

# HOUSE BILL 632

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(2lr0424)

## ENROLLED BILL

— *Appropriations and Environment and Transportation/Budget and Taxation and Finance* —

Introduced by **Delegates Rosenberg, Smith, Attar, and Bridges**

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Sealed with the Great Seal and presented to the Governor, for his approval this

\_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ o'clock, \_\_\_\_\_ M.

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Speaker.

### CHAPTER \_\_\_\_\_

1 AN ACT concerning

### 2 **Baltimore East–West Corridor – Transit Study – Requirements**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Department of Transportation to complete certain  
4 processes and secure a certain decision for the Red Line and a certain MARC rail  
5 extension; requiring the Department to prepare a certain plan; requiring, for certain  
6 fiscal years, that the Governor include in the annual budget bill certain  
7 appropriations for certain purposes, subject to the receipt of certain federal funds;  
8 prohibiting the Maryland Transit Administration, under certain circumstances,  
9 from acquiring real property; and generally relating to the Baltimore metropolitan  
10 area east–west corridor.

11 BY adding to  
12 Article – Transportation  
13 Section 7–714

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#### EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments to bill.

~~Strike out~~ indicates matter stricken from the bill by amendment or deleted from the law by amendment.

*Italics indicate opposite chamber/conference committee amendments.*



1 Annotated Code of Maryland  
2 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

3 BY repealing  
4 Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session  
5 Section 2

6 BY repealing  
7 Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session  
8 Section 2

9 BY repealing  
10 Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session, as  
11 amended by Chapter 570 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009  
12 Section 1

13 BY repealing  
14 Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session, as  
15 amended by Chapter 570 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009  
16 Section 1

17 BY repealing  
18 Chapter 570 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009

19 Preamble

20 WHEREAS, The Maryland Transit Administration has undertaken the Baltimore  
21 Corridor Transit Study – Red Line for a proposed 10–mile rapid transit line for the  
22 Baltimore metropolitan area; and

23 WHEREAS, The Red Line transit corridor encompasses a large number of residents,  
24 small and large businesses, schools, churches, and other community institutions, all of  
25 which are deeply concerned about the future of their communities; and

26 WHEREAS, Effective, high–quality public transportation is important to these  
27 communities; and

28 WHEREAS, Public transit must be frequently available, reliable, and safe, and must  
29 provide an efficient and economical means to connect community members to major  
30 destinations throughout the Baltimore metropolitan area; and

31 WHEREAS, First and foremost, the Red Line should improve the public  
32 transportation system in the Baltimore metropolitan area and in the communities  
33 surrounding the Red Line transit corridor, and should be planned in a manner to serve  
34 those communities and foster economic development; and

1 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that, during the course of  
2 planning and constructing the Red Line project, the Administration adhere to the best  
3 practices of transit planning and implementation; and

4 WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that community members  
5 participate in the planning process for the Red Line project and seek to fairly represent the  
6 interests of all community members; now, therefore,

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

9 **Article – Transportation**

10 **7-714.**

11 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “RED LINE” MEANS A RAIL TRANSIT FACILITY USING**  
12 **ONE OR MORE VEHICLES OPERATING IN TANDEM ON A FIXED RAIL IN A**  
13 **COMBINATION OF AT-GRADE, ELEVATED, AND UNDERGROUND CONFIGURATIONS**  
14 **THROUGH BALTIMORE CITY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY ALONG A GENERALLY EAST**  
15 **TO WEST ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE TERMINUS OF SECURITY BOULEVARD ON THE**  
16 **WEST AND THE JOHNS HOPKINS BAYVIEW MEDICAL CENTER ON THE EAST,**  
17 **CONNECTING AS APPROPRIATE TO OTHER FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT SERVICES.**

18 **(B) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION AND CONTINGENT**  
19 **ON THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS, THE DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY SHALL:**

20 **(I) UNDERTAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE**  
21 **PLANNING, PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, AND THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL**  
22 **POLICY ACT PROCESS AND SECURE A RECORD OF DECISION FOR:**

23 **1. THE RED LINE; AND**

24 **2. A MARC RAIL EXTENSION TO THE JOHNS HOPKINS**  
25 **BAYVIEW MEDICAL CENTER; AND**

26 **(II) PREPARE A PLAN FOR THE FUNDING AND FINANCING OF**  
27 **THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF:**

28 **1. THE RED LINE; AND**

29 **2. A MARC RAIL EXTENSION TO THE JOHNS HOPKINS**  
30 **BAYVIEW MEDICAL CENTER.**

31 **(2) IN PLANNING THE RED LINE AND MARC RAIL EXTENSION, THE**  
32 **DEPARTMENT SHALL:**

1 (I) SEEK TO AVOID ANY RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENT;

2 (II) STUDY THE ECONOMIC AND EMPLOYMENT IMPACTS OF  
3 CONSTRUCTING AND OPERATING THE RED LINE AND MARC RAIL EXTENSION;

4 (III) CONSIDER MEASURES TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE  
5 PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE STUDY AREA;  
6 AND

7 (IV) MAKE ITS FINDINGS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.

