

JOINT RESOLUTIONS

No. 3

(House Joint Resolution No. 4)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Implementation of Light Rail Service on a Statewide Basis

FOR the purpose of supporting the concept of the implementation of light rail service on a statewide basis and expressing legislative intent to consider necessary revenue adjustments required during the 1990's in order to fund an adequate statewide transportation capital construction program involving all modes of transportation.

WHEREAS, \$43 million was appropriated in the F. Y. 1989 State budget for light rail in the central corridor of the Baltimore Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation has submitted a report analyzing various commuter corridors in Maryland (including corridors outside the Baltimore and Washington metropolitan areas) to determine those for which light rail is considered an appropriate transportation mode, and providing preliminary estimates as to the cost of providing light rail service in the corridors; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation has identified several corridors which may be appropriate for light rail service; and

WHEREAS, There may be other corridors identified in the future that may be appropriate for light rail; and

WHEREAS, Further study will be required to determine whether and when light rail projects will be initiated in those corridors; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation has provided an analysis of the financial status of the Transportation Trust Fund that includes a ten-year revenue forecast of the funds available and considers the funds needed for capital construction projects in the 1988 Consolidated Transportation Program, priority on system preservation, corridors that may be appropriate for light rail, anticipated highway projects, and other mass transit projects; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Department of Transportation shall continue to evaluate the corridors in Maryland for which light rail is considered an appropriate transportation mode; and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Maryland General Assembly supports the concept of implementation of light rail service in appropriate corridors around the State and will consider revenue measures needed to fund an adequate statewide transportation capital construction program involving all modes of transportation; and be it further

RESOLVED, This is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Transportation continue priority on system preservation; and be it further

RESOLVED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Department of Transportation continue to include participation by local governments in the construction costs of light rail; and be it further