



**STATEMENT ON THE FISCAL 2011 BUDGET
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION
AND
WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY**

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Advocates for Children and Youth
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CASA of Maryland Inc.
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Energy Advocates
Episcopal Community Services
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Homeless Persons
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Maryland Community Action
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Maryland Family Network
Maryland Hunger Solutions
Maryland Interfaith
Legislative Committee
National Council on Alcoholism & Drug
Dependence – Maryland Chapter
Public Justice Center
St. Vincent de Paul Society
United Way of Central Maryland
Welfare Advocates

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Subcommittee on Transportation & Environment
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Submitted by Branden A. McLeod, Chair

The Maryland Alliance for the Poor (MAP) is a statewide network of advocacy organizations, research organizations and faith communities working together promote policies that benefit Marylanders living in or near poverty. We support the work of the Maryland Transit Administration and the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority in Maryland as the key resources for connecting low-income Marylanders with employment opportunities and services.

A safe, reliable and interconnected public transportation system is crucial for low-income residents to get to work, to access services, and to benefit from Maryland's high quality of life. Although MTA and WMATA see increases in their proposed budgets, the Department of Legislative Services reports that the increase is not sufficient to sustain current levels of service.

For these reasons, the Maryland Alliance for the Poor opposes any reduction to the Governor's proposed budget for transit operations.

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