



[2026 Transportation Forum: Sustainable Solutions for Maryland's Future](#)

About the Event

Maryland continues to face long-term structural challenges in transportation funding. As traditional revenue sources decline and infrastructure demands grow, the need for innovative, sustainable funding mechanisms has never been more urgent.

The Maryland Transportation Builders and Materials Association (MTBMA) invites you to join a focused discussion on the future of the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) and explore viable long-term solutions to ensure Maryland can maintain, modernize, and expand its transportation system. This forum will convene policymakers, industry leaders, and stakeholders to examine current challenges, identify gaps, and discuss forward-looking strategies that support economic growth and system reliability.

Why Attend

This forum offers an opportunity to hear directly from the policymakers, agency leaders, and industry stakeholders shaping Maryland's transportation future. Attendees will gain a clearer understanding of the financial pressures facing the Transportation Trust Fund, the funding and policy options being discussed at both the state and federal levels, and how those decisions could affect project delivery, economic competitiveness, and long-term infrastructure investment. The program is intended to foster substantive discussion around sustainable transportation funding strategies while also providing meaningful opportunities to connect with public officials, private sector leaders, and others involved in advancing Maryland's transportation system.

Who Belongs in the Room

This forum is designed for professionals & organizations with a stake in Maryland's transportation future and the movement of people, goods, and commerce. Attendees may include business leaders who rely on dependable infrastructure & mobility, executives from transportation, construction, and infrastructure firms, and professionals working in public policy, government affairs, and economic development. The event will also be valuable for planners, developers, and innovators exploring technologies & solutions that influence how transportation systems are funded, delivered, and maintained.

PRICING:

- **Members: \$199**
 - **Non-Members: \$299**
 - **Government Rate: \$99**
 - **Supporting Partner Sponsor: \$2,500**
 - **Policy Discussion Sponsors: \$5,000**
 - **Presenting Partner Sponsor: \$10,000**
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AGENDA

July 24, 2026

8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.

Hilton Baltimore BWI Airport

1739 W Nursery Rd, Linthicum Heights, MD 21090

8:00 – 9:00 a.m.: Registration, Networking, and Coffee

Enjoy coffee, a light breakfast and an opportunity to network with other attendees and industry leaders.

PROGRAM

9:00 – 9:10 a.m. : Welcome & Opening Remarks

- **Welcome Remarks, Michael Sakata**, President & CEO, Maryland Transportation Builders & Materials Association (10 minutes)
- **Introduction of MDOT Secretary Thomson** (5 minutes) *Sponsored and presented by:*

9:10 – 9:25 a.m.: State of the Industry Address | An overview of Maryland's transportation system, current priorities, and the broader funding landscape shaping the year ahead.

- **MDOT Secretary Thomson**

9:25 to 9:35 a.m. | Setting the Stage A brief framing of the Panel I: What are the biggest challenges facing Maryland's transportation system? What are the main issues we need to be focusing on? Introduction of panelists. *Remarks by Presenting Sponsor I:*

9:35 – 10:35 a.m.: Panel I: The State of the Transportation Trust Fund | A candid look at the structural pressures facing the TTF, including declining revenue sources, funding gaps, and the long-term sustainability questions that shaped the most recent legislative session. *Moderated by:*

Panelists:

- **Comptroller Brooke Lierman**
- **Jaclyn Hartman**, MDOT
- **Senator Nancy King**
- **Mike Voinis**, HNTB
- **Stephen Skippen**, SKANKSA

10:35 – 10:45 a.m. | Setting the Stage A brief framing of the Panel II: How does Maryland move from a structurally strained Transportation Trust Fund to a sustainable funding model that keeps projects moving and communities connected? Introduction of panelists. *Remarks by Presenting Sponsor II:*

10:45 – 11:45 a.m.: Panel II: The Future of Transportation Funding | A forward-looking conversation on innovative funding mechanisms, federal partnerships, public-private partnerships, and the strategies that will sustain Maryland's transportation system for the next generation. *Moderated by:*

Panelists:

- **Senate President Bill Ferguson**
- **Delegate Marc Korman**
- **Mugdha Tipnis**, WSP

- **Steve Dewitt**, ACS Infrastructure Development, Inc.
- **Morteza Farajian**, Build America Bureau

11:45 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.: Closing Remarks and Call to Action | Closing reflections on the morning's themes and the role Maryland's business and construction community will play in advancing long-term transportation solutions. *Presented by: Michael Sakata*

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