

Department of Legislative Services
Maryland General Assembly

FISCAL NOTE

Senate Bill 441 (Senator Dorman)

Finance

Highways - Intercounty Connector - Alternative Route Study

This bill requires the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) to study a possible route that incorporates the Maryland Route 32 corridor in Howard County as an alternative route for the east-west highway project known as the Intercounty Connector.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) expenditures would increase by up to \$1 million in FY 1999 only.

Local Effect: None.

Small Business Effect: Potential meaningful. A small business consulting firm may be utilized to complete the study for MDOT. The revenues of such a business could significantly increase.

Fiscal Analysis

State Expenditures: This bill requires a study to examine an alternative to the Intercounty Connector highway project. Consultants would be contracted to develop alternatives and options; perform environmental impact assessments; conduct air and noise analyses; and study other various effects of the alternative route. The study is projected to take 17,400 hours to complete at a cost of approximately \$57 per hour. Accordingly, TTF expenditures would increase by about \$1 million in fiscal 1999 only.

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