

BUILDING A BETTER FUTURE FOR MARYLAND
Jobs and Safety are a #1 Priority

Job losses in Maryland's transportation construction and aggregates industries are now in excess of 28%; payroll taxes have declined 32%.

Maryland companies are forecasting additional job losses in 2010 because of virtually no contract awards coming out of MDOT.

Federal stimulus was limited to road resurfacing and even the paving firms are experiencing 40% - 50% layoffs. Federal stimulus is insufficient to replace projects that had already been cut from the CTP.

Contractors, engineers, equipment manufacturers, aggregates suppliers, and other suppliers are dependent upon a health transportation program. The industry employs a wide variety of skill levels.

Ongoing cuts to local Highway User Revenues deplete another source of contract awards throughout the State.

Critical infrastructure needs continue to mount (inadequate resurfacing, 127 bridges that are structurally deficient, etc.) as jobs and talent are lost - safety becomes a major concern. System preservation costs become exponentially more expensive when normal maintenance is deferred.

Repairing, maintaining and improving our transportation network is not a partisan issue. There is no need to wait another year to fund transportation. The delay only extends the time before contracts can be awarded, further eroding State revenues.

Enhanced transportation funding is needed in 2010 (10-cent gas tax, etc.).

Long-term funding solutions need to be explored in 2011-2014 term.

Help is needed in 2010 - the transportation construction industry is in a depression!

