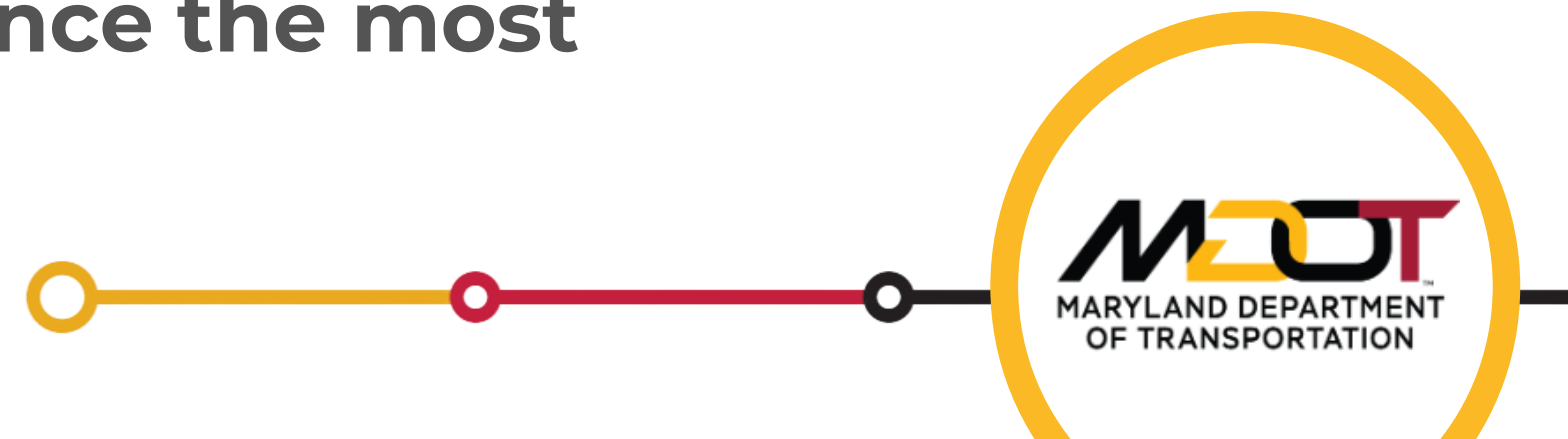


LEVERAGING FEDERAL INFRASTRUCTURE FUNDS: A CONVERSATION WITH MDOT



INFRASTRUCTURE INVESTMENT JOBS ACT

- The **\$1.2 trillion** Bipartisan Infrastructure Law/Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (**IJJA**) created an unprecedented opportunity for Maryland and local partners to access federal funding. The **\$700+ million** Inflation Reduction Act (**IRA**) also created new transportation and decarbonization funding programs.
- However, **nearly 1/3 of these funds must be won through competitive grants.**
- The amount of guaranteed funding ensures predictable funding opportunities and timelines, providing **counties an unprecedented opportunity to strategically plan and advance the most competitive projects.**



CALENDAR OF FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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Low or No Emission Vehicle

Bridge Investment Program (Small Bridges and Planning)

Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity

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Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant

Strengthening Mobility and Revolutionizing Transportation

Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods

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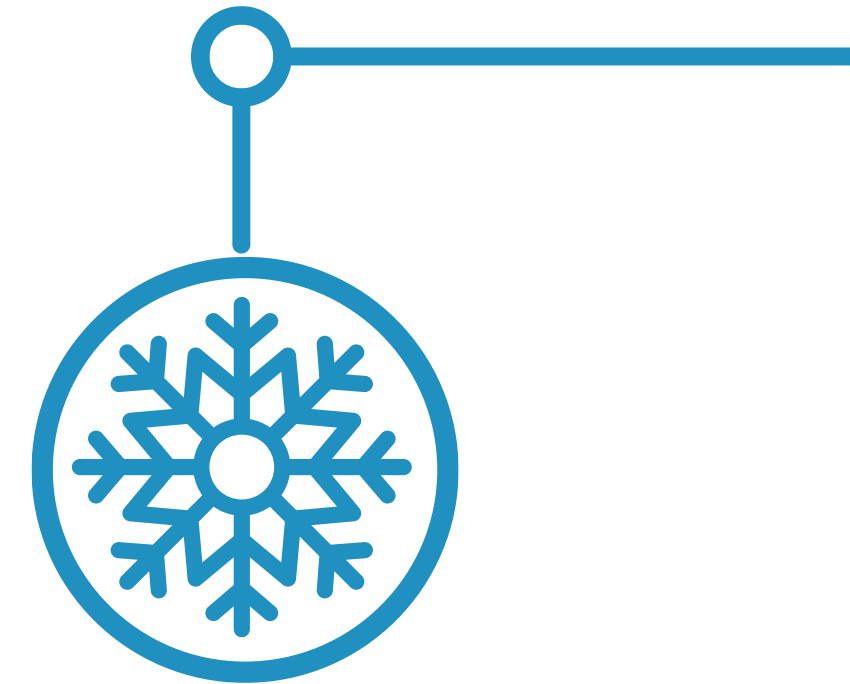
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Rail Crossing Elimination

