

HOUSE BILL 1491

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By: **Delegates Oaks, Carter, and Rosenberg**
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Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Citizens’ Advisory Council for the Baltimore Corridor**
3 **Transit Study – Red Line**

4 FOR the purpose of providing that a member of the Citizens’ Advisory Council for the
5 Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line is entitled to reimbursement of
6 expenses under certain State regulations as provided in the State budget;
7 clarifying language; and generally relating to the Citizens’ Advisory Council for
8 the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line.

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

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the Special Session of 2006
14 Section 2

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

17 **Chapter 2 of the Acts of the Special Session of 2006**

18 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

19 (a) There is a Citizens’ Advisory Council for the Baltimore Corridor Transit
20 Study – Red Line.

21 (b) The Advisory Council consists of the following members:

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (1) 5 members who are business owners, residents, service providers,
2 or workers in the Red Line transit corridor, and who are appointed by the President of
3 the Senate:

4 (i) based on geographic consideration; and

5 (ii) after consultation with the members of the Baltimore City
6 Delegation of the General Assembly who represent legislative districts 41, 44, and 46
7 and the members of the Baltimore County Delegation to the General Assembly who
8 represent legislative district 10;

9 (2) 5 members who are business owners, residents, service providers,
10 or workers in the Red Line transit corridor, and who are appointed by the Speaker of
11 the House:

12 (i) based on geographic consideration; and

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14 Delegation of the General Assembly who represent legislative districts 41, 44, and 46
15 and the members of the Baltimore County Delegation to the General Assembly who
16 represent legislative district 10;

17 (3) 2 members who are appointed by the Governor or, at the
18 Governor's discretion, the Maryland Transit Administrator;

19 (4) 2 members who are appointed by the Mayor of the City of
20 Baltimore to represent the Baltimore City Department of Transportation and the
21 Baltimore City Department of Planning; and

22 (5) 1 member who is appointed by the County Executive of Baltimore
23 County.

24 (c) The Maryland Transit Administrator shall designate two co-chairs of the
25 Advisory Council in the following manner:

26 (1) one from a list of two names provided by the President of the
27 Senate from the members appointed under subsection (b) of this section; and

28 (2) one from a list of two names provided by the Speaker of the House
29 from the members appointed under subsection (b) of this section.

30 (d) The term of a member of the Advisory Council shall continue until the
31 commencement of operation of passenger service on the initial phase of the Red Line
32 or until project funding is otherwise expended.

33 (e) On resignation of a member, a new member shall be appointed by the
34 person who appointed the resigning member.

1 (f) (1) The Advisory Council shall meet at least once every 3 months.

2 (2) The meetings of the Advisory Council shall be publicized and open
3 to the public.

4 (g) A member of the Advisory Council:

5 (1) may not receive compensation **AS A MEMBER OF THE ADVISORY**
6 **COUNCIL; BUT**

7 (2) **IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES UNDER THE**
8 **STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE**
9 **BUDGET.**

10 (h) The Advisory Council shall advise the Administrator on major policy
11 matters concerning the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line, including:

12 (1) compensation for property owners whose property is damaged
13 during the construction of any Red Line project, redevelopment of commercial areas
14 surrounding the Red Line transit corridor in Baltimore City and Baltimore County,
15 and providing hiring preferences as provided by Section 1 of this Act;

16 (2) consideration of a full range of construction alternatives, including
17 an underground rail option;

18 (3) ensuring that the Red Line project:

19 (i) benefits the communities through which it will travel;

20 (ii) uses an inclusive planning process, including consultation
21 with community residents, businesses, and institutions in the corridor;

22 (iii) is planned to maximize the likelihood that federal funding
23 will be obtained for the project;

24 (iv) includes, during its planning phase, the distribution of
25 factual information that allows the community to compare the costs, benefits, and
26 impacts of all construction alternatives;

27 (v) favors alignments that produce the least negative
28 community impacts practicable; and

29 (vi) places a priority on maintaining the Study schedule.

1 (i) The Advisory Council shall limit its review to matters within the scope of
2 the Study and any other matters identified by the Administrator.

3 (j) The Advisory Council shall advise the Administrator on the major policy
4 matters under subsection (h) of this section in a manner to maintain the Red Line
5 project schedule.

6 (k) On or before September 1 of each year, the Advisory Council shall report
7 on its activities during the prior fiscal year to the Governor and, in accordance with §
8 2–1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly.

9 (l) The Administration shall:

10 (1) provide staff to the Advisory Council;

11 (2) solicit the advice of the Advisory Council before major project
12 decisions are made; and

13 (3) at the conclusion of the planning phase of the Red Line and at the
14 commencement of passenger service, prepare a report, in consultation with the
15 Advisory Council, that evaluates:

16 (i) the Advisory Council as a best practice strategy for
17 incorporating community participation in major transportation planning projects;

18 (ii) whether it is advisable for a similar advisory council to be
19 incorporated into major planning projects undertaken by the Administration
20 throughout the State; and

21 (iii) if it is advisable, how incorporation of an advisory council
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19 October 1, 2014.