

HOUSE BILL 1061

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By: **Prince George's County Delegation**

Introduced and read first time: February 6, 2014

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Interstate 95 Link to Roadways or Property Near the**
3 **University of Maryland, College Park – Spending Prohibited**

4 **PG 406–14**

5 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the Department of Transportation from spending any
6 funds for the planning, design, or construction of a roadway to link Interstate 95
7 in or through Prince George's County to certain roadways or to a certain
8 mixed-use development or shopping center located within a certain distance of
9 the University of Maryland, College Park; defining certain terms; making
10 stylistic changes; and generally relating to a prohibition on the spending of
11 funds for the planning, design, or construction of a roadway to link I-95 to
12 certain roadways or to property within a certain distance of the University of
13 Maryland, College Park.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
15 Article – Transportation
16 Section 8–601
17 Annotated Code of Maryland
18 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2013 Supplement)

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

21 **Article – Transportation**

22 8–601.

23 (a) The Administration shall construct, reconstruct, and repair State
24 highways as necessary and shall maintain them in good condition.

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (b) **(1) (I) IN THIS SUBSECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE**
2 **THE MEANINGS INDICATED.**

3 **(II) “MIXED–USE DEVELOPMENT” MEANS A SINGLE**
4 **HIGH–DENSITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT, USUALLY COMMERCIAL IN NATURE,**
5 **THAT COMBINES TWO OR MORE TYPES OF USES.**

6 **(III) “SHOPPING CENTER” MEANS ANY COMBINATION OF**
7 **PRIVATELY OWNED OR PUBLICLY–PRIVATELY OWNED COMMERCIAL,**
8 **PROFESSIONAL, OR RETAIL ESTABLISHMENTS TO WHICH THE GENERAL PUBLIC**
9 **IS INVITED FOR BUSINESS PURPOSES.**

10 **(2) The Department may not spend any further funds for the**
11 **PLANNING, DESIGN, OR construction of I–95 OR THE EXTENSION OF I–95 IN OR**
12 **through Prince George’s County that will involve a new or reconstructed segment**
13 **connecting it to [any]:**

14 **(I) ANY other highway in Prince George’s County;**

15 **(II) A LIMITED ACCESS PARKWAY; OR**

16 **(III) A NEW MIXED–USE DEVELOPMENT OR SHOPPING**
17 **CENTER LOCATED WITHIN 1 MILE OF THE UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND,**
18 **COLLEGE PARK.**

19 **(3) The Department may not spend any further funds for the**
20 **construction of a new highway, arterial, freeway, or expressway in the lands between**
21 **Viers Mill Road and Northwest Branch described in the 1980 highway needs inventory**
22 **as the right–of–way reserved for the Rockville Facility in Montgomery County,**
23 **including the area designated as the Matthew Henson State Park under § 5–1004 of**
24 **the Natural Resources Article.**

25 (c) This prohibition does not preclude construction in the right–of–way
26 designated as the Rockville Facility of:

27 (1) Roadway crossings to facilitate traffic flow and highway safety; or

28 (2) A hiker/biker trail in the lands between Viers Mill Road and
29 Northwest Branch.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2014.