

HOUSE BILL 1023

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By: **Delegates Platt, Krimm, and K. Young**
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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From Shady Grove to the City**
3 **of Frederick**

4 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From
5 Shady Grove to the City of Frederick; providing for the membership, chair, and
6 staffing of the Task Force; requiring the Task Force to consider certain
7 transportation-related issues and make recommendations relating to extending
8 Metrorail service from Shady Grove to the City of Frederick; requiring the Task
9 Force to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on or before a certain date;
10 providing for the termination of this Act; and generally relating to the Task Force to
11 Study Extending Metrorail Service From Shady Grove to the City of Frederick.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,

13 That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Extending Metrorail Service From Shady
15 Grove to the City of Frederick.

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

17 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the President of
18 the Senate;

19 (2) two members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the Speaker of
20 the House;

21 (3) the Secretary of Transportation, or the Secretary's designee;

22 (4) the Administrator of the Maryland Transit Administration, or the
23 Administrator's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) the Secretary of Budget and Management, or the Secretary's designee;

2 (6) one member from the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit
3 Authority, appointed by the Board of Directors of the Authority;

4 (7) the County Executive of Frederick County, or the County Executive's
5 designee;

6 (8) the County Executive of Montgomery County, or the County Executive's
7 designee;

8 (9) the Mayor of the City of Frederick, or the Mayor's designee;

9 (10) the Mayor of the City of Gaithersburg, or the Mayor's designee; and

10 (11) the following members appointed by the Governor:

11 (i) one representative from the Frederick County Chamber of
12 Commerce;

13 (ii) one representative from the Gaithersburg–Germantown
14 Chamber of Commerce;

15 (iii) one representative from Leadership Frederick;

16 (iv) three residents of Frederick County or the City of Frederick
17 (divided between the jurisdictions as the Governor determines), at least two of whom
18 regularly commute for work or other purposes to Washington, D.C., or to the inner suburbs
19 of Washington, D.C.; and

20 (v) two residents of Upper Montgomery County, at least one of whom
21 regularly commutes for work or other purposes to Washington, D.C., or to the inner suburbs
22 of Washington, D.C.

23 (c) At its first meeting, the Task Force shall elect a chair from among the Task
24 Force members.

25 (d) A member of the Task Force:

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

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

29 (e) The Task Force shall:

1 (1) study the rail transit needs of Upper Montgomery County and
2 Frederick County;

3 (2) identify and evaluate potential rights-of-way for stations and other
4 infrastructure that would be needed to extend Metrorail service from Shady Grove through
5 Upper Montgomery County to the City of Frederick;

6 (3) estimate the cost of extending Metrorail service from Shady Grove
7 through Upper Montgomery County to the City of Frederick;

8 (4) estimate the economic impact on Montgomery County, Frederick
9 County (including the City of Frederick), the State, and the Washington metropolitan
10 region of extending Metrorail service from Shady Grove through Upper Montgomery
11 County to the City of Frederick; and

12 (5) study and make recommendations regarding:

13 (i) the amount of funding needed to support extending Metrorail
14 service from Shady Grove through Upper Montgomery County to the City of Frederick; and

15 (ii) potential funding sources and mechanisms to support extending
16 Metrorail service from Shady Grove through Upper Montgomery County to the City of
17 Frederick.

18 (f) The Task Force may:

19 (1) conduct site visits to view rail transportation systems in Maryland and
20 in other jurisdictions; and

21 (2) hold public hearings and solicit input from interested persons,
22 including:

23 (i) the county and municipal governing bodies in Montgomery
24 County and Frederick County;

25 (ii) citizens from throughout the Washington, D.C., metropolitan
26 region who utilize Metrorail or other transit service or who otherwise are interested in the
27 availability of mass transit service; and

28 (iii) other members of the public.

29 (g) The Department of Transportation and the governments of Montgomery
30 County, Frederick County, and the City of Frederick shall provide staff support for the Task
31 Force.

1 (h) The Task Force shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor
2 and, subject to § 2–1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or
3 before October 1, 2017.

4 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
5 1, 2016. It shall remain effective for a period of 2 years and, at the end of June 30, 2018,
6 with no further action required by the General Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and
7 of no further force and effect.