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BY: Appropriations Committee

AMENDMENTS TO HOUSE BILL 1581
(First Reading File Bill)

AMENDMENT NO. 1

On page 1, in the sponsor line, after “**Authority)**” insert “**and Delegates Beauchamp, Harrison, Ivey, D. Jones, Ruff, Shetty, and Toles**”; strike line 2 in its entirety and substitute “**Economic Development – Horse Racing Facilities, Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor Facilities, and Bus Rapid Transit**–”; in line 6, after the semicolon insert “altering the definitions of “Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor” and “Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor facility” for the purposes of expanding the location of the corridor and types of facilities that may be located in the corridor;”; in line 14, after the semicolon insert “increasing the amount of bonds that the Maryland Stadium Authority may issue for the Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor; increasing the amount that the Comptroller is required to distribute from the State Lottery Fund to certain funds; requiring the Governor to include in the annual budget bill an appropriation to a certain fund for backstretch housing facilities at Laurel Park;”; and in line 15, after “Account;” insert “altering a grant program for certain bus rapid transit systems to require that Montgomery County, instead of other counties or municipal corporations, be the grantee under the program; providing for the duration of a grant agreement under a certain bus rapid transit grant program; increasing the amount of an appropriation that the Governor is required to include in the annual budget bill each year for the Bus Rapid Transit Fund;”.

On page 2, in line 2, strike “10–601(b)” and substitute “10–601(a) and (b)”; in the same line, after “(xx)” insert “and 10–657.3(a)”; strike in their entirety lines 5 through 9, inclusive; in line 12, strike “10–601(hhh) and 10–646.1(d) and (i)” and substitute “10–601(mm), (nn), and (hhh), 10–628(c)(1)(xi), 10–646.1(d) and (i), 10–646.4(f), and 10–657.3(c)”; strike in their entirety lines 15 through 19, inclusive, and substitute:

“BY adding to

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Article – Economic Development
Section 10–601(hhh), 10–646.1(j), and 10–657.3(g)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2024 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)”;

in line 22, after “Section” insert “9–120(b)(1)(iv) and (xii) and”; and after line 24, insert:

“BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – State Government
Section 9–120(b)(1)(xi) and (xv) and 9–1A–28(a)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2021 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 2–802, 2–802.1(c), and 7–205.1
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
Article – Transportation
Section 2–802.1(a) and (b)
Annotated Code of Maryland
(2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)”.

AMENDMENT NO. 2

On page 3, in line 7, after “be” insert “**TEMPORARILY**”; after line 13, insert:

“(a) In this subtitle the following words have the meanings indicated.”;

after line 14, insert:

“(mm) “Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor” means an area[,]:

(1) the specific boundaries of which are designated by public local law, in central Prince George’s County in the intersections of Maryland Route 704, Maryland Route 214, and Maryland Route 202; OR

(2) THAT IS DESIGNATED AS AN ENTERPRISE ZONE IN PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY UNDER § 5–704 OF THIS ARTICLE.

(nn) [(1)] “Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor facility” means a facility located within the Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor that is:

[(i)] (1) a convention center;

[(ii)] (2) an arts and entertainment amphitheater; [and]

(3) A MARKET HALL;

(4) A SPORTS–RELATED FACILITY, INCLUDING A SPORTS STADIUM, PRACTICE FIELD, OR TEAM HEADQUARTERS;

(5) A MIXED–USE DEVELOPMENT;

(6) A TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION CENTER;

(7) RELATED TO COMMERCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND REVITALIZATION; AND

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[(iii)] (8) any other functionally related structures, improvements, infrastructure, furnishings, or equipment of the facility, including parking garages.

[(2) “Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor facility” does not include a sports facility.]”;

and after line 24, insert:

“10-628.

(c) (1) Unless authorized by the General Assembly, the Board of Public Works may not approve an issuance by the Authority of bonds, whether taxable or tax exempt, that constitute tax supported debt or nontax supported debt if, after issuance, there would be outstanding and unpaid more than the following face amounts of the bonds for the purpose of financing acquisition, construction, renovation, and related expenses for construction management, professional fees, and contingencies in connection with:

(xi) Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor facilities – [~~\$400,000,000~~] **\$450,000,000.**”.

On page 4, in line 33, after “PURPOSE” insert “**AND A PROCESS FOR COMMUNITY INPUT THAT IS FACILITATED BY THE PIMLICO COMMUNITY ADVISORY BOARD**”.

