

# 2026 LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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# Transportation Funding, Planning & Connectivity

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- Support DMVMoves Initiative's Funding Recommendations for Metro and Local Transit
  - Additional \$460M in Capital Funding, that grows annually, by FY29
- Support an Indexed Federal Funding for the Region's Metro System
- Support Fixing the Deficit in the Federal Highway Trust Fund
- Support Roadway & Pedestrian Safety
  - Ticket reciprocity legislation

# Water Quality Protection

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- Support Investments in Water Infrastructure & Water Quality Protection
  - Backup water supply feasibility study
- Support Climate & Resiliency Initiatives
- Ensure Regulatory Feasibility & Flexibility
- Ensure Local Government Input

# Climate Resiliency & Air Quality Protection

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- Support Policies to Meet the Region's Climate Goals
- Support Accelerated Multi-Sector Actions to Reduce Greenhouse Gases and Criteria Pollutants
- Ensure Sustainable Secure Energy Access for All
- Support Solar Deployment and Aggressive State Renewable Portfolio Standards
- Expand Clean Energy Innovation, Technology & Finance
- Support Aggressive Energy Efficiency Goals
  - Address energy demand growth from high electricity use sectors such as data centers
- Enhance Incentives & Financing Mechanisms for Climate Resiliency
- Support Policies that Preserve & Protect Regional Air Quality and Public Health

# Housing and Economic Resources

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- Support Efforts to Equitably Increase the Supply of Housing & Promote Housing Affordability
- Support Efforts to Present & End the Experience of Homelessness
- Support Alignment of Workforce Development & Job Creation
  - Talent Capital
- Support Local Governments & Activity Centers

# Homeland Security and Public Safety

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- Support Funding for Public Health Response
- Support Cybersecurity Preparedness Initiatives
- Support Regional Emergency Preparedness
- Increase Urban Area Security Initiative (UASI) Funding
- Support Resources for Violent Crime Reduction

# Health and Human Services

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- Support Efforts to Combat Substance Use Disorders
- Support Health Equity and Health Disparity Reduction
- Increase Availability of and Access to Mental Health Services
- Promote Family Preservation and Avoid Family Separation Due to Citizen Status
- Increase Recruitment and Support for Foster Children and Resource Parents

# Food Security and Healthy Food Access

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- Defend and Strengthen Programs to Reduce Childhood Poverty and Support Nutrition & Health
- Improve Food Security and Healthy Food Access
- Support Small Farmers and Food System Resilience
- Support Local Food Entrepreneurs, Businesses, and Workforce Development



# 2026 Session Top Priorities

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## **Metro Funding**

- Additional \$460M in annual, growing, capital funding starting in FY29.
  - Maryland legislation being introduced by Senator Augustine & Delegate Korman
  - Virginia legislation being introduced by Senator Surovell, Senator Ebbin, and Delegate Tran.

## **Ticket Reciprocity**

- Legislation allowing the District, Maryland and Virginia to enter ticket reciprocity agreements

## **Talent Capital.ai**

- Legislation in Maryland and Virginia for annual funding of Talent Capital.ai, an AI driven job matching tool to support workers in the region

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