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**GOVERNOR O'MALLEY APPOINTS NEW MEMBER TO
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY**

BALTIMORE, MD – Governor Martin O'Malley has appointed A. Bradley Mims of Upper Marlboro to serve as the newest Member of the Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA).

Mr. Mims is a Partner with Federal Advocates, Inc., and is responsible for providing legislative, federal government and transportation-industry government affairs services for a variety of clients throughout the U.S. Mr. Mims joined the organization in 2010.

“The Maryland Transportation Authority is responsible for some of the State’s most vital transportation projects – projects like the I-95 Express Toll LanesSM, the ICC and extensive work to preserve our tunnels, bridges and highways,” said Governor O'Malley. “Mr. Mims’ significant knowledge of the transportation industry will contribute greatly to the MDTA and to our investment in moving Maryland forward.”

Previously, Mr. Mims served as Vice President - Aviation Market Leader for Parsons Brinckerhoff and as Senior Associate for Booz/Allen/Hamilton. He also held positions with the U.S. Department of Transportation and the Federal Aviation Administration, including Deputy Assistant Secretary and Acting Assistant Secretary for Aviation and International Affairs, and Assistant Administrator for Government and Industry Affairs respectively.

“Mr. Mims will add to the depth, diversity and experience required of our Members to protect the MDTA’s financial integrity and transportation mission,” said MDTA Chairman and Transportation Secretary Beverley K. Swaim-Staley. “His industry and federal-government background will help keep this agency on solid ground during this critical time for our State’s transportation network.”

Mr. Mims holds a bachelor’s degree in political science from Allegheny College and is a member of the Board of Directors for the Airports Consultants Council and the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials.

“I am honored to receive this appointment and look forward to serving as a governing Member of the agency responsible for so many of our State’s major transportation investments,” said Mr. Mims.

Mr. Mims will begin serving his term upon being sworn in by the clerk of the Circuit Court for Prince George’s County.

The Maryland Transportation Authority (MDTA) is an independent State agency that finances, owns and operates the State’s toll facilities. The MDTA’s board Members, appointed by the Governor with consent of the State Senate, serve as the agency’s policy-setting and governing body. Maryland’s Secretary of Transportation serves as MDTA Chairman.

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