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BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1010

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 9, strike “strategic” and substitute “comprehensive multimodal transit development”; in line 12, after “Administration” insert “, the MARC Riders Advisory Council for the Maryland Transit Administration, and the Accessible Transportation Advisory Council for the Maryland Transit Administration”; in line 13, strike “Council” and substitute “respective Councils”; in line 14, strike “the” and substitute “a”; in line 15, strike “a certain term” and substitute “certain terms”; in line 20, strike “7-203 and”; and in line 25, strike “and 7-213” and substitute “7-213, 7-214, and 7-215”.

On page 2, strike in their entirety lines 5 through 14, inclusive; and strike beginning with “DESIGNATE” in line 16 down through the second “TO” in line 17 and substitute “PROVIDE STAFF SUPPORT FOR”.

On page 3, in line 19, after “ADMINISTRATION,” insert “DESIGNATED BY THE COUNCIL AND”; in the same line, strike “AND”; after line 19, insert:

“(VII) ONE MEMBER OF THE MARC RIDERS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, DESIGNATED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR;

“(VIII) ONE MEMBER OF THE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, DESIGNATED BY THE COUNCIL AND APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR; AND”;

in line 20, strike “(VII)” and substitute “(IX)”; and after line 28, insert:

(Over)

“(3) WHEN APPOINTING THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY TO THE BOARD UNDER PARAGRAPH (1)(IX) OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE PRESIDING OFFICERS SHALL:

(i) GIVE STRONG CONSIDERATION TO MEMBERS WHOSE BACKGROUND AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS INVOLVE TRANSIT-RELATED MATTERS; AND

(ii) ENDEAVOR TO ENSURE THAT THE APPOINTEES ENHANCE THE GEOGRAPHIC DIVERSITY OF THE BOARD.

(4) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL:

(i) REVIEW THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD:

1. AT LEAST EVERY 5 YEARS; AND

2. WHENEVER A MAJOR INCREASE TO THE CAPACITY OF THE TRANSIT SYSTEM UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION TAKES PLACE, INCLUDING THE OPENING OF THE PURPLE LINE IN MONTGOMERY AND PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTIES; AND

(ii) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GOVERNOR AND, IN ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, ON ANY CHANGES THAT THE ADMINISTRATION BELIEVES SHOULD BE MADE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE BOARD.”.

On page 4, after line 8, insert:

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“(4) WHEN MAKING AN APPOINTMENT TO THE BOARD, THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY SHALL CONSIDER AS A FACTOR IN ASSESSING AN INDIVIDUAL’S SUITABILITY FOR THE APPOINTMENT THE INDIVIDUAL’S FAMILIARITY AND EXPERIENCE WITH LOCAL AND COMMUTER TRANSIT SERVICES OPERATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION, WHETHER AS A RIDER OR AN EMPLOYER OF REGULAR RIDERS OR BECAUSE OF OTHER EXPERIENCES OR CIRCUMSTANCES.”;

in line 10, strike “ANNUALLY” and substitute “EVERY 2 YEARS,”; and strike beginning with “AND” in line 22 down through “DUTIES” in line 23.

On page 5, in line 15, strike “RIGOROUS”; in line 18, strike “EDIT” and substitute “COMMENT”; in lines 18 and 19, strike “A STRATEGIC PLAN FOR TRANSIT EVERY 3 YEARS” and substitute “EVERY 5 YEARS A COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN”; in line 21, after “GOALS” insert “, INCLUDING PERFORMANCE GOALS AND METRICS,”; in lines 22 and 23, strike “THEN MAKE” and substitute “ISSUE WRITTEN”; in line 26, after “ON” insert “TRANSIT-RELATED”; and in line 29, strike “STRATEGIC” and substitute “COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT”.

On page 6, in lines 2 and 3, strike “BALTIMORE CITY AND THE COUNTIES IN THE BALTIMORE METROPOLITAN AREA” and substitute “ANY LOCAL GOVERNMENT”; in lines 11 and 28, in each instance, strike “STRATEGIC” and substitute “COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT”; in line 12, strike the third “THE”; in line 13, strike “COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS” and substitute “APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE”; in line 16, after “FROM” insert “A WIDE RANGE OF INTERESTED PARTIES, INCLUDING”; and strike beginning with the first “AND” in line 31 down through “SO” in line 32.

(Over)

On page 7, in line 1, after “(2)” insert “(I) 1. THE COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (H)(2) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE A DETAILED PLAN AND ANALYSIS OF THE ADMINISTRATION’S SERVICES, INCLUDING INFORMATION CONCERNING:

A. EACH MODE OF TRANSIT SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE ADMINISTRATION;

B. SHORT-TERM, MEDIUM-TERM, AND LONG-TERM GOALS AND PLANS FOR EACH MODE OF TRANSIT SERVICE AND FOR THE TRANSIT SYSTEM OVERALL; AND

C. NECESSARY FUNDING AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS FOR ACHIEVING THE ADMINISTRATION’S TRANSIT GOALS.

2. THE COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN ALSO SHALL INCLUDE:

A. SUFFICIENT DETAIL CONCERNING THE SHORT-TERM GOALS AND PLANS TO ALLOW THE BOARD TO GAIN A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING OF AND COMPLETE AN EVALUATION OF THE EFFECTIVENESS OF THE ADMINISTRATION’S CURRENT PERFORMANCE; AND

B. ANY OTHER INFORMATION REQUESTED BY THE BOARD OR DETERMINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION TO BE HELPFUL TO THE BOARD IN DISCHARGING THE BOARD’S DUTY TO INFORM THE PUBLIC OF THE ADMINISTRATION’S PLANS AND PERFORMANCE.

