

and the property owners and business owners surrounding the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line area; requiring the Administration to evaluate alternatives, alignments, and transit modes in terms of addressing the transit needs within a certain area; requiring the Administration to establish a certain advisory committee; providing for the membership of the advisory committee; requiring the Administration to submit a certain report to the General Assembly by a certain date; requiring the Administration to consider methods for providing preference in hiring for certain construction jobs to certain individuals; establishing a Citizens' Advisory Council for the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line; providing for the membership of the Advisory Council; requiring the Maryland Transit Administrator to designate the co-chairs of the Advisory Council; establishing the term of the members of the Advisory Council; requiring meetings of the Advisory Council to be publicized and open to the public; prohibiting a member of the Advisory Council from receiving compensation; requiring the Advisory Council to advise the Administrator on certain major policy matters surrounding the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line; requiring the Advisory Council to limit its review to certain matters; requiring the Advisory Council to report to the Governor and the General Assembly on its activities on or before a certain date each year; requiring the Administration to provide staff for the Advisory Council, solicit the advice of the Advisory Council at certain times, and prepare a certain report at certain times; and generally relating to the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study - Red Line.

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 region and in the communities surrounding the Red Line transit corridor, and 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