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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line - Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration, in conducting the
4 Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line, to consider the establishment of a
5 certain fund to compensate certain property owners for damages incurred
6 during the construction of any Red Line transit project; requiring the
7 Administration to consider the redevelopment of certain commercial areas in
8 conjunction with any Red Line transit study; requiring the Administration to
9 consult with certain state agencies, the City of Baltimore, certain communities,
10 and the property owners and business owners surrounding the Baltimore
11 Corridor Transit Study - Red Line area; requiring the Administration to
12 evaluate alternatives, alignments, and transit modes in terms of addressing the
13 transit needs within a certain area; requiring the Administration to establish a
14 certain advisory committee; providing for the membership of the advisory
15 committee; requiring the Administration to submit a certain report to the
16 General Assembly by a certain date; and generally relating to the Baltimore
17 Corridor Transit Study - Red Line.

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

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

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

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

29 (ii) The Department of General Services;

30 (iii) The University of Maryland Medical System;

- 1 (iv) The City of Baltimore;
- 2 (v) The surrounding communities; and
- 3 (vi) The property owners and business owners of the area
4 comprising the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line;
- 5 (3) Evaluate all alternatives, alignments, and transit modes, including
6 heavy rail and tunneling, in terms of addressing the transportation needs of the area
7 comprising and surrounding the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line,
8 regardless of the cost associated with a particular alternative, alignment, or transit
9 mode;
- 10 (4) Establish a Red Line Project Community Advisory Committee that:
- 11 (i) shall provide for community participation in the design,
12 planning, construction, and operation of the transit project known as the Red Line
13 project;
- 14 (ii) may not exceed 21 members; and
- 15 (iii) shall include:
- 16 1. 3 residents of each legislative district affected by the Red
17 Line project appointed by the State Senator from the district;
- 18 2. 2 members appointed by the Mayor of the City of
19 Baltimore;
- 20 3. 1 member appointed by the Baltimore City Council;
- 21 4. 1 member appointed by the Baltimore County Council;
- 22 5. 3 members appointed by the Secretary of Transportation;
- 23 6. 1 resident of the 7th Congressional District appointed by
24 the Congressional representative of that district; and
- 25 (5) Consult with the Red Line Project Community Advisory Committee
26 before making any major decision concerning the Red Line project.

27 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Maryland Transit
28 Administration shall report to the General Assembly by December 1, 2006, in
29 accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, on any findings or
30 information related to the requirements specified in Section 1 of this Act.

31 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
32 October 1, 2006.