



A SYMPOSIUM ON TRANSPORTATION, GROWTH, & THE ECONOMY

SYMPOSIUM GUIDING QUESTIONS

1. What are Maryland's goals for economic growth and the environment and how can our transportation system support these goals?
2. What policies would be most effective in reducing Maryland's VMT and congestion?
3. How would VMT and congestion reductions affect Maryland's economy, growth, and environment?
4. What role should local governments play in efforts to reduce congestion and VMT in Maryland?
5. What are the next steps for policy setting in Maryland as it relates to congestion and VMT and what information or analyses are needed to assess options and evaluate progress?

Snapshot: Maryland's Transportation, Growth, Economic, & Environmental Trends

GROWTH & ECONOMIC FACTORS			
Population	2008 - 5.6M	2020 forecast - 6.8M	19 th ranked nationally, last year; slowest growth rate in 28 years
Size/Land Area	9,706 square miles	6.1 M acres	
Density	578.8 persons/square mile	~1 person/acre	5 th most dense state nationally
Employment	2007 - 3,437,554	2020 forecast- 3,787,554	
Median Household Income	2007 est. - \$68,300		1999 - \$52,850 1989 - \$39,386
VMT & CONGESTION			
VMT	2007 - 57B 2007	2020 forecast - 67.4B	Some projections have VMT growing by over 51% between 2007 and 2030
VMT Per Capita	2005 - 10,056		Current VMT per capita slightly less than national average of 10,087
Congestion	2007 - 30.4% congested freeway lane-miles and 14.7% arterial lane-miles		
CLIMATE CHANGE RELATED			
GHG	2006 - 33.54 MMT	2020 forecast - 37.77 MMT	Transportation share = 32%, electricity consumption = 38%
Average Temperature	Has increased by 2 degrees Fahrenheit over last 100 years		
Sea Level Rise	Risen over 1 foot in last 100 years and we've lost islands in Chesapeake Bay	Expect another 2 - 3 feet rise over next 100 years	

*Assembled from various information sources, including Maryland Department of the Environment, Maryland Department of Planning, Maryland Department of Transportation, Maryland Energy Administration, State Highway Administration.