Consolidated Rail Infrastructure & Safety Improvements

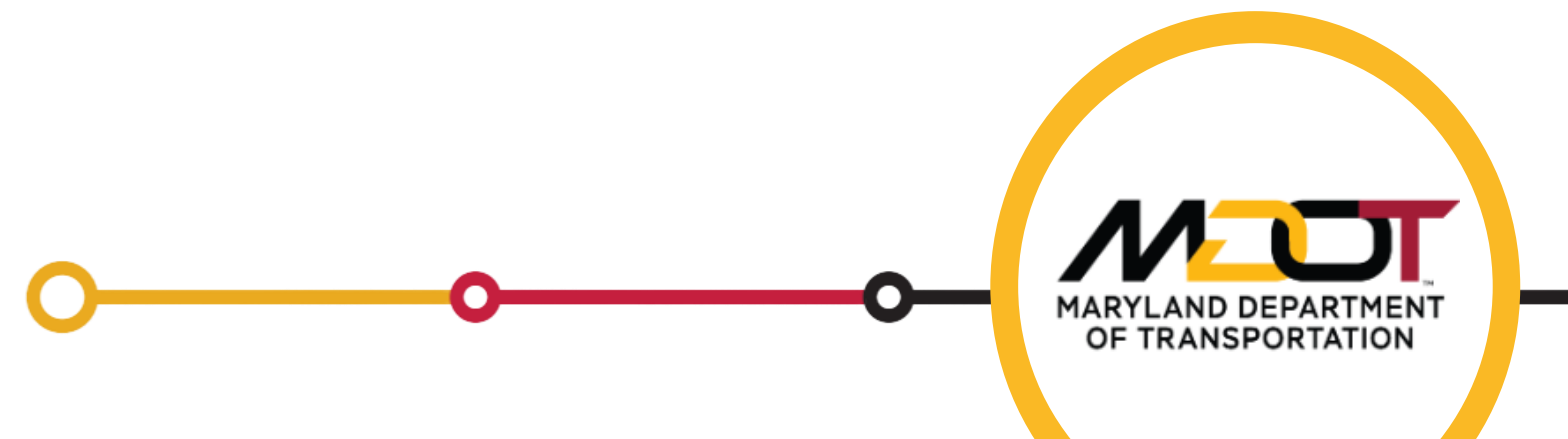
IIJA OPPORTUNITIES PER SEASON



- **Rebuilding American Infrastructure with Sustainability and Equity (RAISE)**
 - \$1 billion in guaranteed funding, up to \$3 billion per year.
 - One of the most flexible, but competitive programs for multi-modal surface transportation projects. Supports both planning and construction activities.
 - Urban-rural award splits and sizes. Requires a benefit-cost analysis. 80%/20% cost share.
- **Bridge Investment Program (Small Bridges and Planning)**
 - Approximately \$1 billion in guaranteed funding for small bridges and planning activities per year.
 - Supports planning/feasibility activities and construction projects to replace bridges with total costs of less than \$100 million. Applicant must commit to O&M and bike-ped accommodations when feasible.
 - Requires a benefit-cost analysis. 80%/20% cost share.