8 (3) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL GIVE DUE CONSIDERATION TO  
9 PREVIOUSLY COMPLETED ENGINEERING AND ENVIRONMENTAL STUDIES.

10 (C) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, IN EACH OF  
11 FISCAL YEARS 2024 THROUGH 2027, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE  
12 ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST  
13 FUND OF AT LEAST \$5,000,000, CONTINGENT ON THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS  
14 TO BE USED TO PROVIDE MATCHING FUNDS NEEDED TO CONDUCT AN  
15 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY UNDER THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY  
16 ACT FOR:

17 (I) THE RED LINE; AND

18 (II) A MARC RAIL EXTENSION TO THE JOHNS HOPKINS  
19 BAYVIEW MEDICAL CENTER.

20 (2) AN APPROPRIATION REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS  
21 SUBSECTION MAY BE REDUCED BY THE AMOUNT OF THE TOTAL AUTHORIZED IN THE  
22 PRIOR FISCAL YEAR TO CONDUCT THE ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STUDY.

23 (D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION AND  
24 CONTINGENT ON THE RECEIPT OF FEDERAL FUNDS TO BE USED TO PROVIDE  
25 MATCHING FUNDS, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,  
26 THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION  
27 FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND OF \$200,000 TO THE BALTIMORE CITY  
28 MAYOR'S OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR WORKFORCE  
29 DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL, MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS  
30 DEVELOPMENT.

31 (2) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE FUNDS  
32 APPROPRIATED TO THE BALTIMORE CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT  
33 DEVELOPMENT SHALL SUPPLEMENT, AND NOT SUPPLANT, FUNDS OTHERWISE

1 AVAILABLE FOR THE BALTIMORE CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT  
2 DEVELOPMENT.

3 (E) IN CONDUCTING THE RED LINE TRANSIT PROJECT, THE  
4 ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ACQUIRE ANY REAL PROPERTY FOR PLANNING,  
5 CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF THE RED LINE IF THE  
6 ACQUISITION WOULD RESULT IN INVOLUNTARY RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENT.

7 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General  
8 Assembly that the Maryland Transit Administration, in cooperation with the local  
9 governments in the Baltimore metropolitan area and appropriate State agencies, develop  
10 and implement workforce development strategies that maximize participation by residents  
11 in the east–west corridor in jobs created by and for east–west corridor transit projects.

12 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General  
13 Assembly that the Maryland Congressional Delegation be requested to advocate changes  
14 in federal law and policy that will:

15 (1) increase the level of federal funding for and formula participation in  
16 New Starts transit projects to a level consistent with other surface transportation  
17 investments; and

18 (2) reduce biases in the federal New Starts funding formula against the  
19 northeastern and industrial regions of the United States that have smaller public  
20 rights–of–way and higher utility relocation and environmental hazard mitigation costs.

21 SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General  
22 Assembly that the Maryland Department of Transportation coordinate any existing study of  
23 the Baltimore East–West Corridor with the activities required under § 7–714 of the  
24 Transportation Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, in a manner that maximizes State  
25 resources and avoids unnecessary steps or duplication of efforts.

26 SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General  
27 Assembly that, unless it causes undue delay, the activities required under § 7–714 of the  
28 Transportation Article, as enacted by Section 1 of this Act, include extending the Red Line  
29 to the east from the Johns Hopkins Bayview Medical Center into Baltimore County.

30 SECTION ~~4~~ 6. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 2 of Chapter 2 of  
31 the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session be repealed.

32 SECTION ~~5~~ 7. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 2 of Chapter 3 of  
33 the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session be repealed.

34 SECTION ~~6~~ 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 1 of Chapter 2 of  
35 the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session, as amended by Chapter 570  
36 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009, be repealed.

1 SECTION ~~7~~ 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section(s) 1 of Chapter 3 of  
2 the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session, as amended by Chapter 570  
3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009, be repealed.

4 SECTION ~~8~~ 10. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Chapter 570 of the Acts  
5 of the General Assembly of 2009 be repealed.

6 SECTION ~~9~~ 11. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
7 July 1, 2022.

Approved:

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Governor.

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Speaker of the House of Delegates.

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President of the Senate.