

# SENATE BILL 966

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By: **Senators Young and Nathan-Pulliam**

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Assigned to: Finance

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From the City of Gaithersburg**  
3 **to the City of Frederick**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From  
5 the City of Gaithersburg to the City of Frederick; providing for the membership,  
6 chair, and staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to consider certain  
7 transportation-related issues and make recommendations relating to extending  
8 Metrorail service from the City of Gaithersburg to the City of Frederick; requiring  
9 the Task Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a  
10 certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the  
11 Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From the City of Gaithersburg to  
12 the City of Frederick.

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

15 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From the City of  
16 Gaithersburg to the City of Frederick.

17 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

18 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of  
19 the Senate;

20 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of  
21 the House;

22 (3) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

23 (4) the Administrator of the Maryland Transit Administration, or the  
24 Administrator's designee;

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;

2 (6) one member from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit  
3 Authority, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Authority;

4 (7) the County Executive of Frederick County, or the County Executive's  
5 designee;

6 (8) the County Executive of Montgomery County, or the County Executive's  
7 designee;

8 (9) the Mayor of the City of Frederick, or the Mayor's designee; and

9 (10) the following members appointed by the Governor:

10 (i) one representative from the Frederick County Chamber of  
11 Commerce;

12 (ii) one representative from the Gaithersburg–Germantown  
13 Chamber of Commerce;

14 (iii) one representative from Leadership Frederick;

15 (iv) three residents of Frederick County or the City of Frederick  
16 (divided between the jurisdictions as the Governor determines), at least two of whom  
17 regularly commute for work or other purposes to Washington, D.C., or to the inner suburbs  
18 of Washington, D.C.; and

19 (v) two residents of Upper Montgomery County, at least one of whom  
20 regularly commutes for work or other purposes to Washington, D.C., or to the inner suburbs  
21 of Washington, D.C.

22 (c) At its first meeting, the Task Force shall elect a chair from among the Task  
23 Force members.

24 (d) A member of the Task Force:

25 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

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

28 (e) The Task Force shall:

29 (1) study the rail transit needs of Upper Montgomery County and  
30 Frederick County;

1           (2) identify and evaluate potential rights-of-way for stations and other  
2 infrastructure that would be needed to extend Metrorail service from the City of  
3 Gaithersburg through Upper Montgomery County to the City of Frederick;

4           (3) estimate the cost of extending Metrorail service from the City of  
5 Gaithersburg through Upper Montgomery County to the City of Frederick;

6           (4) estimate the economic impact on Montgomery County, Frederick  
7 County (including the City of Frederick), the State, and the Washington metropolitan  
8 region of extending Metrorail service from the City of Gaithersburg through Upper  
9 Montgomery County to the City of Frederick; and

10          (5) study and make recommendations regarding:

11           (i) the amount of funding needed to support extending Metrorail  
12 service from the City of Gaithersburg through Upper Montgomery County to the City of  
13 Frederick; and

14           (ii) potential funding sources and mechanisms to support extending  
15 Metrorail service from the City of Gaithersburg through Upper Montgomery County to the  
16 City of Frederick.

17          (f) The Task Force may:

18           (1) conduct site visits to view rail transportation systems in Maryland and  
19 in other jurisdictions; and

20           (2) hold public hearings and solicit input from interested persons,  
21 including:

22           (i) the county and municipal governing bodies in Montgomery  
23 County and Frederick County;

24           (ii) citizens from throughout the Washington, D.C., metropolitan  
25 region who utilize Metrorail or other transit service or who otherwise are interested in the  
26 availability of mass transit service; and

27           (iii) other members of the public.

28          (g) The Department of Transportation and the governments of Montgomery  
29 County, Frederick County, and the City of Frederick shall provide staff support for the Task  
30 Force.

31          (h) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor  
32 and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or  
33 before October 1, 2017.

1           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
2 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2018,  
3 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and  
4 of no further force and effect.