

# HOUSE BILL 632

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By: **Delegates Rosenberg, Smith, Attar, and Bridges**  
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Assigned to: Appropriations and Environment and Transportation

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## A BILL ENTITLED

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; prohibiting the Maryland Transit  
8 Administration, under certain circumstances, from acquiring real property; and  
9 generally relating to the Baltimore metropolitan area east–west corridor.

10 BY adding to  
11 Article – Transportation  
12 Section 7–714  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

15 BY repealing  
16 Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session  
17 Section 2

18 BY repealing  
19 Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session  
20 Section 2

21 BY repealing  
22 Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session, as  
23 amended by Chapter 570 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009  
24 Section 1

25 BY repealing

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Chapter 3 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session, as amended by Chapter 570 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009  
Section 1

BY repealing

Chapter 570 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009

#### Preamble

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

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

WHEREAS, Effective, high-quality public transportation is important to these communities; and

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

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

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

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

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

#### Article – Transportation

**7-714.**

**(A) IN THIS SECTION, “RED LINE” MEANS A RAIL TRANSIT FACILITY USING ONE OR MORE VEHICLES OPERATING IN TANDEM ON A FIXED RAIL IN A COMBINATION OF AT-GRADE, ELEVATED, AND UNDERGROUND CONFIGURATIONS**

1 THROUGH BALTIMORE CITY AND BALTIMORE COUNTY ALONG A GENERALLY EAST  
2 TO WEST ALIGNMENT BETWEEN THE TERMINUS OF SECURITY BOULEVARD ON THE  
3 WEST AND THE JOHNS HOPKINS BAYVIEW MEDICAL CENTER ON THE EAST,  
4 CONNECTING AS APPROPRIATE TO OTHER FIXED-ROUTE TRANSIT SERVICES.

5 (B) (1) SUBJECT TO SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION, THE  
6 DEPARTMENT PROMPTLY SHALL:

7 (I) UNDERTAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE  
8 PLANNING, PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING, AND THE NATIONAL ENVIRONMENTAL  
9 POLICY ACT PROCESS AND SECURE A RECORD OF DECISION FOR:

10 1. THE RED LINE; AND

11 2. A MARC RAIL EXTENSION TO THE JOHNS HOPKINS  
12 BAYVIEW MEDICAL CENTER; AND

13 (II) PREPARE A PLAN FOR THE FUNDING AND FINANCING OF  
14 THE CONSTRUCTION AND OPERATION OF:

15 1. THE RED LINE; AND

16 2. A MARC RAIL EXTENSION TO THE JOHNS HOPKINS  
17 BAYVIEW MEDICAL CENTER.

18 (2) IN PLANNING THE RED LINE AND MARC RAIL EXTENSION, THE  
19 DEPARTMENT SHALL:

20 (I) SEEK TO AVOID ANY RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENT;

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

23 (III) CONSIDER MEASURES TO PROTECT AND ENHANCE THE  
24 PHYSICAL AND ECONOMIC WELL-BEING OF THE RESIDENTS OF THE STUDY AREA;  
25 AND

26 (IV) MAKE ITS FINDINGS PUBLICLY AVAILABLE.

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

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

8                           **(I) THE RED LINE; AND**

9                           **(II) A MARC RAIL EXTENSION TO THE JOHNS HOPKINS**  
10 **BAYVIEW MEDICAL CENTER.**

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

14           **(D) (1) SUBJECT TO PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, FOR FISCAL**  
15 **YEAR 2024 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE**  
16 **IN THE ANNUAL BUDGET BILL AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE TRANSPORTATION**  
17 **TRUST FUND OF \$200,000 TO THE BALTIMORE CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE OF**  
18 **EMPLOYMENT DEVELOPMENT FOR WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT AND SMALL,**  
19 **MINORITY, AND WOMEN-OWNED BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.**

20           **(2) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE FUNDS**  
21 **APPROPRIATED TO THE BALTIMORE CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT**  
22 **DEVELOPMENT SHALL SUPPLEMENT, AND NOT SUPPLANT, FUNDS OTHERWISE**  
23 **AVAILABLE FOR THE BALTIMORE CITY MAYOR'S OFFICE OF EMPLOYMENT**  
24 **DEVELOPMENT.**

25           **(E) IN CONDUCTING THE RED LINE TRANSIT PROJECT, THE**  
26 **ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT ACQUIRE ANY REAL PROPERTY FOR PLANNING,**  
27 **CONSTRUCTION, OPERATION, OR MAINTENANCE OF THE RED LINE IF THE**  
28 **ACQUISITION WOULD RESULT IN INVOLUNTARY RESIDENTIAL DISPLACEMENT.**

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

17           SECTION 8. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Chapter 570 of the Acts of the  
18 General Assembly of 2009 be repealed.

19           SECTION 9. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
20 1, 2022.