(II)”;

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in lines 1 and 2, strike “STRATEGIC PLAN REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (G)(2) OF THIS SECTION” and substitute “COMPREHENSIVE MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT PLAN”; in lines 4, 5, and 7, strike “(I)”, “(II)”, and “(III)”, respectively, and substitute “1.”, “2.”, and “3.”, respectively; in line 10, strike “THREE” and substitute “5”; in line 11, strike “AN” and substitute “IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUBSECTION (H)(2) OF THIS SECTION, AN”; in the same line, strike “LONG-TERM MULTI-MODAL” and substitute “COMPREHENSIVE LONG-TERM MULTIMODAL TRANSIT DEVELOPMENT”; in line 14, strike “A RIDE-ON” and substitute “AN ON-BOARD OR ON-PLATFORM”; in line 21, strike “AT LEAST 13 MEMBERS” and substitute “RIDERS FROM EACH MODE OF TRANSIT OPERATED BY THE ADMINISTRATION AND WHO REPRESENT MULTIPLE LOCAL JURISDICTIONS”; in line 26, strike “1 YEAR” and substitute “2 YEARS”; and in line 27, strike “5” and substitute “6”.

On page 8, in line 13, after “IMPROVEMENTS” insert “TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD”; in line 14, after “THE” insert “MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING”; in line 19, strike “ONCE EACH MONTH” and substitute “QUARTERLY”; and in line 21, after “ADMINISTRATION;” insert “AND”.

On page 9, after line 2, insert:

“7-214.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “COUNCIL” MEANS THE MARC RIDERS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.

(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH THE MARC RIDERS ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.

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(C) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE MARC RIDERS FROM ALL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS OF THE STATE SERVED BY MARC.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION FOR MARC RIDERS AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

(3) EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

(I) SERVES FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS; AND

(II) MAY NOT SERVE FOR MORE THAN 6 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

(4) THE TERM OF A MEMBER BEGINS ON JANUARY 1.

(5) A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

(I) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL; BUT

(II) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN OFFICIAL PUBLIC WEB SITE FOR THE COUNCIL.

(E) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO SOLICIT AND RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM MARC RIDERS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD.

(2) THE COUNCIL SHALL SUMMARIZE AND REPORT TO THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD AND THE ADMINISTRATION THE COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS IT RECEIVES UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION.

(F) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

(1) ADOPT BYLAWS TO GOVERN ITS OPERATIONS;

(2) MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY;

(3) AT EACH MEETING, RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM MARC RIDERS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY; AND

(4) KEEP MINUTES OF ITS MEETINGS AND POST ALL MINUTES, RECORDS, NOTICES, COMMENTS, OR OTHER INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL OR RECEIVED FROM MARC RIDERS AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY IN A SEARCHABLE DATABASE ON THE COUNCIL'S WEB SITE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

(G) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL ELECT A CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FROM AMONG ITS MEMBERS.

(Over)

(2) THE TERM OF THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR IS 2 YEARS.

(3) THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR MAY NOT SERVE TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THE SAME OFFICE.

7-215.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, "COUNCIL" MEANS THE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.

(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH THE ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COUNCIL FOR THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION.

(C) (1) THE COUNCIL SHALL INCLUDE INDIVIDUALS FROM ALL GEOGRAPHIC AREAS THROUGHOUT THE STATE WHO USE ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT.

(2) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL APPOINT AT LEAST ONE REPRESENTATIVE OF AN ADVOCACY ORGANIZATION FOR ACCESSIBLE TRANSPORTATION AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

(3) EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL:

(I) SERVES FOR A TERM OF 2 YEARS; AND

(II) MAY NOT SERVE FOR MORE THAN 6 CONSECUTIVE YEARS.

(4) THE TERM OF A MEMBER BEGINS ON JANUARY 1.

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(I) MAY NOT RECEIVE COMPENSATION AS A MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL; BUT

(II) IS ENTITLED TO REIMBURSEMENT FOR EXPENSES UNDER THE STANDARD STATE TRAVEL REGULATIONS, AS PROVIDED IN THE STATE BUDGET.

(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ESTABLISH AND MAINTAIN AN OFFICIAL PUBLIC WEB SITE FOR THE COUNCIL.

(E) (1) THE PURPOSE OF THE COUNCIL IS TO SOLICIT AND RECEIVE COMMENTS FROM USERS OF ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY AND PROVIDE RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SERVICE IMPROVEMENTS TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION OVERSIGHT AND PLANNING BOARD.

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(F) THE COUNCIL SHALL:

(1) ADOPT BYLAWS TO GOVERN ITS OPERATIONS;

(Over)

(2) MEET AT LEAST QUARTERLY;

(3) AT EACH MEETING, RECEIVE PUBLIC COMMENTS FROM THE USERS OF ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY; AND

(4) KEEP MINUTES OF ITS MEETINGS AND POST ALL MINUTES, RECORDS, NOTICES, COMMENTS, OR OTHER INFORMATION ISSUED BY THE COUNCIL OR RECEIVED FROM THE USERS OF ACCESSIBLE TRANSIT AND THE PUBLIC GENERALLY IN A SEARCHABLE DATABASE ON THE COUNCIL'S WEB SITE ESTABLISHED AND MAINTAINED BY THE ADMINISTRATION.

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(3) THE CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR MAY NOT SERVE TWO CONSECUTIVE TERMS IN THE SAME OFFICE.”;

and in line 31, strike “October” and substitute “June”.