

CHAPTER 570

(House Bill 426)

AN ACT concerning

Transportation – Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line Area

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

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

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Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session
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(i) The Department of Business and Economic Development;

- (ii) The Department of General Services;
- (iii) The University of Maryland Medical System;
- (iv) The University of Maryland, Baltimore;
- (v) The City of Baltimore;
- (vi) Baltimore County;
- (vii) The surrounding communities; and
- (viii) The property owners and business owners of the area comprising the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line; and

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

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

- (1) increase the level of federal funding for and formula participation in New Starts transit projects to a level consistent with other surface transportation investments; and
- (2) reduce biases in the federal New Starts funding formula against the northeastern and industrial regions of the United States that have smaller public

rights-of-way and higher utility relocation and environmental hazard mitigation costs.

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

Approved by the Governor, May 19, 2009.