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BY: Environment and Transportation Committee

AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 80
(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, strike beginning with “**and**” in line 2 down through “**Plan**” in line 3 and substitute “– Urban Tree Program – Establishment”; strike beginning with the comma in line 4 down through the comma in line 5; in line 5, strike “a plan” and substitute “an urban tree program”; in lines 6 and 14, in each instance, strike “the Purple Line” and substitute “certain transportation projects”; in lines 7 and 8, in each instance, strike “plan” and substitute “program”; in lines 6 and 14, in each instance, after “during” insert “the”; in line 17, strike “7–713” and substitute “2–103.8”; after line 19, insert:

“Preamble

WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Transportation is a principal department of the State government; and

WHEREAS, The Secretary of Transportation is responsible for the operation of the Maryland Department of Transportation and establishing guidelines and procedures to promote the orderly and efficient administration of the Maryland Department of Transportation; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly finds that the State must have sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Transportation and the Department of Natural Resources are executing a memorandum of understanding, which applies to all Maryland Department of Transportation modal administrations, and supports common objectives, including Chesapeake Bay watershed restoration, climate

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resiliency, adaptation and mitigation efforts, environmental compliance and stewardship, and sustainability activities; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Transportation desires to create an urban tree program to promote sustainable practices that would improve local air quality, enhance existing bicycle and pedestrian connections to transit, and alleviate urban heat island effects; and

WHEREAS, The Maryland Department of Transportation commits to consult with the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of the Environment in the development of the urban tree program; now, therefore,;

and in line 23, strike “**7-713.**” and substitute “**2-103.8.**”.

On page 2, after line 8, insert:

“(4) “TRANSPORTATION FACILITY” HAS THE MEANING STATED IN § 3-101 OF THIS ARTICLE.”;

strike beginning with the comma in line 9 down through the comma in line 10; in line 10, strike “**A PLAN**” and substitute “**AN URBAN TREE PROGRAM**”; in line 11, after “**OF**” insert “**A TRANSPORTATION FACILITY PROJECT, INCLUDING THE AREA IMPACTED BY**”; in the same line, after “**LINE**” insert “**PROJECT**”; in line 12, strike “**PLAN**” and substitute “**URBAN TREE PROGRAM**”; in line 14, after “**(I)**” insert “**THE DEPARTMENT OF THE ENVIRONMENT AND THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES;**

(II)”;

in lines 15, 17, 19, and 21, in each instance, after “**REMOVED**” insert “**AS PART OF A TRANSPORTATION FACILITY PROJECT**”; in lines 15, 16, 19, and 20, in each instance, strike “**THE**”; in lines 16, 18, and 20, strike “**(II)**”, “**(III)**”, and “**(IV)**”, respectively, and

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substitute “(III)”, “(IV)”, and “(V)”, respectively; in line 22, strike “PLAN” and substitute “URBAN TREE PROGRAM”; and strike beginning with “EACH” in line 23 down through “LINE” in line 25 and substitute “COMMUNITIES WHERE TREES ARE REMOVED AS PART OF CONSTRUCTION OF A TRANSPORTATION FACILITY PROJECT”.