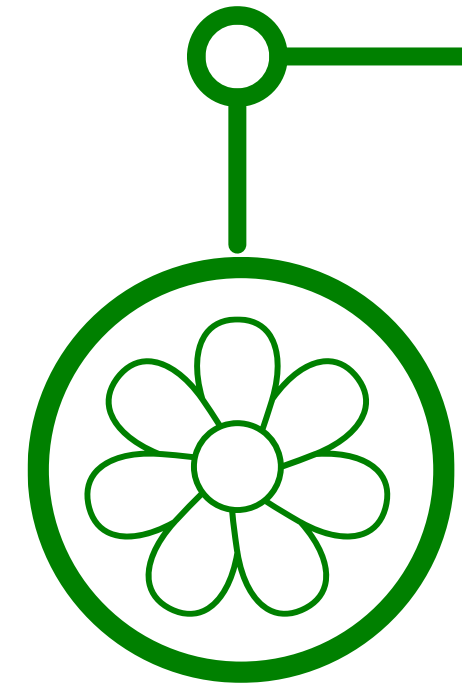
IIJA OPPORTUNITIES PER SEASON

- **Low or No Emission Vehicles and Buses and Bus Facilities**
 - Approximately \$1 billion in guaranteed funding for low-no vehicles and \$400 million for bus and bus facilities.
 - Supports purchase or lease of low or no emission vehicles for transit revenue operations and capital projects for bus-related facilities.
 - Typically, 80%/20% cost share, higher for Clean Air Act compliance.



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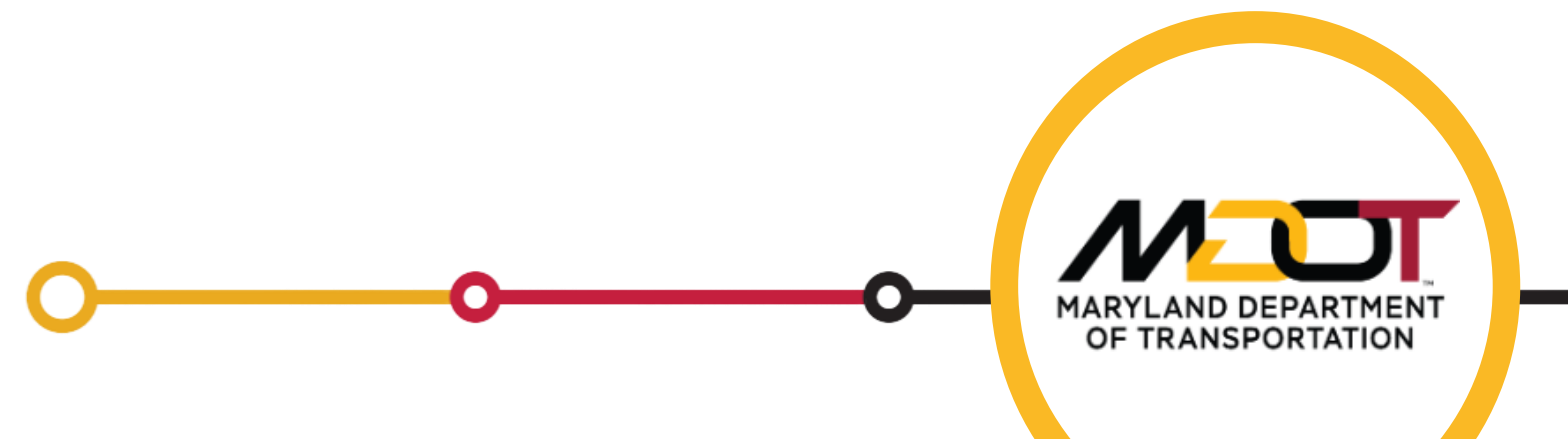
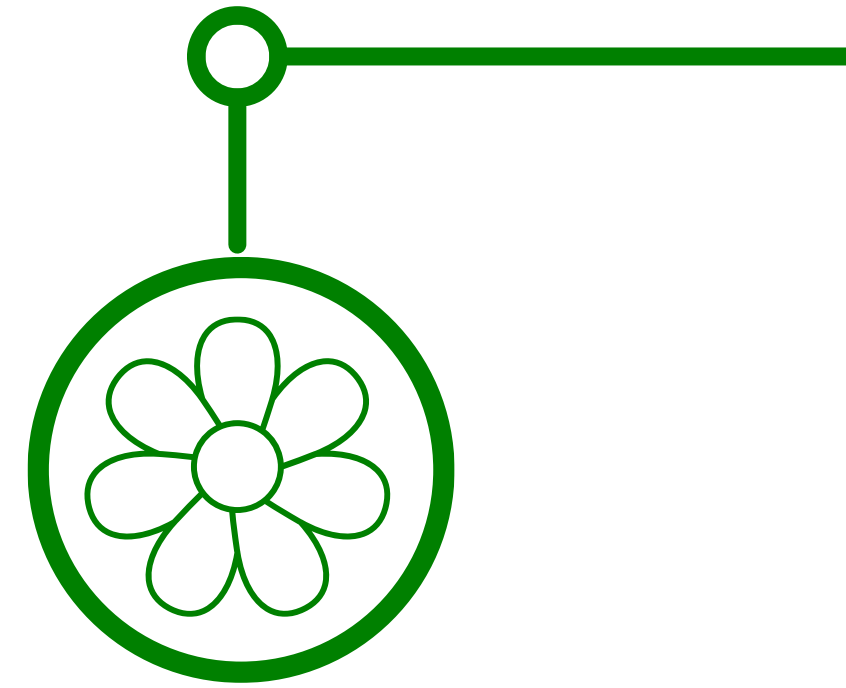
- **Safe Streets and Roads for All (SS4A)**
 - \$1 billion in guaranteed funding.
 - Two-step program: must have approved plan before seeking construction funding.
 - Supports comprehensive activities that improve multi-modal user safety and accessibility on roadways.
 - Does not require a benefit-cost analysis. 80%/20% cost share.
- **Charging and Fueling Infrastructure (CFI)**
 - Approximately \$250 million in guaranteed funding for community EV or alternative fueling projects per year.
 - Supports planning/feasibility activities and construction projects to install EV chargers or alternative fueling stations at publicly-accessible locations.
 - Does not require a benefit-cost analysis. 80%/20% cost share.



