



*To Lead, Advocate and Connect as the Voice of Business*

**House Bill 763:** Maryland Transit Administration - Coordination of Public Transportation Network

Environment and Transportation

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**SUPPORT**

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce ("MCCC"), as the voice of Montgomery County business, supports Senate Bill 763. Senate Bill 763 requires the Maryland Transit Administration to coordinate with the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority and local transportation authorities to improve the statewide public transportation network. It also requires the Administration and certain transportation authorities to coordinate bus, rail, and subway schedules and provide incentives including reduced fares for users of multiple modes public transportation.

A safe and reliable metro rail system is vitally important to our region and the members, including many of the region's largest employers, we represent. The Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority operates the regional transportation system that serves a global capital city and the region. The mobility provided by a safe and reliable transportation system increases the economic competitiveness of the region.

For these reasons, **we request Senate Bill 763 be given a favorable report.**

*The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC) accelerates the success of our nearly 500 members by advocating for increased business opportunities, strategic investment in infrastructure, and balanced tax reform to advance Metro Maryland as a regional, national, and global location for business success. Established in 1959, MCCC is an independent non-profit membership organization and is proud to be a Montgomery County Green Certified Business.*