

## Chapter 526

(House Bill 710)

AN ACT concerning

### Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding

FOR the purpose of establishing a Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding; requiring the Commission to review, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning certain issues; specifying the membership and staffing of the Commission; requiring the Governor to designate the chair of the Commission; prohibiting members of the Commission from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Commission to submit an interim and final report of its findings and recommendations by certain dates; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding.

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

(a) There is a Blue Ribbon Commission on Maryland Transportation Funding.

(b) The Commission shall review, evaluate, and make recommendations concerning:

(1) the current State funding sources and structure of the Maryland Transportation Trust Fund;

(2) short- and long-term transit construction and maintenance funding needs;

(3) short- and long-term highway construction and maintenance funding needs;

(4) short- and long-term pedestrian and bicycle facility construction and maintenance funding needs;

~~(4)~~ (5) options for public-private partnerships, including partnerships with local governments, to meet transportation funding needs;

~~(5)~~ (6) the structure of regional transportation authorities and the ability of these authorities to meet transportation needs in various regions of the State;

~~(6)~~ (7) the impact of economic development and smart growth on transportation funding; and

~~(7)~~ (8) options for sustainable, long-term revenue sources for transportation.

(c) The Commission shall be composed of ~~21 members as follows~~ the following members:

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

(ii) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and

(2) the following members appointed by the Governor:

(i) the Secretary of Transportation;

(ii) the Secretary of Budget and Management;

(iii) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development;

(iv) the Secretary of Planning;

(v) a representative of the Washington Metropolitan Transit Authority;

(vi) three representatives from the business community, including two representatives of statewide or regional organizations;

(vii) two representatives of the transit community;

(viii) two representatives of the environmental community, including one representative with a background in smart growth;

(ix) a representative of the American Automobile Association;

(x) a representative of the freight rail industry;

(xi) a representative of the motor carrier industry; ~~and~~

~~(xii) two other individuals~~

(xii) two representatives of the Maryland Association of Counties;

(xiii) a representative of the transportation construction industry;

(xiv) two representatives of the Maryland Municipal League;

(xv) two representatives of labor unions; and

(xvi) two representatives of rural areas in the State.

(d) The Governor shall designate the chair of the Commission after consultation with the President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House.

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

(f) A member of the Commission:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Commission; but

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

(g) The Department of Transportation ~~and the Department of Legislative Services~~ shall provide staff support to the Commission.

(h) On or before January 1, 2011, the Commission shall submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

(i) On or before ~~January 1, 2012~~ November 1, 2011, the Commission shall submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2010. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2012, with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

**Approved by the Governor, May 20, 2010.**