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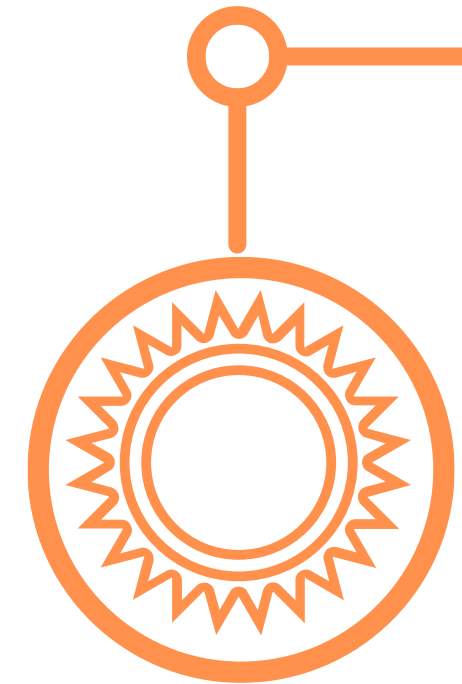
- **PROTECT Discretionary Program**

- Approximately \$300 million in guaranteed funding per year.
- Supports comprehensive planning and construction projects that improve surface transportation resiliency, support evacuation routes, and harden at-risk coastal infrastructure.
- Typically, 80%/20% cost share, higher if an approved resiliency plan.



