

WHEREAS, It is the intent of the General Assembly that community members participate in good faith 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, in conducting the transit project referred to in the Maryland Consolidated Transportation Program for fiscal years 2006 through 2011 as the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line, the Maryland Transit Administration shall:

(1) Consider the establishment of a dedicated fund within the construction budget of the Red Line transit project to compensate property owners whose property is damaged during the construction of any Red Line project;

(2) Consider the redevelopment of the commercial areas surrounding the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line area, in consultation with:

(i) The Department of Business and Economic Development;

(ii) The Department of General Services;

(iii) The University of Maryland Medical System;

(iv) The University of Maryland, Baltimore;

~~(iv)~~ (v) The City of Baltimore;

(vi) Baltimore County;

~~(v)~~ (vii) The surrounding communities; and

~~(vi)~~ (viii) The property owners and business owners of the area comprising the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line; and

(3) Consider methods for providing preference in hiring for construction jobs for the construction of any Red Line transit project to:

(i) residents of legislative districts in which the Red Line transit project will be constructed; or

(ii) residents of legislative districts adjacent to those in which the Red Line transit project will be constructed.

~~(3) Evaluate all alternatives, alignments, and transit modes, including heavy rail and tunneling, in terms of addressing the transportation needs of the area comprising and surrounding the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line, regardless of the cost associated with a particular alternative, alignment, or transit mode;~~

~~(4) Establish a Red Line Project Community Advisory Committee that:~~

~~(i) shall provide for community participation in the design, planning, construction, and operation of the transit project known as the Red Line project;~~