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CHAPTER _____

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line - Requirements and Citizens'**
3 **Advisory Council**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration, in conducting the
5 Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line, to consider the establishment of a
6 certain fund to compensate certain property owners for damages incurred
7 during the construction of any Red Line transit project; requiring the
8 Administration to consider the redevelopment of certain commercial areas in
9 conjunction with any Red Line transit study; requiring the Administration to
10 consult with certain state agencies, the City of Baltimore, certain communities,
11 and the property owners and business owners surrounding the Baltimore
12 Corridor Transit Study - Red Line area; ~~requiring the Administration to~~
13 ~~evaluate alternatives, alignments, and transit modes in terms of addressing the~~
14 ~~transit needs within a certain area; requiring the Administration to establish a~~
15 ~~certain advisory committee; providing for the membership of the advisory~~
16 ~~committee; requiring the Administration to submit a certain report to the~~
17 ~~General Assembly by a certain date; requiring the Administration to consider~~
18 ~~methods for providing preference in hiring for construction jobs for construction~~
19 ~~of any Red Line transit project to residents of certain legislative districts~~
20 ~~surrounding the Red Line transit project; establishing a Citizens' Advisory~~
21 ~~Council for the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line; providing for the~~
22 ~~membership of the Advisory Council; requiring the Maryland Transit~~
23 ~~Administrator to designate the chair of the Advisory Council; establishing the~~
24 ~~term of the members of the Advisory Council; requiring meetings of the Advisory~~
25 ~~Council to be publicized and open to the public; prohibiting a member of the~~
26 ~~Advisory Council from receiving compensation; requiring the Advisory Council~~
27 ~~to advise the Administrator on certain major policy matters surrounding the~~

1 Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line; requiring the Advisory Council to
2 limit its review to certain matters; requiring the Advisory Council to report to
3 the Governor and the General Assembly on its activities on or before a certain
4 date each year; requiring the Administration to provide staff for the Advisory
5 Council, solicit the advice of the Advisory Council at certain times, and prepare
6 a certain report at certain times; and generally relating to the Baltimore
7 Corridor Transit Study - Red Line.

8 Preamble

9 WHEREAS, The Maryland Transit Administration has undertaken the
10 Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line for a proposed 10-mile rapid transit line
11 for the Baltimore metropolitan area; and

12 WHEREAS, The Red Line transit corridor encompasses a large number of
13 residents, small and large businesses, schools, churches, and other community
14 institutions, all of which are deeply concerned about the future of their communities;
15 and

16 WHEREAS, Effective, high quality public transportation is important to these
17 communities; and

18 WHEREAS, Public transit must be frequently available, reliable, and safe, and
19 must provide an efficient and economical means to connect community members to
20 major destinations throughout the Baltimore metropolitan area; and

21 WHEREAS, First and foremost, the Red Line should improve the public
22 transportation system in the Baltimore metropolitan region and in the communities
23 surrounding the Red Line transit corridor, and should be planned in a manner to
24 serve those communities and foster economic development; and

25 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that, during the course of
26 planning and constructing the Red Line project, the Administration adhere to the best
27 practices of transit planning and implementation; and

28 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that community members
29 participate in good faith in the planning process for the Red Line project and seek to
30 fairly represent the interests of all community members; now, therefore

31 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
32 MARYLAND, That, in conducting the transit project referred to in the Maryland
33 Consolidated Transportation Program for fiscal years 2006 through 2011 as the
34 Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line, the Maryland Transit Administration
35 shall:

36 (1) Consider the establishment of a dedicated fund within the
37 construction budget of the Red Line transit project to compensate property owners
38 whose property is damaged during the construction of any Red Line project;

1 (2) Consider the redevelopment of the commercial areas surrounding the
2 Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line area, in consultation with:

3 (i) The Department of Business and Economic Development;

4 (ii) The Department of General Services;

5 (iii) The University of Maryland Medical System;

6 (iv) The City of Baltimore;

7 (v) Baltimore County;

8 (↔) (vi) The surrounding communities; and

9 (↔) (vii) The property owners and business owners of the area
10 comprising the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line; and

11 (3) Consider methods for providing preference in hiring for construction
12 jobs for the construction of any Red Line transit project to:

13 (i) residents of legislative districts in which the Red Line transit
14 project will be constructed; or

15 (ii) residents of legislative districts adjacent to those in which the
16 Red Line transit project will be constructed.

