

HOUSE BILL 1159

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan and Commission – Alterations**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Transit Administration to prepare corridor
4 studies for a certain number and type of corridors prioritized in the Central
5 Maryland Regional Transit Plan; requiring the Administration to publish a progress
6 report on the implementation of the Plan; requiring the corridor studies and progress
7 report to include certain information and be completed on or before certain dates;
8 requiring the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan Commission to meet at
9 certain intervals; making conforming changes; defining certain terms; and generally
10 relating to the Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan and Commission and certain
11 studies and reports published by the Maryland Transit Administration.

12 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
13 Article – Transportation
14 Section 7–301.1
15 Annotated Code of Maryland
16 (2015 Replacement Volume and 2019 Supplement)

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

19 **Article – Transportation**

20 7–301.1.

21 (a) **(1)** In this section[, “core”] **THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE**
22 **MEANINGS INDICATED.**

23 **(2) “COMMISSION” MEANS THE CENTRAL MARYLAND REGIONAL**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.
[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **TRANSIT PLAN COMMISSION ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (F) OF THIS**
2 **SECTION.**

3 **(3) “CORE service area” means:**

4 **[(1) (I)]** An area in Anne Arundel County, Baltimore City, Baltimore
5 County, Harford County, and Howard County that is served by light rail, metro, or fixed
6 bus route service; and

7 **[(2) (II)]** As determined by the Department, any other area in which the
8 population commutes to an area described in item **[(1)(I)]** of this **[subsection] PARAGRAPH**
9 in order to use light rail, metro, or fixed bus route service.

10 **(4) “PLAN” MEANS THE CENTRAL MARYLAND REGIONAL TRANSIT**
11 **PLAN.**

12 (b) In addition to the requirements of §§ 7–301 and 7–302 of this subtitle, on or
13 before October 1, 2020, the Administration shall, in consultation with the **[Central**
14 **Maryland Regional Transit Plan]** Commission and the Baltimore Metropolitan Council,
15 prepare a **[Central Maryland Regional Transit]** Plan to meet the transit needs of the core
16 service area.

17 (c) The **[Central Maryland Regional Transit]** Plan shall:

18 (1) Define goals for outcomes to be achieved through the provision of public
19 transportation;

20 (2) In order to best achieve the goals defined in item (1) of this subsection,
21 identify options for:

22 (i) Improvements to existing transportation assets;

23 (ii) Improvements to leverage non–Administration transportation
24 options available to public transportation; and

25 (iii) Corridors for new public transportation assets;

26 (3) Prioritize corridors for planning of new public transportation assets;

27 (4) Evaluate the Plan’s consistency with local land use and transportation
28 plans and the Maryland Transportation Plan and identify opportunities for achieving
29 greater consistency;

30 (5) Be reviewed, revised, and updated at least every 5 years; and

31 (6) Address a 25–year time frame.

1 **(D) (1) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2021, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL**
2 **PREPARE CORRIDOR STUDIES FOR AT LEAST THREE CORRIDORS PRIORITIZED IN**
3 **THE PLAN AS EARLY OPPORTUNITY CORRIDORS.**

4 **(2) THE CORRIDOR STUDIES SHALL:**

5 **(I) MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING TRANSIT MODE,**
6 **ROUTE ALIGNMENT, A SERVICE PLAN, AND CAPITAL INFRASTRUCTURE**
7 **IMPROVEMENTS; AND**

8 **(II) REPORT ON THE BASELINE CONDITIONS OF AND**
9 **PERFORMANCE TARGETS FOR RIDERSHIP, TRANSIT VEHICLE SPEED, FREQUENCY**
10 **OF SERVICE, ON-TIME PERFORMANCE, AND JOB ACCESSIBILITY.**

11 **(E) (1) ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER 1, 2022, AND ON OR BEFORE OCTOBER**
12 **1 EACH YEAR THEREAFTER, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL PUBLISH A PROGRESS**
13 **REPORT ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN.**

14 **(2) THE PROGRESS REPORT SHALL INCLUDE:**

15 **(I) FOR THOSE CORRIDORS PRIORITIZED IN THE PLAN AS**
16 **EARLY OPPORTUNITY CORRIDORS:**

17 **1. DETAILS ON THE CORRIDOR STUDIES UNDERTAKEN**
18 **BY THE ADMINISTRATION;**

19 **2. DETAILS ON THE TRANSIT PRIORITY**
20 **INFRASTRUCTURE THAT HAS BEEN IMPLEMENTED;**

21 **3. DETAILS ON ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING SERVICE;**
22 **AND**

23 **4. PERFORMANCE MEASURES TO ASSESS THE**
24 **OUTCOMES SPECIFIED UNDER ITEMS 2 AND 3 OF THIS ITEM, INCLUDING TRANSIT**
25 **VEHICLE SPEEDS, ON-TIME PERFORMANCE, FREQUENCY OF SERVICE, AND JOB**
26 **ACCESSIBILITY; AND**

27 **(II) FOR THE CORRIDORS PRIORITIZED IN THE PLAN AS**
28 **MID-TERM OPPORTUNITY AND LONG-TERM OPPORTUNITY CORRIDORS, A REVIEW**
29 **OF WHAT EACH COUNTY IN THE CORE SERVICE AREA HAS DONE TO MAKE THOSE**
30 **CORRIDORS MORE TRANSIT-SUPPORTIVE, INCLUDING ANY CHANGES MADE TO LAND**
31 **USE, ZONING, AND STREET DESIGN.**

- 1 **[(d)] (F)** (1) There is a Central Maryland Regional Transit Plan Commission.
- 2 (2) The Commission consists of the following members:
- 3 (i) The County Executive of Anne Arundel County, or the County
4 Executive's designee;
- 5 (ii) The Mayor of Baltimore City, or the Mayor's designee;
- 6 (iii) The County Executive of Baltimore County, or the County
7 Executive's designee;
- 8 (iv) The County Executive of Harford County, or the County
9 Executive's designee;
- 10 (v) The County Executive of Howard County, or the County
11 Executive's designee;
- 12 (vi) One representative from a Central Maryland business or
13 transportation organization, appointed by the President of the Senate;
- 14 (vii) One representative from a Central Maryland business or
15 transportation organization, appointed by the Speaker of the House; and
- 16 (viii) The following individuals appointed by the Governor:
- 17 1. One representative from a Central Maryland business
18 organization;
- 19 2. One representative from the Citizen Advisory Council;
- 20 3. One representative from a disabled riders group; and
- 21 4. One representative from the MARC Riders Advisory
22 Council.
- 23 (3) The Commission shall participate in the development of:
- 24 (i) A strategy for meaningful public involvement in the **[Central**
25 **Maryland Regional Transit]** Plan; and
- 26 (ii) The goals for outcomes of the **[Central Maryland Regional**
27 **Transit]** Plan.
- 28 **(4) IN ORDER TO MONITOR THE PLAN'S PROGRESS AND RECOMMEND**

1 STRATEGIES FOR IMPLEMENTATION, THE COMMISSION SHALL MEET AT THE
2 FOLLOWING INTERVALS:

3 (I) FROM OCTOBER 1, 2020, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2021,
4 AT LEAST QUARTERLY;

5 (II) FROM OCTOBER 1, 2021, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2023,
6 AT LEAST ANNUALLY; AND

7 (III) FROM OCTOBER 1, 2023, THROUGH SEPTEMBER 30, 2025,
8 AT LEAST QUARTERLY.

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
10 1, 2020.