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BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1507
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, strike “**Delegate Addison**” and substitute “**Delegates Addison, Lehman, Ruth, and Terrasa**”; in line 2, before “**Change**” insert “**Major**”; in the same line, strike “**Impacts Report**” and substitute “**Publication on Website**”; strike beginning with “requiring” in line 3 down through “change” in line 7 and substitute “altering the information that the Maryland Transit Administration is required to publish on its website before holding a public hearing on a major service change”; in line 8, strike “the report” and substitute “a certain report on proposed major service changes”; in the same line, strike “and entities”; in line 9, strike “service reductions or cancellations of” and substitute “major service changes for”; in line 10, strike “adding to” and substitute “repealing and reenacting, with amendments,”; in line 12, strike “7-508” and substitute “7-716”; and after line 14, insert:

“(As enacted by Chapters 583 and 584 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2023)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On pages 1 through 3, strike the lines beginning with line 18 on page 1 through line 5 on page 3, inclusive, and substitute:

“7-716.

(a) Before announcing any service change that would constitute a major service change under the Federal Transit Administration’s Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients, the Department, in collaboration with the Administration, shall:

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(1) Conduct a transit equity analysis in accordance with the federal Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act and the federal Rehabilitation Act of 1973 as amended to determine whether the change will create a disparate impact on persons with disabilities;

(2) Conduct a transit equity analysis in accordance with the Title VI Requirements and Guidelines for Federal Transit Administration Recipients to determine whether the change will create a disparate impact or a disproportionate burden;

(3) Perform a cost–benefit analysis, including an analysis of impacts on:

(i) Economic development;

(ii) Employment;

(iii) Education;

(iv) Health; and

(v) Environmental justice; and

(4) Consult with members and leaders of affected communities, including through community outreach to:

(i) Racial minority communities;

(ii) Low–income communities;

(iii) Disabled riders;

(iv) Riders with limited English proficiency;

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(v) Transit-reliant riders; and

(vi) Senior riders.

(b) (1) If a transit equity analysis reveals disparate impact or disproportionate burden, the Administration shall:

(i) Develop alternatives that would meet the goals of the proposed service change; and

(ii) Conduct a transit equity analysis on the alternatives.

(2) If a disparate impact can be avoided through use of one of the alternatives analyzed, the Administration shall proceed with that alternative as the primary proposed service change.

(3) If there is no alternative that would avoid a disparate impact or disproportionate burden, the Administration:

(i) May not implement the proposed service change unless a substantial justification exists that necessitates the change; and

(ii) Shall implement the alternative that causes the least disparate impact or disproportionate burden.

(c) Before holding a public hearing on a proposed service change, the Administration shall publish on the Administration's website **WITH A VISIBLE LINK IDENTIFYING THE PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE ON THE PRIMARY PAGE**, for the routes [or lines], **LINES, OR ANY CORRESPONDING PARATRANSIT SERVICE AREA** impacted by the service change[, an evaluation on the demographics of:

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(1) The riders of the routes or lines; and

(2) The service area];

(1) A DESCRIPTION OF:

(I) THE DEMOGRAPHICS OF:

1. THE RIDERS ON THE AFFECTED ROUTE, LINE, OR PARATRANSIT SERVICE AREA; AND

2. THE AFFECTED SERVICE AREA;

(II) THE SCHOOLS IN THE AFFECTED SERVICE AREA;

(III) THE TYPES OF BUSINESSES IN THE AFFECTED SERVICE AREA;

(IV) THE MONTHLY RIDERSHIP FOR THE ROUTE, LINE, OR SERVICE AREA; AND

(V) THE EFFECT THAT THE PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE WOULD HAVE ON:

1. THE COMMUTES OF RIDERS ON THE ROUTE, LINE, OR SERVICE AREA;

2. THE CORRESPONDING PARATRANSIT SERVICE AREA; AND

3. THE ESTIMATED NUMBER OF PARATRANSIT RIDERS IMPACTED;

(2) A SUMMARY OF ANY PUBLICLY AVAILABLE MINUTES, RECORDS, OR DOCUMENTS RELATED TO THE PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE; AND

(3) A BRIEF STATEMENT EXPLAINING THE REASON FOR THE PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE.

(d) (1) After completing the public hearings, the Administration shall:

(i) Publish the transit equity analysis and cost–benefit analysis on the Administration’s website; and

(ii) Compile a report on the impacts of the proposed service change.

(2) The report shall include:

(i) The transit equity analysis;

(ii) The cost–benefit analysis;

(iii) A community outreach report;

(iv) Any alternatives analyzed; and

(v) If applicable, the final alternative selected.

(3) If a disparate impact or disproportionate burden exists in the final alternative selected, the report shall include a substantial justification statement.

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(4) The report shall be:

(i) Made available to the public on the Administration's website, with a visible link from the primary information page relating to the proposed service change; and

(ii) Distributed to:

1. The members of the Board of Public Works;
2. The Attorney General;
3. The Secretary of Transportation;
4. Any elected officials whose districts would be impacted by the proposed service change;
5. Any community leaders consulted during the community outreach process; and

6. In accordance with § 2-1257 of the State Government Article:

- A. The President of the Senate;
- B. The Speaker of the House;
- C. The Senate Finance Committee; [and]
- D. The House Environment and Transportation Committee; AND

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E. EACH MEMBER OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
WHOSE DISTRICT WOULD BE IMPACTED BY THE PROPOSED SERVICE CHANGE.”.