

BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENT TO SENATE BILL NO. 125
(Third Reading File Bill - Committee Reprint)

On page 47, under:

Heading: STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION

Program: J00B01.01

Entitled: State System Construction and Equipment

In line 29, after “Appropriation” insert “, provided that no funds shall be expended to conduct any phase of a planning study of, or to acquire any right-of-way along, any proposed alignment for a connector road between the I-95 and I-495 interchange and the University of Maryland campus in College Park in Prince George’s County, commonly known as the University of Maryland Connector Road, unless the State Highway Administration submits a report to the budget committees by September 1, 2004 detailing all the actions it has taken to address the concerns of all stakeholders in this project, including but not limited to businesses, local and/or municipal governments, residents, students, and the University of Maryland”.

Explanation: A total of \$530,000 in special funds is included in the 2004 Consolidated Transportation Program for a study of a proposed connector road between the I-95 and the I-495 interchange and the University of Maryland College Park. This language prohibits the State Highway Administration from expending any funds in fiscal 2005 to study or acquire any land along the proposed alignment for the University of Maryland Connector Road (the Terrapin Parkway), unless the State Highway Administration submits a report to the budget committees by September 1, 2004 that details the actions it has taken to address the concerns of local stakeholders. This shall include, but is not limited to, local businesses, residents, governments, students, and the University of Maryland.