

RESOLVED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that funds for future projects may be proposed only if maximum effort is made to secure available federal funds; and be it further

RESOLVED, That copies of this Resolution be forwarded by the Department of Legislative Reference to the Honorable William Donald Schaefer, Governor of Maryland; the Honorable Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., President of the Senate of Maryland; the Honorable R. Clayton Mitchell, Jr., Speaker of the House of Delegates; and the Honorable Richard H. Trainor, Secretary of the Maryland Department of Transportation, P. O. Box 8755, B.W.I. Airport, Baltimore, Maryland 21240.

Signed May 19, 1989.

No. 4

(House Joint Resolution No. 5)

A House Joint Resolution concerning

Light Rail in the Central Corridor of the Baltimore Metropolitan Area

FOR the purpose of approving the expenditure or commitment of certain funds in the Fiscal Year 1989 appropriation for light rail in the central corridor of the Baltimore Metropolitan area.

WHEREAS, Subject to certain restrictions, \$43 million was appropriated in the F.Y. 1989 State Budget for the design, right-of-way acquisition, vehicle purchase, and construction of a light rail system in the central corridor of the Baltimore Metropolitan area; and

WHEREAS, The General Assembly has authorized expenditure of \$10 million of the \$43 million by the Department of Transportation for design and options on rights-of-way for the central corridor; and

WHEREAS, \$4 million of the \$43 million has been approved for expenditure by the Legislative Policy Committee to place a contract on long-lead equipment items in accordance with the restrictions imposed by the General Assembly; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation has submitted a report which includes a plan for the light rail system (both southern and northern legs) including the intermodal tie-ins to Camden Station, Baltimore-Washington International Airport, and Penn Station; and

WHEREAS, Baltimore City and Anne Arundel and Baltimore Counties have signed memorandums of understanding and each agreed to contribute \$15 million towards the central corridor light rail project; and

WHEREAS, The Department of Transportation has reported that \$6 million in federal funds in F.Y. 1989 have been earmarked by the Congress for this project and that provision of the initial increment of funding makes likely subsequent approval of the remaining \$38 million in federal funds anticipated for the project; and

WHEREAS, As required by the General Assembly, recommendations for light rail in