IIJA OPPORTUNITIES PER SEASON

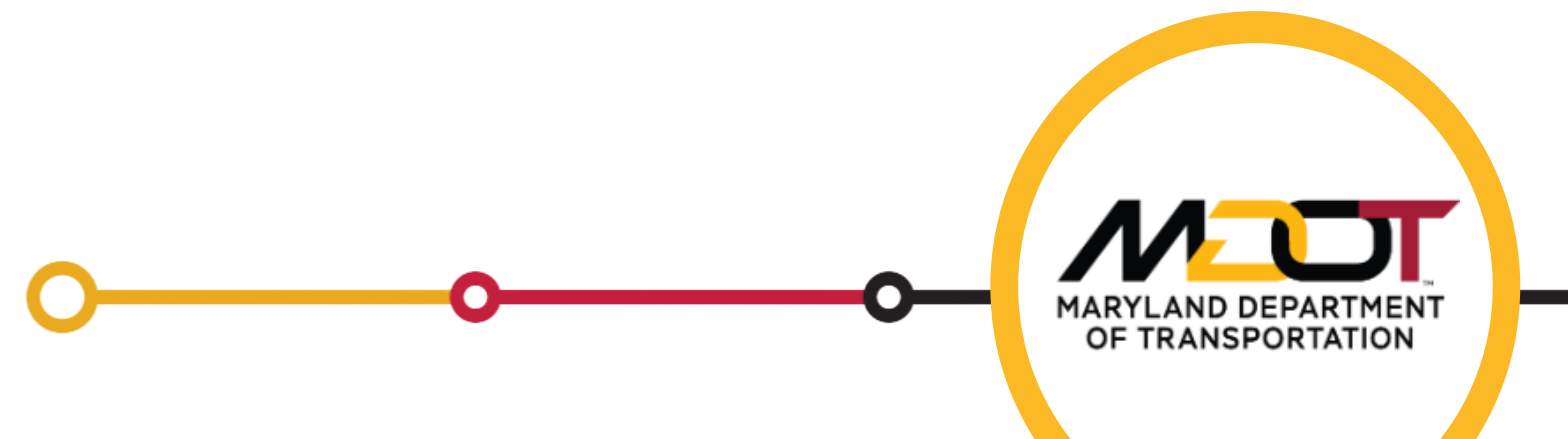
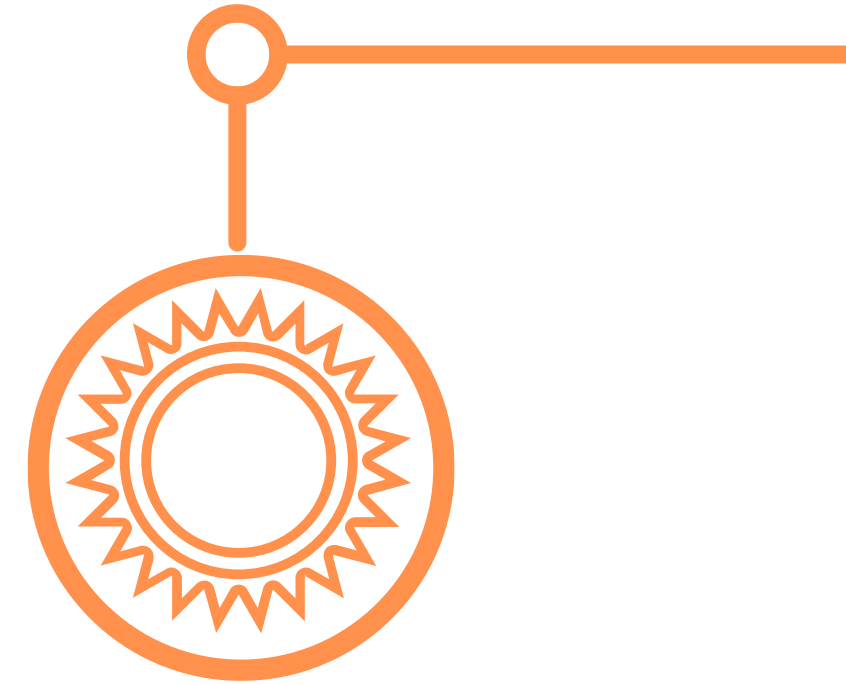
- **Multimodal Project Discretionary Grant (MDPG)**
 - Approximately \$3 billion in guaranteed funding to the MEGA/INFRA/RURAL subprograms per year.
 - Provides funding for surface transportation projects of national or regional significance or projects that benefit mobility and connectivity in rural areas.
 - May require a benefit-cost analysis. MEGA/INFRA 60-40%, RURAL may be up to 100% in certain circumstances.
- **Reconnecting Communities and Neighborhoods (RCN)**
 - Approximately \$800 million in guaranteed funding per year.
 - Supports planning/feasibility activities and construction projects that seek to overcome infrastructure barriers to restore community connectivity or to enhance access to essential destinations.
 - May require a benefit-cost analysis. 80%-20% cost share but may be up to 100% in equity areas.



IIJA OPPORTUNITIES PER SEASON

- **Strengthening and Revolutionizing Mobility and Transportation (SMART)**

- \$100 million in guaranteed funding per year.
- Two-step program: must have approved plan before seeking implementation funding.
- Supports projects that demonstrative innovative mobility to include CAVs, ITS, smart grid, traffic signal prioritization and others intelligent transportation systems.
- 100% federal share for demonstration/planning efforts, 80/20% for implementation.



IIJA OPPORTUNITIES PER SEASON

- **Rail Crossing Elimination**

- \$500 million in guaranteed funding per year.
- Supports planning and construction activities for projects that improve highway-rail or pathway-rail crossing safety, with a focus on eliminating or closing at-grade crossings.
- Does not require a benefit-cost analysis, but safety data must be justified. 80%-20% cost share.

- **Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI)**

- \$1 billion in guaranteed funding per year.
- Supports planning/feasibility activities and construction projects for a wide variety of railroad capital projects to include railway grade crossing improvements, rail line relocations, trespasser prevention, workforce development, and support community rail emergency response activities and training.
- Requires a benefit-cost analysis. 80%-20% cost share.



OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

1

EDA: Recompete Pilot Program

- Comprehensive strategies and projects that support areas experiencing higher-than-average prime-age job loss.

2

EDA: Public Works and Economic Adjustment Assistance

- Public infrastructure improvements that support economic development

3

USACE: Continuing Authorities Program (CAP)

- Support for public water systems, flooding mitigation, and environmental infrastructure projects.

