintenance of deteriorating roadways, bridges and rail systems as well as the inability to meet increased demand for public transportation; and

WHEREAS: The long-term nature of construction of new transit systems pushes the solutions to today's problems far into the future; and

WHEREAS: Regions across the country such as Denver, Tampa, and Seattle are finding innovative ways to improve and expand public transportation; and

WHEREAS: We have today a rail system – the MARC service – that passes in or near the major population and employment centers from Aberdeen north of Baltimore to D.C.'s Union Station; ; and

WHEREAS: Since 2000 the MARC system has experienced greater ridership growth than any commuter rail system of comparable size in the US; and

WHEREAS: The Maryland Department of Transportation's MARC Growth and Investment Plan which would increase efficiency and expand service on the MARC system is significantly unfunded; therefore

BE IT RESOLVED: That the undersigned organization joins the Central Maryland Transportation Alliance in endorsing a program of near-term transportation improvements to connect people to jobs and employers to a trained workforce, and reduce sprawl and environmental impacts. *Let's Get to Work*, focuses on the best opportunity to accelerate expansion of mass transit service from the greater Baltimore region to Washington, D.C. - : the MARC system. Its key elements are:

- Using innovative strategies to improve our transportation system, including private sector partnerships.
- Expanding service into late nights and weekends and increased frequency during peak times.
- Developing new and enhancing existing stations and fostering development adjacent to stations..
- Creating efficient connections to job generators in the region.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the undersigned organization will educate its members and, to the extent that it is able, educate the general public and opinion leaders, about *Let's Get to Work*.

Organization _____ No. of Members /Employees _____

Authorized Signature _____ Date _____

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Note: Organizations signing this Declaration of a Way Forward for Maryland's Transportation reserve the right to review any proposals to implement the Declaration before endorsing such proposals.

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