



Maryland's Transportation System Faces a Revenue Problem that Threatens Our Future

Maryland's transportation system – public transit, roads, highways, and other infrastructure components – is critical to our state's economic future. Our communities and our economy depend on a functional system that gets Marylanders to work, school and other needs, and is safe, well-maintained and growing to meet ongoing demand. But current transportation revenues are not sufficient, which threatens to make the state a less attractive place to do business and hurts the quality of life for Marylanders who rely on public transportation.

- The Transportation Trust Fund has a structural deficit that needs to be addressed. Not doing so risks the long-term sustainability of our infrastructure, especially since this deficit is set to grow dramatically over the next few years.
- The governor's administration recently announced a cut of \$3.1 billion in planned transportation spending over the next six years. While a short-term fix is proposed in the governor's budget, many vital projects – including the Red Line – are still on hold.
- Our transit systems in Baltimore, the Washington D.C. region, and other areas of the state will face continuing cutbacks in service and maintenance unless there are robust and reliable long-term revenue streams. The service cuts, layoffs, and fare hikes that will result otherwise will fall hardest on working class people.
- Thousands of transit workers who kept our state afloat are in danger of having their livelihoods ruined through layoffs and wage and benefit cuts. These highly qualified professionals will not be easy to replace and the impact of their losses will be highly concentrated in already disadvantaged working class, Black, and brown communities.
- Without adequate maintenance and capital expenditures, the state may be forced to continue to raid operating funds to cover capital costs.

Making our Tax System Fairer; Generating Revenue to Make Maryland Stronger

Maryland is facing a major revenue shortfall, thanks to a tax system that is upside-down and unfair. For decades, wealthy corporations have manipulated the rules to avoid paying taxes, placing too much responsibility for funding the things we care about — our schools, health care, transportation, child care, social services and public safety — on working families and our small businesses.

We can create a fairer tax system, deliver tax cuts to help children in poverty, and raise the revenue the state needs to build a Maryland that works for everyone.

The Fair Share for Maryland Plan will:

- **Raise \$1.6 billion in revenue each year** to support good schools, health care, transportation, and the state workforce needed to deliver high-quality services.
- **Cut taxes for more than 1 million Marylanders** with a family income of \$80,000 or less. Boosting working families' incomes will reduce child poverty and strengthen our economy.
- **Create an income tax increase of \$302 per year on average for some households** with income between \$250,000 and \$775,000.
- **Ensure the wealthiest 1% of households in Maryland pay their fair share in taxes** (those earning ~\$775,000/year or more). They would see an average increase of less than 1% of their income.
- **Support local, Maryland-based businesses** by ensuring a level playing field so that their large corporate competitors are also paying their fair share in state and local taxes.
- **Advance economic and racial justice** by addressing aspects of Maryland's tax system that disproportionately benefit wealthy, white households at the expense of Marylanders of color.