

## Bill 24-25, Transportation – Transportation Demand Management – Repeal Montgomery County Council July 8, 2025 Support

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), the voice of business in Montgomery County, supports Bill 24-25, *Transportation – Transportation Demand Management – Repeal*. This bill seeks to repeal the Transportation Demand Management (TDM) program for employers, existing owners, and applicants of new development projects.

For many years, our members have cited this program as an example where Montgomery County makes it more difficult to establish and grow a business than other jurisdictions. For example, project owners have been asked to pay for the installation of bicycle infrastructure that sits unused by either employees or customers, to pay for informational signs that should be the responsibility of transit agencies, and to repeatedly survey employees about their private commuting behavior.

The bill aims to make the County's approach to increasing accountability by making TDM more flexible and responsive to evolving transportation and development parameters. The Chamber supports this approach, arguing that the current TDM regulations hinder business operations in Montgomery County compared to other jurisdictions.

The TDM program has become overly complex and inefficient. Repealing Montgomery County's TDM will provide an opportunity to reassess and adopt a more flexible and effective strategy. Employers will continue to offer benefits that their employees desire and project owners can make decisions based on customer demands in the markets they serve. Additionally, repealing TDM will enhance the business climate, making the County a more attractive place to live and work.

MCCC supports the passage of Bill 24-25 and looks forward to continued collaboration on initiatives that move Montgomery County forward.

The Montgomery County Chamber of Commerce (MCCC), established in 1959, is an independent non-profit membership organization. MCCC advocates on behalf of our members for growth in business opportunities, strategic investment in infrastructure, and balanced tax reform to advance Metro Maryland as a regional, national, and global location for business success.