- (a) (1) With the approval of the Board of Public Works, the Secretary may acquire on behalf of this State, by gift, purchase, lease, condemnation, or otherwise, for any transportation related purpose, any railroad corridor property over which transportation has been provided and abandonment has been approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission or other governing agency with jurisdiction in the matter.
- (2) Any condemnation proceedings under this section shall be instituted and maintained in the name of this State and are governed by Title 12 of the Real Property Article.
- (b) If a railroad company intends to sell or otherwise dispose of any railroad corridor property that is located in this State and for which the company has received permission from the Interstate Commerce Commission or other governmental agency with jurisdiction in the matter to abandon transportation services, the company shall notify the Secretary of its intent to sell or otherwise dispose of the property.
- (c) Within 60 days after the Secretary receives a notice under subsection (b) of this section, the Secretary shall respond to the railroad company and notify the company of whether this State intends to acquire the railroad corridor property.
- (d) If the Secretary does not respond within the time required by subsection (c) of this section or if the Secretary notifies the railroad company that this State does not intend to acquire the railroad corridor property, the railroad company:
- (1) Is relieved of all responsibility to this State under this section; and
- (2) May sell or otherwise dispose of the property in any manner it considers appropriate.
- (e) To be effective, all notifications provided for in this section shall be in writing and mailed by certified mail, return receipt requested, bearing a postmark from the United States Postal Service.]

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- (a) The following units are in the Department:
 - (1) State Aviation Administration;
 - (2) Maryland Port Administration;
 - (3) Mass Transit Administration;
 - (4) State Highway Administration;