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House Bill 54
Appropriations

(Washington County Delegation)

**Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006 - Rural Heritage
Transportation Museum**

This bill corrects the authorized location of the Rural Heritage Transportation Museum, as specified by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2006, from Sharpsburg to Boonsboro.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not directly affect State finances or operations.

Local Effect: The bill does not directly affect the finances or operations of Washington County.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 46 of 2006 authorized up to \$100,000 in matching funds as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Washington County Agricultural Education Center, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the Rural Heritage Transportation Museum located in Sharpsburg. Matching funds may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2006 effective date of Chapter 46.

Chapter 483 of 2010 authorized up to \$75,000 in matching funds as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Washington County Agricultural Education Center, Inc. for the planning, design, construction, and capital equipping of the Rural Heritage

Transportation Museum located in Boonsboro. Matching funds may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2010 effective date of Chapter 483.

Chapter 302 of 2000 authorized up to \$75,000 in matching funds as a grant to the Board of Directors of Washington County Agricultural/Education Center, Inc. for the construction and capital equipping of the Washington County Agricultural/Education Center, located in Boonsboro. Matching funds may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2000 effective date of Chapter 302.

Background: The Washington County Rural Heritage Museum is part of the Washington County Park System. It is located at the Agricultural Education Center on *Sharpsburg Pike* in Boonsboro.

The museum opened its first building, dedicated to rural life in Washington County prior to 1940, in 2001. Farm equipment and farm implements – from the human powered and horse drawn to the motorized – are displayed in the museum’s second building. The third building will display transportation-related material.

The grantee advises that the matching funds were certified within one year as required by Chapter 46 and Chapter 483. During the most recent certification process, it was realized that Chapter 46 gave the location as Sharpsburg rather than the correct location of Boonsboro. Construction of the Rural Heritage Transportation Museum began in December 2011. The contract for construction is 120 days with a, weather permitting, completion date of April 2012.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: SB 189 (Senator Shank, *et al.*) - Budget and Taxation.

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