

HOUSE BILL 1419

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By: **Delegates Barve and Stein**

Introduced and read first time: February 17, 2022

Assigned to: Rules and Executive Nominations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Highways – Proposed Expressway Expansion – Rail Evaluation**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the Maryland Department of Transportation to evaluate the
4 use of adjacent State rights-of-way for rail transit of any kind during the initial
5 project planning phase for a proposed expansion of an expressway to add capacity;
6 and generally relating to expanding expressways.

7 BY adding to

8 Article – Transportation

9 Section 8–663

10 Annotated Code of Maryland

11 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

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

14 **Article – Transportation**

15 **8–663.**

16 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “INITIAL PROJECT PLANNING PHASE” HAS THE**
17 **MEANING STATED IN § 8–610 OF THIS SUBTITLE.**

18 **(B) IF THE ADMINISTRATION PROPOSES AN EXPANSION OF AN EXPRESSWAY**
19 **TO ADD CAPACITY, THE DEPARTMENT, DURING THE INITIAL PROJECT PLANNING**
20 **PHASE, SHALL EVALUATE THE USE OF STATE RIGHTS-OF-WAY ADJACENT TO THE**
21 **EXPRESSWAY FOR RAIL TRANSIT OF ANY KIND, INCLUDING:**

22 **(1) SUBWAY;**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



- 1 **(2) HEAVY OR LIGHT RAIL;**
- 2 **(3) ABOVE OR BELOW GROUND RAIL; AND**
- 3 **(4) MONORAIL.**

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June
5 1, 2022.