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FEMA: Building Resilient Infrastructure and Communities (BRIC)

- Build more resilient communities through mitigation activities

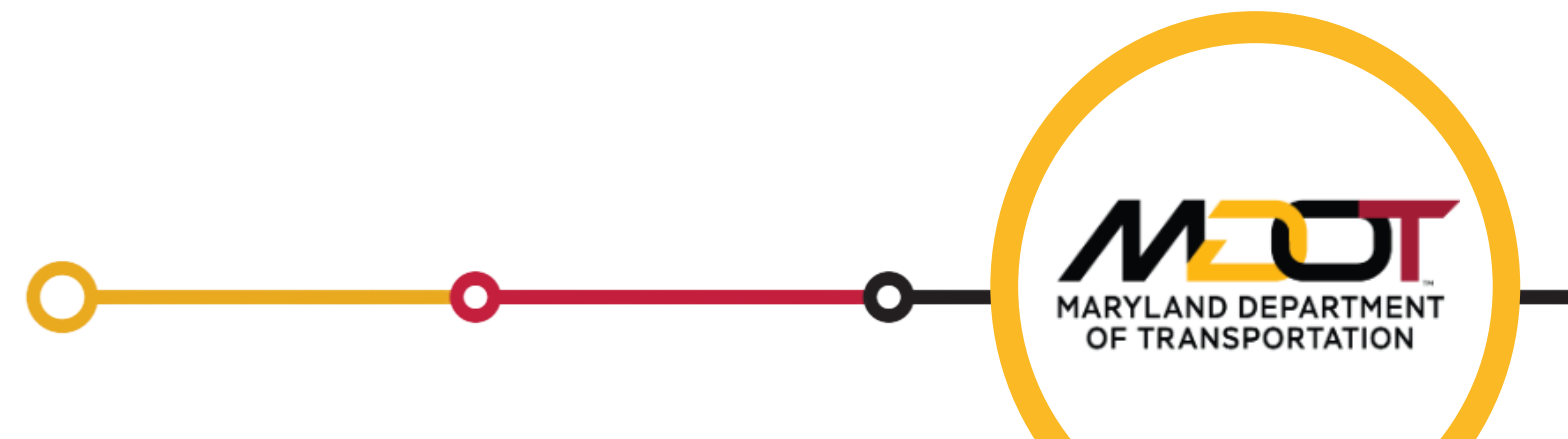
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ADVOCACY



Build a **team** in your community to plan for, **win** funding for, and implement **critical investments**.

Know the County administration **priorities** to understand what initiatives they are **committed** to.

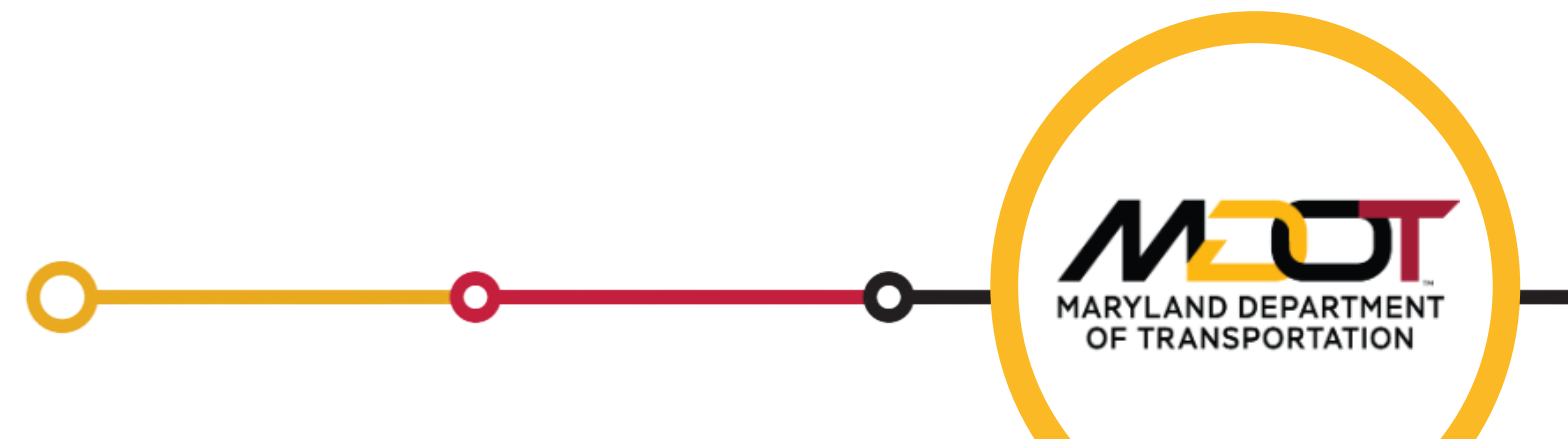


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Focus on **collaboration** across the public, non-profit and civic sectors in your community.

