

HOUSE BILL 1281

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ENROLLED BILL

— Appropriations and Environment and Transportation / Budget and Taxation —

Introduced by **Delegate Lierman**

Read and Examined by Proofreaders:

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

_____ day of _____ at _____ o'clock, _____ M.

Speaker.

CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Bikeways Network Program – ~~Funding~~ and Central Maryland**
3 **Regional Transit Plan**

4 FOR the purpose of codifying the Bikeways Network Program; specifying the purpose of
5 the Program; requiring the Department of Transportation to establish application
6 and eligibility criteria for the Program; requiring the Governor to provide in the
7 State budget a certain appropriation for the Program; requiring that a certain
8 amount of the appropriation be distributed for a certain purpose; specifying that the
9 Maryland Transit Administration must regularly consult with certain entities
10 regarding the compilation and submission of the Central Maryland Regional Transit
11 Plan; requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to submit a draft Central
12 Maryland Regional Transit Plan to certain entities at least a certain period of time
13 before the finalization of the Plan; altering the contents and elements of the Plan;
14 altering the time frame within which the Plan must be reviewed, revised, and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

Italics indicate opposite chamber / conference committee amendments.



1 *updated; altering the time frame that the Plan must address;* and generally relating
 2 to the Bikeways Network Program and the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan.

3 BY adding to

4 Article – Transportation

5 Section 2–608 *and 7–301.1*

6 Annotated Code of Maryland

7 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

8 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
 9 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

10 **Article – Transportation**

11 **2–608.**

12 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE BIKEWAYS NETWORK
 13 PROGRAM.

14 (B) THERE IS A BIKEWAYS NETWORK PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

15 (C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANT SUPPORT FOR
 16 BICYCLE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.

17 (D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY
 18 CRITERIA FOR THE PROGRAM.

19 (E) ~~THE~~ EACH YEAR, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL
 20 STATE BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION OF AT LEAST \$3,800,000 FROM THE
 21 TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM ~~OF AT~~
 22 ~~LEAST:~~

23 ~~(1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, \$4,500,000;~~

24 ~~(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, \$5,300,000;~~

25 ~~(3) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, \$6,100,000;~~

26 ~~(4) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, \$6,900,000; AND~~

27 ~~(5) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,~~
 28 ~~\$7,700,000.~~

29 (F) AT LEAST \$100,000 OF THE APPROPRIATION REQUIRED UNDER
 30 SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE MARYLAND

1 **ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO PROVIDE**
2 **TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITH THE DRAFTING**
3 **AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT PROPOSALS.**

4 7-301.1.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

28 (i) Improvements to existing transportation assets;

29 (ii) Improvements to leverage non-Administration transportation
30 options available to public transportation; and

31 (iii) Corridors for new public transportation assets;

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

21 **(3) A LISTING OF THE SPECIFIC IMPROVEMENTS IDENTIFIED UNDER**
22 **ITEM (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION IN THE ORDER OF THE PLANNED IMPLEMENTATION**
23 **OF THE IMPROVEMENTS AND A METHODOLOGY FOR DETERMINING THE ORDER;**

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

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

29 **(6) AN ANALYSIS OF THE PLAN'S CONSISTENCY WITH COUNTY AND**
30 **MUNICIPAL LAND USE AND TRANSPORTATION PLANS AND THE MARYLAND**

1 TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND THE IDENTIFICATION OF OPPORTUNITIES FOR
2 ACHIEVING GREATER CONSISTENCY.

3 **(E) THE CENTRAL MARYLAND REGIONAL TRANSIT PLAN SHALL:**

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

5 **AND**

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

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

9 **(2) The Commission consists of the following members:**

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

12 **(ii) The Mayor of Baltimore City, or the Mayor's designee;**

13 **(iii) The County Executive of Baltimore County, or the County**
14 **Executive's designee;**

15 **(iv) The County Executive of Harford County, or the County**
16 **Executive's designee;**

17 **(v) The County Executive of Howard County, or the County**
18 **Executive's designee;**

19 **(vi) One representative from a Central Maryland business or**
20 **transportation organization, appointed by the President of the Senate;**

21 **(vii) One representative from a Central Maryland business or**
22 **transportation organization, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and**

23 **(viii) The following individuals appointed by the Governor:**

24 **1. One representative from a Central Maryland business**
25 **organization;**

26 **2. One representative from the Citizen Advisory Council;**

27 **3. One representative from a disabled riders group; and**

28 **4. One representative from the MARC Riders Advisory**
29 **Council.**

1 (3) The Commission shall participate in the development of:

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

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

6 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
7 1, 2019.

Approved:

_____ Governor.

_____ Speaker of the House of Delegates.

_____ President of the Senate.