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MML Applauds Maryland State Lawmakers for Restoring Highway User Revenue Funding to Municipalities

Maryland Municipalities Celebrate New Legislation Assuring Transportation Funding

(April 25, 2022) Annapolis, Md. – The [Maryland Municipal League](#) (MML), which represents 157 cities and towns and two special taxing districts across Maryland, is celebrating new state legislation which restores the state’s highway user revenues (HURs) to Maryland’s municipalities.

“We are grateful our portion of the gas tax fees will be back where our cities and towns can rely upon them for critical road repairs and infrastructure projects,” said Mayor Jake Day, MML President. “Many municipal leaders were forced to delay road repair projects, and now they can get them back on track for improvement.”

The new legislation ensures municipalities, counties, and Baltimore City will receive 20% of the transportation funding, instead of the prior 10%. The municipal share of that funding pot is currently 2%; this bill will increase that percentage per the schedule below:

- FY 24: 2.4%
- FY 25: 2.7%
- FY 26: 3%
- FY 27: 3%
- FY 28 and beyond: 2.4%

MML Executive Director Scott Hancock commented on the new legislation. “We thank our state legislators for finding a path forward to permanently restoring the funding to Maryland’s municipalities. We have been patient and appreciate the hard work that took place during the 2022 General Assembly to prioritize HUR restoration in support of the long-term success of our cities and towns across Maryland.”

MML leadership and members want to specifically thank the following state lawmakers for championing the new legislation: Del. Carl Anderton, Jr., Sen. Cory McCray, Governor Larry Hogan, Senate President Bill Ferguson, House Speaker Adrienne Jones, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee Chair Sen. Guy Guzzone, and House Environment and Transportation Committee Chair Del. Kumar Barve.

Maryland established the Gasoline and Motor Vehicle Revenue Account (GMVRA, also known as Highway User Revenues, or HURs), within the Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) in 1968. The account supports transportation needs throughout the state. In 2009, funding was cut by more than 96% and Maryland’s municipalities suffered \$280 million in lost funding.

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About The Maryland Municipal League:

Located at the Phipps Municipal Center in the state capital of Annapolis, The Maryland Municipal League (MML) was founded in 1936 and represents 157 municipal governments and two special taxing districts throughout the state of Maryland. A voluntary, non-profit, nonpartisan association controlled and maintained by city and town governments, MML works to strengthen and support municipal government through advocacy and the development of effective leadership. Through its membership in the National League of Cities MML offers legislative representation in Washington, urban research programs, and a national municipal government information exchange. MML is the only statewide organization in Maryland composed solely of municipal officials and devoted to the promotion of all branches of municipal administration.