Coordinate with MDOT to develop state **governmental support** and **federal representative** support.

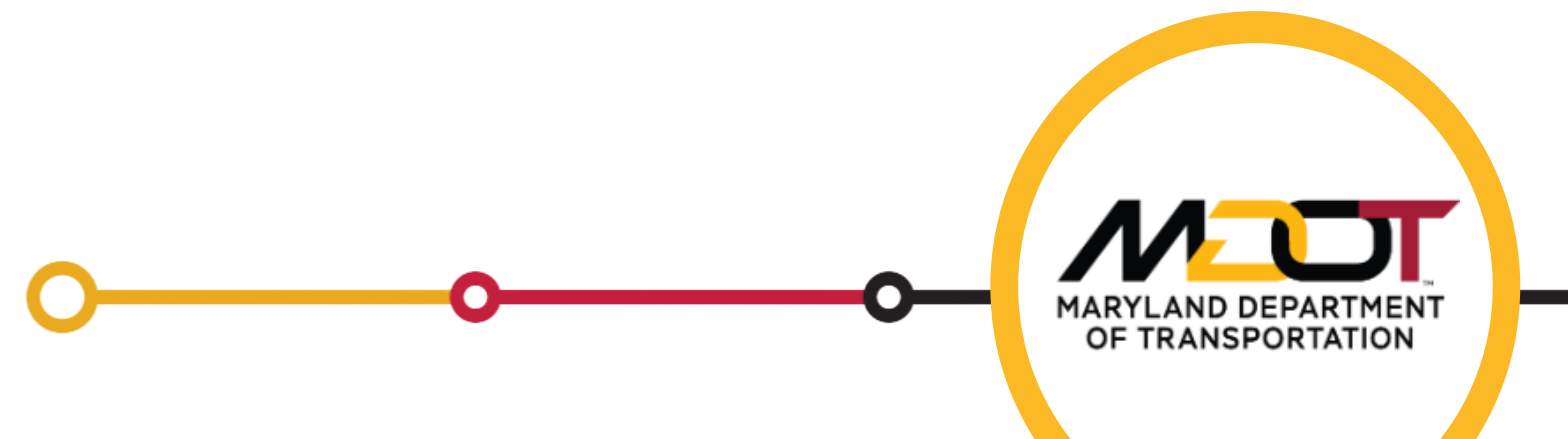


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SUPPORT LETTERS

Contact MDOT to assist with support letters from the **Secretary of Transportation** and **regional representatives**.

Align your support letter request with **federal/state/local priorities** to have your story **amplified**.



PLAN FOR SUCCESS



STATE PLANNING

- Maryland Transportation Plan
- Consolidated Transportation Program
- Annual Attainment Report on Transportation System Performance
- Climate Action Plan
- Bicycle and Pedestrian Statewide Master Plan
- Transit Asset Management Plan
- Zero Emissions Vehicle Infrastructure Plan
- State Budget Plan
- ... and many more!

