

HOUSE BILL 914

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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation Study – Monorail System from Annapolis to Kent Island and**
3 **Points South on the Eastern Shore**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation to examine the
5 feasibility of preserving and acquiring rights-of-way for a future monorail
6 transit system extending from Annapolis to Kent Island and points south on the
7 Eastern Shore and to report its findings and recommendations to the General
8 Assembly by a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and
9 generally relating to a study of a monorail system from Annapolis to Kent
10 Island and points south on the Eastern Shore.

11 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
12 MARYLAND, That:

13 (a) The Maryland Department of Transportation shall examine and make
14 recommendations regarding the feasibility of preserving or acquiring the
15 rights-of-way for a future monorail transit system from Annapolis to Kent Island and
16 points south on the Eastern Shore.

17 (b) The Department shall examine and make recommendations with regard
18 to:

19 (1) The technical feasibility of constructing a monorail transit system
20 from Annapolis to Kent Island and points south on the Eastern Shore;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (2) Identifying the property that would be needed for a monorail
2 transit system and determining the ownership of the property;

3 (3) Estimating the cost for the State and affected local governments to
4 purchase the rights-of-way needed for the project; and

5 (4) Determining the feasibility of using a portion of any existing public
6 right-of-way for the project.

7 (c) The Department shall solicit input for the study from affected and
8 interested persons throughout the State, including:

9 (1) The county and municipal governing body of any affected
10 jurisdiction;

11 (2) Utility companies that currently own or use rights-of-way that
12 may be suitable for a monorail transit system;

13 (3) Citizens who have been granted property access across any public
14 right-of-way that may be suitable for a monorail transit system; and

15 (4) The public.

16 (d) On or before January 1, 2008, the Department shall report its findings
17 and recommendations under this Act to the General Assembly in accordance with §
18 2-1246 of the State Government Article.

19 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
20 General Assembly that the Maryland Department of Transportation utilize existing
21 resources to examine and make recommendations regarding the feasibility of
22 preserving or acquiring rights-of-way in accordance with Section 1 of this Act.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
24 June 1, 2007. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month and, at the
25 end of June 30, 2008, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this
26 Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.