

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 6

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RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_

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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;

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

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

22 WHEREAS, In 1988, the Governor and the Speaker established a  
23 Transportation Investment Committee to review future transportation needs and  
24 submit recommendations on ways to maintain a healthy transportation system; and

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

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

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

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

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

18 RESOLVED, That the Commission on Transportation Investment be composed  
19 of:

20 (1) Six members of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the  
21 House, and six members of the Senate of Maryland appointed by the President of the  
22 Senate;

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

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

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

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

27 (d) A representative of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit  
28 Authority;

29 (e) A representative of Marylanders for Efficient and Safe Highways;

30 (f) A representative of the trucking industry;

31 (g) A representative of an environmental advocacy group; and

32 (h) ~~Four~~ Six members of the public appointed by the Governor; and be it  
33 further

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

4 RESOLVED, That, to the extent practicable, the Governor shall attempt to  
5 ensure regional, economic, ethnic, and gender diversity on the Commission; and be it  
6 further

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

10 RESOLVED, That staff for the Commission be provided by the Maryland  
11 Department of Transportation and the Department of Legislative Services; and be it  
12 further

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

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