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House Bill 267
Appropriations

(Delegate Jones, *et al.*)

Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011 - Baltimore County - Liberty
Road Corridor

This bill modifies the boundaries and purpose of the Liberty Road Corridor project, as authorized by the Maryland Consolidated Capital Bond Loan of 2011, so that the funds may be used for planning but not capital equipping at Liberty Road and Owings Mills Boulevard South. The bill also specifies that the matching fund may consist of funds expended prior to the June 1, 2011 effective date of Chapter 396 of 2011.

The bill takes effect June 1, 2012.

Fiscal Summary

State Effect: The bill does not materially affect governmental operations or finances.

Local Effect: Absent the bill, Baltimore County could lose access to the \$2.0 million in matching funds authorized for this project.

Small Business Effect: None.

Analysis

Current Law: Chapter 396 of 2011 authorized up to \$2.0 million in matching funds to the County Executive and County Council of Baltimore County for the design, construction, and capital equipping of infrastructure improvements of the Liberty Road Corridor at Liberty and Old Court Roads. Matching funds may not consist of real property, in-kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the June 1, 2011 effective date of Chapter 396.

Background: Owings Mills Boulevard is a 6.2-mile highway that runs from Bond Avenue near Glyndon south to Lyons Mill Road near Randallstown. It is a major suburban highway in western Baltimore County.

Baltimore County is looking to spur revitalization on Liberty Road Corridor by providing a link between the Liberty Road revitalization area and the Owings Mills growth area by (1) extending Owings Mills Boulevard south from Lyons Mill Road to Liberty Road; and (2) adding lanes on Liberty Road at its intersection with Owings Mill Boulevard. Baltimore County, the grantee, reports that the bill's changes are necessary to reflect the true boundaries of the project. Phase I of the project, extending Owings Mills Boulevard south between Lyons Mill Road and Winands Road, is currently under construction and is due to be completed by summer of 2012. Phase II will complete the road extension.

Baltimore County reports that the Liberty Road Corridor is poised to become the economic engine of northwest Baltimore County, and this project will have immediate impact on economic development across the region.

Additional Information

Prior Introductions: None.

Cross File: None.

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