

# MOVING MARYLAND INTO THE FUTURE:

## Building a Better, Cleaner, and More Equitable Transportation Infrastructure

### BACKGROUND:

Maryland has a rich history as a transportation innovator. We were home to America's first railroad, its first national highway, and even its first air flight when 13-year-old Edward Warren ascended in a balloon over Baltimore in 1784. Maryland has historically recognized the value of transportation, not only as a means of mobility, but as an economic engine and as a vehicle for helping people lift themselves from poverty. There is an important link between transportation and economic mobility, and as billions of federal dollars are allocated to improve Maryland's infrastructure, we must ensure that the economic opportunities that come with this investment are available to everyone.

### THE MOORE-MILLER VISION:

Maryland has amazing economic, educational, natural, and cultural assets but our transportation system needs to better connect our citizens to jobs, schools, parks, and other amenities in their communities. As a result, we have not lived up to our economic potential, and we continue to lag in implementing sound policies to protect our environment and enhance our communities. The Moore-Miller administration will build an efficient and equitable transportation system that unharnesses economic growth in our region, drives billions in new investment, protects our environment and our neighbors, and connects people with employers by:

- **Providing equity and opportunity in transportation planning** by ensuring that our efforts to improve mass transit focus on the people who rely on it the most, addressing the connection between transportation and public health, removing the politics from transportation planning and investment to ensure merit-based project funding, and implementing procurement reform.
- **Driving the economy through leveraging a regional approach** that expands transit-oriented development, connects workers with jobs, and drives growth at BWI Marshall Airport and the Port of Baltimore.
- **Protecting the environment by converting the state's fleet to EV technology by 2030**, improving our EV charging station infrastructure and policies to get more private EVs on the roads, and fighting sprawl.
- **Better managing congested corridors by using the influx of federal infrastructure funding to build generational infrastructure improvements** like establishing usable mass transit and bus lanes, expanding and improving commuter rail around the state, and developing true high-speed rail capacity on the Northeast Corridor.

### WES AND ARUNA'S EXPERIENCE:

There is no team better equipped to take on this challenge than Wes Moore and Aruna Miller. Aruna Miller spent 25 years working at the local Department of Transportation in Montgomery County to improve the safety of the public and alleviate traffic, and create equitable transportation access to connect people to opportunities. As a Delegate in Annapolis, she was a respected voice and leader on Transportation issues. Her deep understanding of these issues makes her the perfect complement to Wes. As a former U.S. Army captain, small business owner, and CEO of one of the nation's largest anti-poverty nonprofits, Wes brings the leadership and unique perspective we need to address these challenges.



**“Current piecemeal transportation planning has left people stuck in traffic, failed to harness our economic potential, and lagged in implementing sound policies to protect our environment. The Moore-Miller administration will build an efficient and equitable transportation system that unharnesses economic growth in our region, drives billions in new investment, protects our environment, and connects people with employers. Transportation systems are the veins of commerce connecting goods and services to people and ensuring that our economy can thrive.” – Wes Moore**

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