

# HOUSE BILL 784

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By: **Delegates James, Gaines, and Riley**  
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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Consolidated Transportation Program – Traffic Congestion Reporting**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation to include a report in  
4 the annual Consolidated Transportation Program on efforts by the Department  
5 and the Maryland Transportation Authority to address traffic congestion;  
6 requiring the report to include measures that should be implemented by other  
7 State agencies to reduce traffic congestion and enhance mobility throughout the  
8 State; requiring the report to include the anticipated effect that new capital  
9 projects will have on traffic congestion and mobility in the State; and generally  
10 relating to traffic congestion in the State.

11 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
12 Article – Transportation  
13 Section 2–103.1(c)  
14 Annotated Code of Maryland  
15 (2008 Replacement Volume)

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

18 **Article – Transportation**

19 2–103.1.

20 (c) (1) The Consolidated Transportation Program shall:

21 (i) Be revised annually; and

22 (ii) Include:

23 1. A list of Program priorities;

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



- 1                                   2.     A statement of the Department's projected annual  
2 operating costs, set forth separately for the Office of the Secretary and for each modal  
3 administration;
  - 4                                   3.     Expanded descriptions of major capital projects;
  - 5                                   4.     A list of major capital projects for the current year,  
6 the budget request year, and the 4 successive planning years;
  - 7                                   5.     A list of anticipated minor capital projects, including a  
8 specific list of anticipated special projects for the current year and the budget request  
9 year and an estimate of the Program level for each of the 4 successive planning years;
  - 10                                  6.     A list of major bridge work projects;
  - 11                                  7.     A summary of the capital and operating programs, as  
12 defined by the Secretary, for the Maryland Transportation Authority;
  - 13                                  8.     For each listed major capital project, an indication  
14 whether the revenue source anticipated to support that project consists of federal,  
15 special, general, or other funds;
  - 16                                  9.     The Department's estimates of the levels and sources  
17 of revenues to be used to fund the projects in the Program;
  - 18                                  10.    A glossary of terms; and
  - 19                                  11.    A cross-reference table for the information contained  
20 in the various parts of the State Report on Transportation.
- 21                   (2)    In addition to the items listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection,  
22 the Consolidated Transportation Program shall include:
- 23                           (i)    A summary of current efforts and future plans, prepared  
24 after consultation with the Director of Bicycle and Pedestrian Access and the Bicycle  
25 and Pedestrian Advisory Committee established under § 2-606 of this title:
    - 26                                   1.    To develop and promote bicycle and pedestrian  
27 transportation; and
    - 28                                   2.    Working together with local jurisdictions, to  
29 accommodate in a safe and effective manner pedestrians and bicycles within a  
30 reasonable distance for walking and bicycling to rail stops, light rail stops, and subway  
31 stations;
  - 32                           (ii)   A listing of all bicycle and pedestrian transportation projects  
33 expected to use State or federal highway funds; [and]

1 (iii) Reflected under the Office of the Secretary, any  
2 technology-related project to be funded from the account established under § 2-111 of  
3 this subtitle, along with a description and projected cost of each; AND

4 (IV) **A REPORT ON THE EFFORTS BY THE DEPARTMENT AND**  
5 **THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION AUTHORITY TO ADDRESS TRAFFIC**  
6 **CONGESTION IN THE STATE, INCLUDING:**

7 **1. MEASURES THAT SHOULD BE IMPLEMENTED BY**  
8 **OTHER STATE AGENCIES TO REDUCE TRAFFIC CONGESTION AND ENHANCE**  
9 **MOBILITY THROUGHOUT THE STATE; AND**

10 **2. WITH RESPECT TO ANY NEW CAPITAL PROJECT,**  
11 **THE ANTICIPATED EFFECT THE PROJECT WILL HAVE ON TRAFFIC CONGESTION**  
12 **AND MOBILITY IN THE STATE.**

13 (3) Annually, the Consolidated Transportation Program shall include  
14 a report that:

15 (i) Identifies each major capital project for which the budget  
16 bill or a supplemental budget amendment first requests funds for the project  
17 development phase or for the construction phase;

18 (ii) With respect to each major capital project for which funds  
19 are requested in the budget request year, states:

20 1. The amount of the funds requested; and

21 2. The total estimated cost of the project;

22 (iii) Identifies significant changes in the cost, scope, design, or  
23 scheduling of major capital projects for each completed fiscal year;

24 (iv) When there is a significant change in cost, states the  
25 amount by which the expenditures that have been authorized exceed the original  
26 project estimate;

27 (v) When there is a significant change, states:

28 1. The amount by which costs exceed projected costs  
29 during each completed fiscal year; and

30 2. The total amount that has been expended for a major  
31 capital project; and

1                   (vi) Includes any other information that the Secretary believes  
2 would be useful to the members of the General Assembly or other recipients of the  
3 Consolidated Transportation Program.

4                   (4) The total operating and capital expenditures for the Department or  
5 for the Office of the Secretary or any modal administration projected in the  
6 Consolidated Transportation Program for the budget request year may not exceed the  
7 budget request for the Department, Office, or modal administration for that year.

8                   SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
9 October 1, 2009.