

SENATE BILL 853

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By: **Senator Garagiola**

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Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Maryland Transportation Infrastructure Funding Task Force**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing a Maryland Transportation Infrastructure Funding
4 Task Force; requiring the Task Force to review and evaluate the current
5 funding by the State for the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund; specifying
6 the membership and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Governor to
7 designate the chair of the Task Force; prohibiting members of the Task Force
8 from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of
9 certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to report its findings and
10 recommendations by certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act;
11 and generally relating to the Maryland Transportation Infrastructure Funding
12 Task Force.

13 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
14 MARYLAND, That:

15 (a) There is a Maryland Transportation Infrastructure Funding Task Force.

16 (b) The Task Force shall review and evaluate the current funding by the
17 State for the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund and make recommendations for:

18 (1) Sustainable, long-term revenue sources and options for funding;

19 (2) Public/private partnerships;

20 (3) Economic development; and

21 (4) Transit, highway, and bridge maintenance.

22 (c) The Task Force shall be composed of 15 members as follows:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) (i) Two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
2 President of the Senate; and

3 (ii) Two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the
4 Speaker of the House; and

5 (2) The following members appointed by the Governor:

6 (i) The Secretary of Transportation;

7 (ii) The Secretary of Budget and Management;

8 (iii) The Secretary of Business and Economic Development;

9 (iv) The Secretary of Planning;

10 (v) A representative of the Washington Metropolitan Transit
11 Authority;

12 (vi) Two representatives from the business community;

13 (vii) A representative of the transit community;

14 (viii) A representative of the environmental community; and

15 (ix) Two other individuals.

16 (d) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Task Force after
17 consultation with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House;

18 (e) To the extent practicable, the presiding officers and the Governor shall
19 attempt to ensure regional, economic, ethnic, and gender diversity on the Task Force.

20 (f) A member of the Task Force:

21 (1) May not receive compensation; but

22 (2) Is entitled to reimbursement of expenses under the Standard State
23 Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

24 (g) The Department of Transportation and the Department of Legislative
25 Services shall provide staff support to the Task Force.

26 (h) On or before January 1, 2010, the Task Force shall submit an interim
27 report of its preliminary findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject
28 to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

1 (i) On or before January 1, 2011, the Task Force shall submit a final report
2 of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the
3 State Government Article, the General Assembly.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
5 July 1, 2009. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30,
6 2011, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be
7 abrogated and of no further force and effect.