

Maryland Department of Transportation, the issue of establishing a Regional Transportation Authority for the Metropolitan Washington Region, including in the study a review of such issues as:

(1) the funding of transportation projects;

(2) transportation capacity and projected travel demands for all modes of travel by 2025, including travel demand reduction strategies;

(3) transit alternatives;

(4) Potomac River crossings;

(5) coordination of and compliance with land use policies;

(6) air pollution control policies; and

(7) the organizational structures, powers, and responsibilities of a regional transportation authority, including a review of regional transportation planning and decision making bodies already created under the laws of Maryland, Virginia, and the District of Columbia, and the experience of other states and regions that have created regional transportation authorities; and

(8) other issues the Commission believes are relevant to a Regional Transportation Authority.

(b) It is the intent of the General Assembly that, in reviewing the issues specified in subsection (a) of this section, the Commission not consider issues relating to aviation.

(c) The Maryland Speaker of the House and the President of the Senate shall discuss with their appropriate counterparts in Virginia and the District of Columbia the advisability of expanding the membership of the Commission to a slightly broader geographic area in both Maryland and Virginia.

(d) (1) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commission submit an interim report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article in time to submit its findings and recommendations, and to the Governors of Maryland and Virginia, the Mayor and Council of the District of Columbia, and the General Assemblies of Maryland and Assembly of Virginia, and the local government officials of the affected counties and municipal corporations, prior to their respective 2002 legislative sessions on or before December 1, 2001.

(2) It is the intent of the General Assembly that the Commission submit a final report of its findings and recommendations to the General Assembly in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, and to the Governors of Maryland and Virginia, the Mayor and Council of the District of Columbia, the General Assembly of Virginia, and the local government officials of the affected counties and municipal corporations, on or before December 1, 2002.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October June 1, 2001.