17 (3) ~~Evaluate all alternatives, alignments, and transit modes, including~~
18 ~~heavy rail and tunneling, in terms of addressing the transportation needs of the area~~
19 ~~comprising and surrounding the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study—Red Line,~~
20 ~~regardless of the cost associated with a particular alternative, alignment, or transit~~
21 ~~mode;~~

22 (4) ~~Establish a Red Line Project Community Advisory Committee that:~~

23 (i) ~~shall provide for community participation in the design,~~
24 ~~planning, construction, and operation of the transit project known as the Red Line~~
25 ~~project;~~

26 (ii) ~~may not exceed 13 members; and~~

27 (iii) ~~shall include:~~

28 1. ~~9 members who:~~

29 A. ~~are appointed by the Mayor of Baltimore City, after~~
30 ~~consultation with the members of the Baltimore City Delegation of the General~~
31 ~~Assembly who represent legislative districts 41, 44, and 46; and~~

32 B. ~~are business owners, residents, or service providers of the~~
33 ~~Red Line Corridor within Baltimore City;~~

1 (2) 2 names provided by the Speaker of the House from the 13 members
2 appointed under subsection (b) of this section.

3 (d) The term of a member of the Advisory Council shall be 1 year.

4 (e) On resignation of a member, a new member shall be appointed according to
5 the procedure used to appoint the resigning member.

6 (f) Meetings of the Advisory Council shall be publicized and open to the
7 public.

8 (g) A member of the Advisory Council may not receive compensation.

9 (h) The Advisory Council shall advise the Administrator on major policy
10 matters concerning the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line, including:

11 (1) compensation for property owners whose property is damaged during
12 the construction of any Red Line project, redevelopment of commercial areas
13 surrounding the Red Line transit corridor in Baltimore City and Baltimore County,
14 and providing hiring preferences as required under Section 1 of this Act; and

15 (2) ensuring that the Red Line project:

16 (i) benefits the communities through which it will travel;

17 (ii) uses an inclusive planning process, including consultation with
18 community residents, businesses, and institutions in the corridor;

19 (iii) is planned to maximize the likelihood that federal funding will
20 be obtained for the project;

21 (iv) will be implemented after consideration of a full range of
22 construction alternatives, including an underground rail option;

23 (v) includes, during its planning phase, the distribution of factual
24 information that allows the community to compare the costs, benefits, and impacts of
25 all construction alternatives;

26 (vi) favors alignments that produce the least negative community
27 impacts practicable; and

28 (vii) places a priority on maintaining the Study schedule.

29 (i) The Advisory Council shall limit its review to matters within the scope of
30 the Study and any other matters identified by the Administrator.

31 (j) The Advisory Council shall advise the Administrator on the major policy
32 matters under subsection (h) of this section in a manner to maintain the Red Line
33 project schedule.

1 (k) On or before September 1 of each year, the Advisory Council shall report on
2 its activities during the prior fiscal year to the Governor and, in accordance with §
3 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly.

4 (l) The Administration shall:

5 (1) provide staff to the Advisory Council;

6 (2) solicit the advice of the Advisory Council before major project
7 decisions are made; and

8 (3) at the conclusion of the planning phase of the Red Line and at the
9 commencement of passenger service, prepare a report, in consultation with the
10 Advisory Council, that evaluates:

11 (i) the Advisory Council as a best practice strategy for
12 incorporating community participation in major transportation planning projects;

13 (ii) whether it is advisable for a similar advisory council to be
14 incorporated into major planning projects undertaken by the Administration
15 throughout the State; and

16 (iii) if it is advisable, how incorporation of an advisory council into
17 major planning projects can best be accomplished.

18 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
19 July 1, 2006.