



THE MARYLAND GENERAL ASSEMBLY
ANNAPOLIS, MARYLAND 21401

December 2, 2019

Board of Public Works
Louis L. Goldstein Treasury Building
Calvert St.
Annapolis, MD 21401

Dear Governor Hogan, Comptroller Franchot, and Treasurer Kopp:

We write regarding Item 6-GM on the agenda for the Board of Public Works' (BPW) December 4, 2019 meeting involving the I-495 and I-270 P3 Program. We ask that the BPW reject this item until it has adequate time to appropriately review the proposal and Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) provides sufficient information for the BPW, stakeholders, and the public to understand it.

MDOT is well aware of the controversial nature of the project and the wide array of concerns that have been expressed, including particular concerns relevant to the BPW such as the structure and cost of the procurement. MDOT's public meetings have been packed with skeptical citizens; the June 5, 2019 BPW meeting had a long line of questioning Maryland citizens; participating regional agencies such as the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission have been denied access to crucial information; numerous pieces of legislation were introduced and budget language passed advising that votes on this project should require a 3-0 vote of the Board of Public Works; and the available public polling shows an almost evenly divided citizenry on the overall project and majority opposition to its component parts. Yet despite all of those questions and concerns, MDOT chose to release Item 6-GM on the Friday before Thanksgiving and seeks its approval the Wednesday after.

The BPW should decline to approve this item on December 4th and, instead, give yourselves and the public sufficient time to understand what MDOT is now proposing. Time and again, MDOT has backtracked on its promises in regards to this project including whether any homes or property would be taken; whether a locally presented alternative would be fully analyzed, whether the Corridor Cities Transitway would be supported as a transit component; the overall cost; whether any taxpayer dollars would be used; and so on. A multi-billion dollar, multi-decade Public Private Partnership requires more than a few days of review over a holiday week.

Please exercise your roles as stewards of taxpayer dollars to rigorously scrutinize the changes MDOT has proposed and their impact on this project and the state of Maryland.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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