On page 6, strike beginning with “IN” in line 9 down through “GRANTS” in line 10 and substitute “**TO THE PIMLICO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY TO BE DISTRIBUTED TO DESIGNATED COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ORGANIZATIONS ASSIGNED TO THE IMPACTED COMMUNITIES FOR COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES OUTLINED IN THE ADOPTED PIMLICO AREA JOINT PLAN**”; in lines 13

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and 14, strike “**ALL STATE GRANTS,**”; in line 14, strike the second comma; after line 16, insert:

“10–646.4.

(f) For fiscal year [2024] 2027 and each fiscal year thereafter, until the bonds that have been issued to finance Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor facilities are no longer outstanding and unpaid, the Comptroller shall deposit into the Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor Facility Fund an amount not to exceed [\$27,000,000] \$31,000,000 from the State Lottery Fund under § 9–120(b)(1)(xi) of the State Government Article.

10–657.3.

(a) There is a Racing and Community Development Facilities Fund.

(c) Subject to [subsection (f)] SUBSECTIONS (F) AND (G) of this section and to the extent considered appropriate by the Authority, the money in the Racing and Community Development Facilities Fund shall be used to pay the following costs relating to racing facilities projects:

(1) debt service on Authority bonds;

(2) design and construction costs relating to racing facilities projects;

(3) to the extent authorized by federal tax law, transition costs and reimbursements, costs of start–up, administration, overhead, and operations related to the management of improvements to racing facilities projects authorized under this subtitle and undertaken by the Authority; and

(4) all reasonable charges and expenses related to the Authority’s administration of the Racing and Community Development Financing Fund and the

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Racing and Community Development Facilities Fund and the management of the Authority's obligations.

(G) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR FISCAL YEAR 2028, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION OF \$5,000,000 TO THE RACING AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT FACILITIES FUND.

(2) THE AUTHORITY SHALL USE THE FUNDS INCLUDED IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF THIS SUBSECTION FOR THE ACQUISITION, PLANNING, DESIGN, CONSTRUCTION, REPAIR, RENOVATION, RECONSTRUCTION, SITE IMPROVEMENT, AND CAPITAL EQUIPPING OF BACKSTRETCH HOUSING FACILITIES AT LAUREL PARK.”;

and after line 17, insert:

“9–120.

(b) (1) By the end of the month following collection, the Comptroller shall deposit, cause to be deposited, or pay:

(iv) after June 30, [2021] 2026, into the Racing and Community Development Financing Fund established under § 10–657.2 of the Economic Development Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund, after the distribution under subsection (a) of this section, an amount equal to [at least \$17,000,000] \$27,000,000 in each fiscal year until the bonds issued for a racing facility have matured;

(xi) after June 30, 2024, into the Bus Rapid Transit Fund established under § 2–802.1 of the Transportation Article for bus rapid transit system grants in accordance with § 2–802 of the Transportation Article from the money that

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remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through (x) of this paragraph:

1. for fiscal year 2025, an amount equal to \$27,000,000 in each fiscal year; and

2. for each fiscal year thereafter, an amount equal to \$17,000,000 in each fiscal year;

(xii) after June 30, [2024] **2026**, into the Prince George’s County Blue Line Corridor Facility Fund established under § 10–657.6 of the Economic Development Article from the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through (xi) of this paragraph, [~~\$27,000,000~~] **\$31,000,000**;

(xv) into the General Fund of the State the money that remains in the State Lottery Fund from the proceeds of all lotteries after the distributions under subsection (a) of this section and items (i) through (xiv) of this paragraph.”.

On page 7, in line 8, strike “**ALL STATE GRANTS AND**”; in line 11, after the first “the” insert “**MARYLAND STADIUM**”; and after line 23, insert:

“Article – Transportation

2–802.

(a) **[(1)]** In this section [the following words have the meanings indicated.

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(2) “Bus], “BUS rapid transit system” means a bus line that operates on at least some portion of roadway dedicated to buses and offers off-board fare collection or another form of high efficiency fare collection if a fare is charged.

[(3) “Eligible grantee” means a county or municipal corporation that has:

(i) A bus rapid transit system that operates in the county or municipal corporation; and

(ii) No ongoing or completed facility, as that term is defined in § 10-601(s)(1), (4), (9), (10), or (11) of the Economic Development Article.]

