

Week in Review

Transit needs studied

The **Greater Baltimore Committee**, **Greater Washington Board of Trade** and **Maryland Chamber of Commerce** are sponsoring a study of the state's

transit needs. It will examine the economic effects of increased traffic congestion and look at ways to use \$400 million to \$600 million more in transportation funding, which has not had a major increase in the past 15 years. Gov. Martin O'Malley has called for an increase in transportation funding, and while his office had not offered specifics, spokesman Rick Abbruzzese said that \$400 million to \$600 million sounds like a reasonable range. **GBC** chief Donald C. Fry said his organization supports increased revenue for Maryland's transportation trust fund as "an investment in the future economic growth in our region and our state."