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BY: Budget and Taxation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1281
(Third Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in line 2, strike “– Funding” and substitute “and Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan”; in line 7, after “purpose;” insert “specifying that the Maryland Transit Administration must regularly consult with certain entities regarding the compilation and submission of the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to submit a draft Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan to certain entities at least a certain period of time before the finalization of the Plan; altering the contents and elements of the Plan; altering the time frame within which the Plan must be reviewed, revised, and updated; altering the time frame that the Plan must address;”; in line 8, after “Program” insert “and the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan”; and in line 11, after “2–608” insert “and 7–301.1”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 2, after line 20, insert:

“7–301.1.

(a) In this section, “core service area” means:

(1) An area in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore County, Harford County, and Howard County that is served by light rail, metro, or fixed bus route service; and

(2) As determined by the Department, any other area in which the population commutes to an area described in item (1) of this subsection in order to use light rail, metro, or fixed bus route service.

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(b) In addition to the requirements of §§ 7–301 and 7–302 of this subtitle, on or before October 1, 2020, the Administration shall[, in]:

(1) IN REGULAR consultation with the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan Commission and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council, prepare a Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan to meet the transit needs of the core service area; AND

(2) SUBMIT A DRAFT PLAN TO THE CENTRAL MARYLAND REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN COMMISSION AND THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN COUNCIL FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT AT LEAST 45 DAYS BEFORE THE DRAFT PLAN IS FINALIZED.

(c) The Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan shall INCLUDE AT LEAST THE FOLLOWING ELEMENTS:

(1) [Define goals] GOALS for outcomes to be achieved through the provision of public transportation, INCLUDING PROVIDING RELIABLE AND SAFE PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICE TO ENABLE RESIDENTS OF THE CORE SERVICE AREA TO ACCESS JOB OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT THE AREA;

[(2) In order to best achieve the goals defined in item (1) of this subsection, identify options for:

(i) Improvements to existing transportation assets;

(ii) Improvements to leverage non–Administration transportation options available to public transportation; and

(iii) Corridors for new public transportation assets;

(3) Prioritize corridors for planning of new public transportation assets;

(4) Evaluate the Plan's consistency with local land use and transportation plans and the Maryland Transportation Plan and identify opportunities for achieving greater consistency;

(5) Be reviewed, revised, and updated at least every 5 years; and

(6) Address a 25-year time frame.]

(2) SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND ASSETS;

(3) AN ANALYSIS OF OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE NON-ADMINISTRATION TRANSPORTATION OPTIONS AVAILABLE FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION; AND

(4) CORRIDORS FOR ESTABLISHING NEW PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND ASSETS.

(D) IN ORDER TO BEST ADDRESS THE ELEMENTS SPECIFIED IN SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE PLAN SHALL INCLUDE:

(1) CORRIDORS THROUGHOUT THE CORE SERVICE AREA WITH SPECIFIC GEOGRAPHIC BOUNDARIES, PRIORITIZED ACCORDING TO EACH CORRIDOR'S POTENTIAL TO ACHIEVE THE GOALS;

(2) THROUGHOUT THE CORE SERVICE AREA, SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS TO PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION SERVICES AND ASSETS;

(3) A LISTING OF THE SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN THE ORDER OF THE PLANNED

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IMPLEMENTATION OF THE IMPROVEMENTS AND A METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING THE ORDER;

(4) AN ANALYSIS OF THE FUNDING AVAILABLE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED UNDER ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND POTENTIAL SOURCES OF ADDITIONAL FUNDING;

(5) ONE OR MORE MAPS THAT INCLUDE EXISTING SERVICES AND PROPOSED CORRIDORS AND IMPROVEMENTS; AND

(6) AN ANALYSIS OF THE PLAN'S CONSISTENCY WITH COUNTY AND MUNICIPAL LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR ACHIEVING GREATER CONSISTENCY.

(E) THE CENTRAL MARYLAND REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN SHALL:

(1) BE REVIEWED, REVISED, AND UPDATED AT LEAST EVERY 6 YEARS; AND

(2) ADDRESS A 25-YEAR PERIOD FROM THE YEAR THE REVIEW IS UNDERTAKEN.

[(d)] (F) (1) There is a Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan Commission.

(2) The Commission consists of the following members:

(i) The County Executive of Anne Arundel County, or the County Executive's designee;

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- (ii) The Mayor of Baltimore City, or the Mayor's designee;
 - (iii) The County Executive of Baltimore County, or the County Executive's designee;
 - (iv) The County Executive of Harford County, or the County Executive's designee;
 - (v) The County Executive of Howard County, or the County Executive's designee;
 - (vi) One representative from a Central Maryland business or transportation organization, appointed by the President of the Senate;
 - (vii) One representative from a Central Maryland business or transportation organization, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
 - (viii) The following individuals appointed by the Governor:
 - 1. One representative from a Central Maryland business organization;
 - 2. One representative from the Citizen Advisory Council;
 - 3. One representative from a disabled riders group; and
 - 4. One representative from the MARC Riders Advisory Council.
- (3) The Commission shall participate in the development of:

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(i) A strategy for meaningful public involvement in the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan; and

(ii) The goals for outcomes of the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan.”.