(b) (1) [Subject to paragraph (2) of this subsection, when] **WHEN** a deposit or payment is made in accordance with § 9-120(b)(1)(xi) of the State Government Article into the Bus Rapid Transit Fund established under § 2-802.1 of this subtitle, [and there is only one eligible grantee, then] the Department shall award a grant to [the eligible grantee] **MONTGOMERY COUNTY** equal to [the]:

(I) **THE** amount distributed to the Department under § 9-120(b)(1)(xi) of the State Government Article; **AND**

(II) **THE AMOUNT APPROPRIATED UNDER § 7-205.1 OF THIS ARTICLE.**

(2) [(i) If there are two eligible grantees, and one eligible grantee is Montgomery County, the Department shall distribute \$25,000,000 to Montgomery County and the remaining amount of the deposit or payment under § 9-120(b)(1)(xi) of the State Government Article to the remaining eligible grantee.

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(ii) If more than three counties or municipal corporations are eligible grantees, and one eligible grantee is Montgomery County, then the Department shall distribute:

1. Not less than \$20,000,000 to Montgomery County if Montgomery County remains an eligible county; and

2. The total remaining amount of the deposit or payment under § 9–120(b)(1)(xi) of the State Government Article to the remaining eligible grantees based on each eligible grantee’s pro rata share of the statewide population.

(iii) If Montgomery County is not an eligible grantee, and more than one county or municipal corporation are eligible grantees, then the Department shall distribute the total amount of the deposit payment under § 9–120(b)(1)(xi) of the State Government Article to the eligible grantees based on each eligible grantee’s pro rata share of the statewide population.

(3) (i) [Eligible grantees receiving funds in accordance with this subsection and § 2–802.1 of this subtitle] **MONTGOMERY COUNTY** may use the grant funds for the:

1. Financing and refinancing of the costs related to the **DESIGN, construction, acquisition, improvement, equipping, rehabilitation, and expansion of bus rapid transit system projects AND OTHER NECESSARY FACILITIES, EQUIPMENT, AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR BUS RAPID TRANSIT SYSTEM PROJECTS;**

2. Payment of debt service on bonds issued to finance bus rapid transit system projects;

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3. Payment of all reasonable expenses and charges related to bond issuance and borrowing; and

4. Payment of costs relating to the management and operation of bus rapid transit system projects.

(ii) If [an eligible grantee] MONTGOMERY COUNTY uses funds under this section for the payment of debt service on bonds issued to finance bus rapid transit system projects, [the eligible grantee] MONTGOMERY COUNTY shall issue bonds in accordance with an ordinance or resolution which may specify all matters relating to the advertisement, sale, issuance, delivery, and payment of the bonds, including:

1. The forms, dates, and denominations of the bonds;
2. The principal maturities;
3. The methods to be used in determining interest payable on the bonds; and
4. Any provisions for registration, redemption before stated maturity, or the use of facsimile signatures or seals.

(c) The Department:

(1) Shall [distribute grants]:

(I) DEVELOP AND IMPLEMENT A MULTI-YEAR GRANT AGREEMENT TO ADMINISTER THE GRANT UNDER THIS SECTION WHICH SHALL REMAIN IN EFFECT UNTIL THE PRINCIPAL OF AND INTEREST ON ANY BONDS ISSUED BY MONTGOMERY COUNTY UNDER THIS SECTION ARE PAID IN FULL; AND

(II) DISTRIBUTE THE GRANT under this section to [eligible grantees] MONTGOMERY COUNTY in a timely manner; and

(2) May not impose any additional conditions on [an eligible grantee] MONTGOMERY COUNTY on receipt of a grant under this section.

2-802.1.

(a) In this section, "Fund" means the Bus Rapid Transit Fund.

(b) There is a Bus Rapid Transit Fund.

(c) The purpose of the Fund is to:

(1) Provide grants to [eligible grantees, as defined under § 2-802 of this subtitle] MONTGOMERY COUNTY; and

(2) Make funding commitments for the issuance of bus rapid transit bonds.

7-205.1.

[For fiscal year 2026 and each fiscal year thereafter, the] THE Governor shall include in the State budget an appropriation [of \$10,000,000] from the Transportation Trust Fund to the Bus Rapid Transit Fund established under § 2-802.1 of this article for bus rapid transit system grants in accordance with § 2-802 of this article IN THE FOLLOWING AMOUNTS:

(1) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2026, \$10,000,000; AND

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(2) FOR FISCAL YEAR 2027 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER,
\$12,000,000.

On page 8, in line 4, strike “June” and substitute “July”.