

HOUSE BILL 426

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By: **Delegates Oaks, Carter, Rosenberg, Hammen, McHale, and Stukes**
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Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line Area**

3 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration from acquiring
4 certain real property, during a certain period, for construction of the Baltimore
5 Corridor Red Line transit project; altering the period during which the
6 Administration shall conduct a certain study; declaring the intent of the
7 General Assembly regarding certain matters; and generally relating to the
8 Baltimore Corridor Red Line Transit Study.

9 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
10 Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session
11 Section 1

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session
14 Section 1

15 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
16 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

17 **Chapter 2 of the Acts of the 2006 Special Session**

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] **2008**
21 **THROUGH 2013** as the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line, the Maryland
22 Transit Administration [shall]:

23 (1) [Consider] **SHALL CONSIDER** the establishment of a dedicated
24 fund within the construction budget of the Red Line transit project to compensate

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 property owners whose property is damaged during the construction of any Red Line
2 project;

3 (2) [Consider] **SHALL CONSIDER** the redevelopment of the
4 commercial areas surrounding the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line area,
5 in consultation with:

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

7 (ii) The Department of General Services;

8 (iii) The University of Maryland Medical System;

9 (iv) The University of Maryland, Baltimore;

10 (v) The City of Baltimore;

11 (vi) Baltimore County;

12 (vii) The surrounding communities; and

13 (viii) The property owners and business owners of the area
14 comprising the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line; and

15 (3) [Consider] **SHALL CONSIDER** methods for providing preference in
16 hiring for construction jobs for the construction of any Red Line transit project to:

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

19 (ii) residents of legislative districts adjacent to those in which
20 the Red Line transit project will be constructed; **AND**

21 (4) **MAY NOT ACQUIRE ANY REAL PROPERTY FOR CONSTRUCTION**
22 **OF THE RED LINE TRANSIT PROJECT, IF THE ACQUISITION WOULD RESULT IN**
23 **RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENT.**

24 Chapter 3 of the Acts of the 2006 Special Session

25 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
26 MARYLAND, That, in conducting the transit project referred to in the Maryland
27 Consolidated Transportation Program for fiscal years [2006 through 2011] **2008**
28 **THROUGH 2013** as the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line, the Maryland
29 Transit Administration [shall]:

30 (1) [Consider] **SHALL CONSIDER** the establishment of a dedicated
31 fund within the construction budget of the Red Line transit project to compensate

1 property owners whose property is damaged during the construction of any Red Line
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17 (i) residents of legislative districts in which the Red Line
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20 the Red Line transit project will be constructed; **AND**

21 **(4) MAY NOT ACQUIRE ANY REAL PROPERTY FOR CONSTRUCTION**
22 **OF THE RED LINE TRANSIT PROJECT, IF THE ACQUISITION WOULD RESULT IN**
23 **RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENT.**

24 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
25 General Assembly that the Maryland Transit Administration, in cooperation with the
26 local governments in the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line area and
27 appropriate State agencies, develop and implement workforce development strategies
28 that maximize participation by residents in the Red Line corridor in jobs created by
29 and for the Red Line.

30 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the
31 General Assembly that the Maryland Congressional Delegation is urged to advocate
32 changes in federal law and policy that will:

1 (1) increase the level of federal funding for and formula participation
2 in New Starts transit projects to a level consistent with other surface transportation
3 investments; and

4 (2) reduce biases in the federal New Starts funding formula against
5 the northeastern and industrial regions of the United States that have smaller public
6 rights-of-way and higher utility relocation and environmental hazard mitigation
7 costs.

8 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
9 October 1, 2009.