

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

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ENROLLED RESOLUTION

-- *Ways and Means /Budget and Taxation* --

Introduced by **Delegates Taylor, Hixson, Healey, Bozman, C. Davis, Shriver,
Hurson, Heller, and Franchot**

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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.

RESOLUTION NO. _____

1 A House Joint Resolution concerning

2 **Commission on Transportation Investment**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Commission on Transportation Investment to
4 examine the needs and funding of the transportation system in the State of
5 Maryland; providing for the membership of the Commission; providing for
6 certain notice procedures for meetings of the Commission; providing for a
7 certain report; and generally relating to a Commission to examine the needs and
8 funding of the transportation system in the State of Maryland.

9 WHEREAS, The transportation system of this State is funded entirely by the
10 Transportation Trust Fund which is independent of the General Fund;

11 WHEREAS, The largest source of revenue dedicated to the Transportation Trust
12 Fund, the motor fuel tax, is not sensitive to inflation, thereby creating a revenue
13 shortfall once system preservation and improvement needs begin to outpace
14 revenues;

1 WHEREAS, An impending revenue shortfall would prevent the State from
2 addressing approximately \$400 million in future unmet transportation needs across
3 the State; and

4 WHEREAS, A comprehensive, long-term solution is necessary to avoid a
5 revenue shortfall and ensure that revenues dedicated to the Transportation Trust
6 Fund are sufficient to maintain our existing infrastructure and meet the State's
7 future unmet transportation needs; and

8 WHEREAS, In ~~1988~~ 1998, the Governor and the Speaker established a
9 Transportation Investment Committee to review future transportation needs and
10 submit recommendations on ways to maintain a healthy transportation system; and

11 WHEREAS, There is a long-term need to continue the work of this Committee;
12 now, therefore, be it

13 RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the
14 Governor, the President of the Senate, and the Speaker of the House are requested to
15 establish a Commission on Transportation Investment to examine the transportation
16 needs of the State, receive input from the public on the potential impact of the
17 impending shortfall of revenues dedicated to the Transportation Trust Fund, review
18 the current transportation funding system, and make recommendations on:

19 (1) The magnitude of system preservation and unmet transportation needs
20 that must be funded if the State is to enhance and maintain a viable transportation
21 system;

22 (2) The appropriate level of funding necessary to support a viable
23 transportation system that is within the abilities of the Maryland Department of
24 Transportation to administer; and

25 (3) The development of a comprehensive, long-term solution that generates
26 revenues sufficient to maintain a viable transportation system and meet the
27 long-term funding needs of mass transit; and be it further

28 RESOLVED, That the Commission on Transportation Investment be composed
29 of:

30 (1) Six members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the
31 House, and six members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the
32 Senate;

33 (2) The following members appointed by the Governor:

34 (a) The Secretary of the Department of Transportation;

35 (b) The Secretary of the Department of Budget and Management;

36 (c) The Director of the Office of Planning;

- 1 (d) A representative of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit
 2 Authority;
- 3 (e) A representative of Marylanders for Efficient and Safe Highways;
- 4 (f) A representative of the trucking industry;
- 5 (g) A representative of an environmental advocacy group; ~~and~~
- 6 (h) A member of the Maryland Aviation Commission;
- 7 (i) A member of the Maryland Port Commission;
- 8 (j) A representative of the Maryland Association of Counties;
- 9 (k) A representative of the Maryland Municipal League;
- 10 (l) The chairman of the 1998 Transit Advisory Panel; and
- 11 ~~(h)~~ (m) Four Six members of the public appointed by the Governor; and
 12 be it further

13 RESOLVED, That the Governor shall designate the Chairman of the
 14 Commission on Transportation Investment after consultation with the President of
 15 the Senate and Speaker of the House; and be it further

16 RESOLVED, That, to the extent practicable, the Governor shall attempt to
 17 ensure regional, economic, ethnic, and gender diversity on the Commission; and be it
 18 further

19 RESOLVED, That the Commission on Transportation Investment report its
 20 findings recommendations to the Governor, and as provided in § 2-1246 of the State
 21 Government Article, to the General Assembly by December 1, 1999; and be it further

22 RESOLVED, That staff for the Commission be provided by the Maryland
 23 Department of Transportation and the Department of Legislative Services; and be it
 24 further

25 RESOLVED, That notice of each meeting of the Commission be made public by
 26 delivering a copy of the meeting notice to the Legislative Information Officer, Room
 27 B-6, Department of Legislative Services, Legislative Services Building, 90 State
 28 Circle, Annapolis, Maryland 21401-1991. During the Interim, the notice should be
 29 delivered no later than Thursday at 9 a.m. and, during the legislative session,
 30 Wednesday, at 9 a.m., for inclusion in the weekly Hearing Schedule; and be it further

31 RESOLVED, That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of
 32 Legislative Services to the Honorable Parris N. Glendening, Governor of Maryland;
 33 the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; and
 34 the Honorable Casper R. Taylor, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates.

