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Disappointed by state cuts in transportation

The reductions to state transportation funding announced recently by the State of Maryland are terribly disappointing. I understand that the economic downturn and budget challenges on the state level are very real. Still, these cuts affect hundreds of millions of dollars in funding for Montgomery County projects that are critical to meeting our goal of reducing traffic congestion and giving County commuters more transportation options.

I'm especially concerned by reductions in state funding for congestion mitigation at Bethesda intersections that will be severely impacted by the closing of Walter Reed and the transfer of operations to Bethesda Naval. At a time when we need to do more transit, the cuts will adversely affect our Ride On system, as well as start-up funding for the Purple Line and Corridor Cities Transitway.

I will work with our delegation and the state to try to get these projects back on line as soon as possible.