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**SECRETARY PETE K. RAHN WELCOMES
NEW TRANSPORTATION COMMISSIONERS**

New Leaders Bring Diverse Backgrounds and Strengths

(HANOVER, MD) --- Transportation Secretary Pete K. Rahn welcomes three new commissioners to help drive the continued success of the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT). Governor Hogan appointed the commissioners to replace outgoing members at the Maryland Port Commission (MPC) on July 1, 2016.

“I look forward to working with this diverse new leadership as we continue to deliver exceptional transportation solutions to our customers,” said Secretary Rahn. “Adding their knowledge to an already-strong panel of experts will bring further value for the people of Maryland.”

Effective in July, Governor Hogan appointed Christian Dean of Timonium, Robert Huber of Phoenix, and Rev. Dr. John Lunn, Sr. of Pikesville to the Maryland Port Commission. The newest representatives on the seven-member commission joined Brenda Dandy, Walter Tilley, and David Richardson and replaced Theodore Venetoulis, Donald Fry and Rev. Donte Hickman Sr. The MPC is charged with establishing policies directed toward improving the Helen Delich Bentley Port of Baltimore’s competitive position within the international maritime industry. Transportation Secretary Rahn serves as chairman and leads MPC monthly commission meetings. Members are asked to serve at least a three-year term.

Mr. Dean is vice president of sales for the Maryland and Capital Regions of First National Bank of Pennsylvania. His background includes service in the Coast Guard along with extensive experience in banking, finance, and risk management in the maritime industry. Mr. Huber is a former MPA real estate administrator who drafted and amended maritime leases and secured appraisals for MPA properties. Rev. Lunn, Pastor of Berean Baptist Church in Baltimore since 1976, spent 30 years as a middle and high school teacher in Howard County.

MDOT is comprised of five business units and one Authority: the Secretary's Office, State Highway Administration, Maryland Transit Administration, Motor Vehicle Administration, Maryland Port Administration, Maryland Aviation Administration and the Maryland Transportation Authority. This unique approach provides the state’s leadership with the ability to develop a coordinated and balanced approach to transportation.

“MDOT’s is a customer-driven leader that delivers safe, sustainable, intelligent, and exceptional transportation solutions in order to connect our customers to life’s opportunities.”

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