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An Overview of the 2017 Session

- The Original Plan
- HB-480
- SB-2939
- The Bond Bill
- Conference Weekend
- Path Forward



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The Original Plan

- Transition from a flat tax to a percentage
- Establish a floor and ceiling
- Index the floor and ceiling
- Forced referendum by MDOT District
 - 25% to local, 75% to MDOT for district
 - Formation of local panel



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HB-480

- Required collection of internet use tax from vendors doing over \$250,000
- Dedicated internet use tax to transportation
- 50% to MDOT and 50% to local



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SB-2939

- Provided for voluntary collection of internet use tax
- First \$50MM would go to the general fund
- 50% of growth over 2% would be focused on Transportation



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SB-2281

- Provided for \$50MM in bonds for county and city bridges



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Conference Weekend

- Senate and House conferees signed the conference reports on MDOT and State Aid appropriations
- Senate & House could not agree on Transportation Funding and the bond bill.
- House recommitted MDOT and State Aid appropriations conference reports



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Path Forward

- House committee is meeting today to develop a plan to negotiate with the Senate.
- Once the House and Senate have agreed on a plan we will notify the governor to call a special session.
- Fiscal year ends July 1 but MDOT is contractually obligated to inform contractors of the possibility of defaulting on those contracts within 45 days which makes the desired date prior to May 15th.



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