

(e) The committee review, evaluation and recommendations shall include, but not be limited to, the following items:

- (1) Safety and security factors;
- (2) Environmental standards;
- (3) Fiscal implications including any projected operating deficits;
- (4) Ability of the system to meet transportation needs including peak period demand;
- (5) The attractiveness of the system which would encourage passenger utilization;
- (6) The total cost including inflation (capital and operating) of building and maintaining the system;
- (7) Cost/benefit ratio for both capital and operating expenditures; and
- (8) Availability of federal funds, including whether any design changes will meet federal approval requirements.

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(a) The Secretary of Transportation, before submitting to the United States Department of Transportation for approval or funding any final plans for the future development or extension of the rapid transit system in the Baltimore Metropolitan Transit District shall comply with the provisions of this section.

(b) The plans shall be submitted to the committee on or before October 1 prior to the commencement of the next regular session of the General Assembly. The committee shall review and evaluate the plans and make its recommendations to the General Assembly on or before the first day of that regular session.

(c) The General Assembly, by the adoption of a joint resolution, on or before 45 days following the commencement of that regular session, may reject the plans submitted pursuant to subsection (b).

(d) If the General Assembly does not reject the plans, the Secretary, following the 45th day after the commencement of the session, may submit the plans to the United States Department of Transportation. If the General Assembly rejects the plans, the Secretary may not submit the plans to the United States Department of Transportation, but the