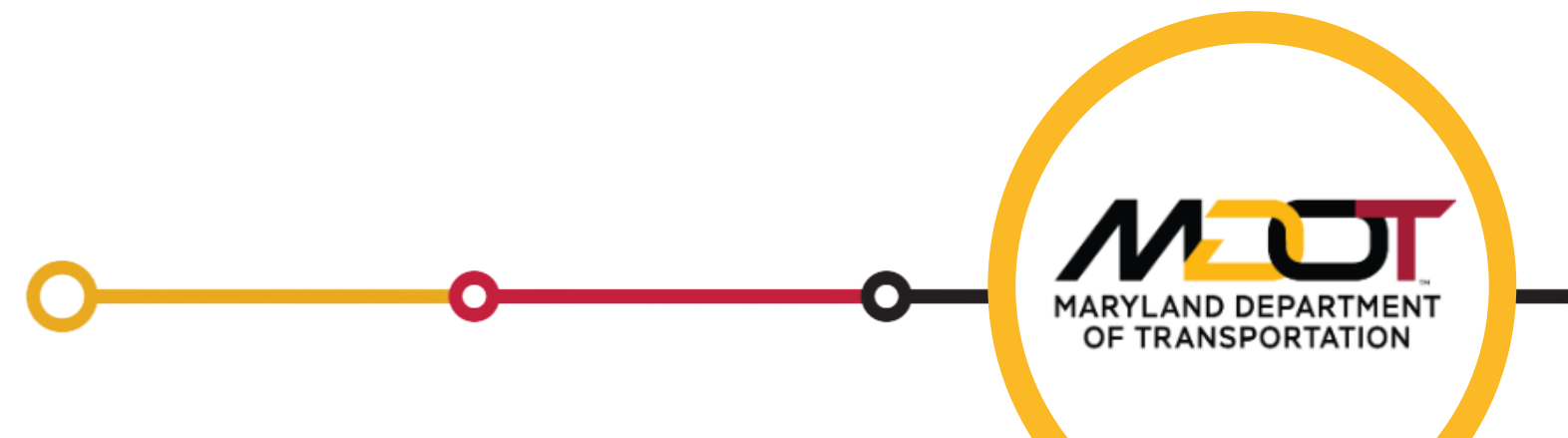


PLAN FOR SUCCESS



REGIONAL PLANNING

Develop plans and programs that consider all transportation modes and **support** metropolitan community and **economic development** goals.



PLAN FOR SUCCESS



LOCAL PLANNING

Priority letters represent each County's internal ranking of State projects deemed **most important** based on local **need** and local **input**.

Priority letters involve requests for a wide variety of project funding such as transit improvements and highway reconstruction.



RESOURCES

- Our strategy: To **share** and **coordinate** grant opportunities internally and externally as often as possible to **maximize grant opportunities** for Maryland, through resources and tools.



www.mdot.maryland.gov/iijagrants

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[Local Opportunities](#) - Share your successes with us!

Visit our websites to learn more about IJJA grant opportunities, view projects awarded to the MDOT, and explore local resources when applying for federal grants.



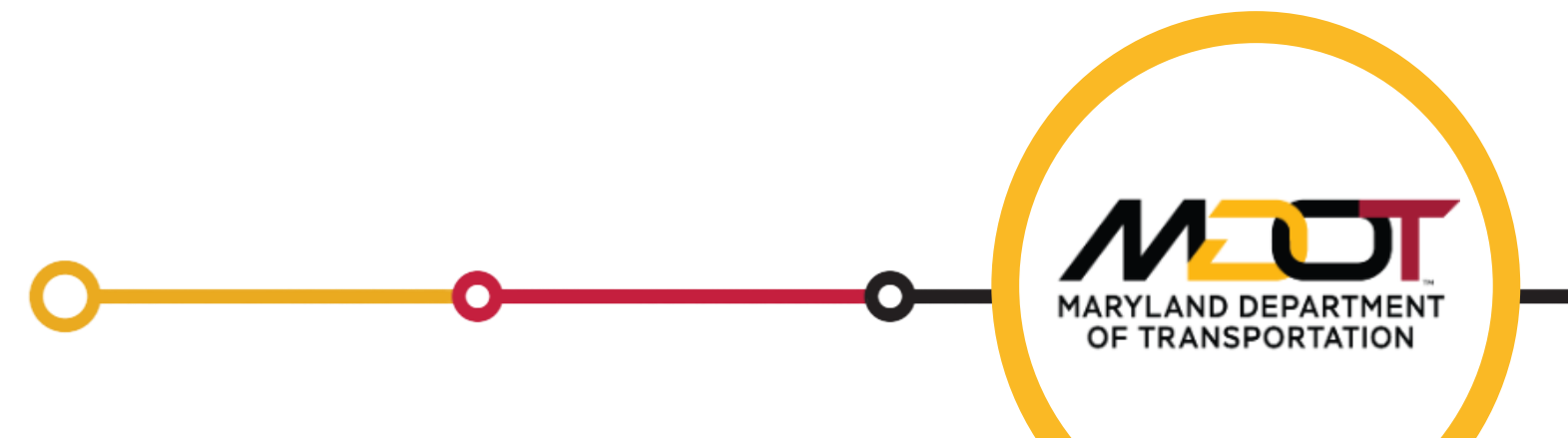
[MDOT Federal Discretionary Grants Newsletter](#)

Sign up for our monthly newsletter for news, awarded projects, open federal and state opportunities and resources available.



FINAL TAKEAWAYS

- The Bipartisan Infrastructure Law is an unprecedented opportunity to win funds for your community.
- **Plan** ahead, know your project **narrative** and **grant** opportunity, **market** the story, build **support**, and ensure your project is on the appropriate **planning documents**.





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Thank You!
Questions?

