



KEVIN KAMENETZ
County Executive

February 6, 2017

Honorable Lawrence J. Hogan, Jr.
Office of the Governor
100 State Circle
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Hogan,

I am in receipt of your form letter of February 2, 2017, seeking support of a repeal of the Maryland Open Transportation Investment Act. Your attachment asserts that the Act will result in the cancellation of six transportation projects in Baltimore County, five of which involve major improvements to the Baltimore Beltway. I am dismayed that you continue to assert a position that is not factually correct.

As you are aware, the plain language of the Act states: "nothing in this Act may be construed to prohibit or prevent the funding of the capital transportation priorities in each jurisdiction." The law simply requires the Governor to provide an advisory scoring process, letting the public understand how decisions are made when road projects are funded. The law even allowed your office to create the scoring mechanism.

I've previously requested that your Administration provide the data behind your scoring calculations. Since you still refuse to provide that data, I can only assume that the "scores" are simply a scare tactic. I urge you to inform us of the real reasons why you believe there would be a shortfall of transportation funds to complete the needed Beltway improvements. In the meantime, my constituents still remain stuck in traffic.

Very truly yours,


Kevin Kamenez
Baltimore County Executive

c: Honorable Michael E. Busch, Speaker of the House
Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., Senate President