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Maryland Gov. William Donald Schaefer says he hopes to propose a second light rail line in the state at next year's General Assembly, saying the already approved Hunt Valley-to-Glen Burnie line is "only a beginning."

Schaefer said after coming back from his Canadian trade trip Friday that although he probably will propose the line to state leaders in the next legislative session, the counties involved would have to bear some of the cost. The Baltimore Sun reported yesterday that Schaefer stopped short of naming where he would place his latest mass transit project, but Schaefer spokesman Bob Douglas said it would likely be in Montgomery and Prince George's counties.

In the 1988 General Assembly, legislators gave initial approval to a Schaefer-backed initiative to build a 27 1/2-mile, \$ 290 million light rail line from Hunt Valley to Glen Burnie.

"We've been assuming the next obvious area to develop is the Washington area," Douglas said. He said he expects the administration to propose a 15- to 20-mile line to link up with the District Metro system. Washington's subway system lacks cross connections in the suburbs, Douglas said. The light rail line "would create more thorough links of the subway system."