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AMENDMENT TO HOUSE BILL 1013

(First Reading File Bill)

On page 1, in line 12, after “Plan;” insert “establishing a Task Force to Create an Objective and Transparent System for Rating Transportation Projects; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to develop a prioritization process for highway and transit projects to be used in the Consolidated Transportation Plan; requiring the Task Force to make certain findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date; providing for the termination of certain provisions of this Act; providing for the effective dates of this Act;”.

On page 16, after line 2, insert:

“SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That:

(a) There is a Task Force to Create an Objective and Transparent System for Rating Transportation Projects.

(b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

(1) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of the Senate;

(2) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of the House;

(3) one member of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the Minority Leader of the Senate;

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(4) one member of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Minority Leader of the House; and

(5) the members of the Advisory Committee on Transportation Goals, Benchmarks, and Indicators.

(c) The Secretary of Transportation shall chair the Task Force.

(d) The Department of Transportation shall provide staff for the Task Force.

(e) A member of the Task Force:

(1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(f) (1) In consultation with the Task Force, the Department of Transportation shall develop a prioritization process for highway and transit projects to be used in the Consolidated Transportation Plan.

(2) The prioritization process shall be based upon objective and quantifiable analysis that considers at a minimum the following factors relative to the cost of the project or strategy:

(i) congestion mitigation;

(ii) economic development;

(iii) accessibility;

(iv) equity and fairness; and

(v) safety and environmental quality.

(g) The prioritization process may:

(1) provide for the assignment of different weights to highway and transit projects of regional, statewide, or interstate importance;

(2) assign different weights to highway and transit projects depending on the needs of different regions of the State and the benefits to the public welfare attributable to different regions of the State;

(3) provide geographical equity to promote a consensus in support of a statewide transportation program; and

(4) provide a balance between different modes of transportation in order to promote a consensus in support of a statewide transportation program.

(h) The Secretary of Transportation in conjunction with the Task Force shall hold public hearings in Baltimore City and each county in order to solicit input from State and local officials, transit officials, transportation authorities, stakeholders, and members of the public regarding the Department's development of the prioritization process.

(i) On or before June 1, 2017, the Department shall submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly regarding a prioritization process for highway and transit projects in accordance with this section.

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 2 of this Act shall take effect June 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 1 month

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and, at the end of June 30, 2017, with no further action required by the General Assembly, Section 2 of this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.”;

in lines 3, 6, and 10, strike “2.”, “3.”, and “4.”, respectively, and substitute “4.”, “5.”, and “6.”, respectively; in line 5, after “under” insert “Section 1 of”; and in line 10, after “That” insert “, except as provided in Section 3 of this Act.”.