

~~appropriation, the General Assembly also supports fare initiatives that reduce Statewide transit fares to \$1.10 for a one-way pass and \$2.50 for a day pass of weekly and monthly passes. To assist the General Assembly in evaluating the effect of the fare reduction, the department should measure the effect of the reduction of Statewide transit fares of weekly and monthly passes and report to the budget committees on the impact of this proposed fare reduction on ridership in 2002 by October 1, 2002. In addition, it is the intent of the General Assembly that the administration keep all other transit fares at their current levels for the next five years. However, the General Assembly is concerned about the funding sources identified in the initiative. To implement a prudently funded initiative, the General Assembly was forced to reduce the initiative's spending. The funds appropriated in the initiative should support the following priorities:~~

- ~~(1) reducing overcrowding on transit and reducing traffic congestion in Maryland, especially along I-270, I-495, and I-695;~~
- ~~(2) maintaining regional parity in services; and~~
- ~~(3) improving services throughout the State.~~

~~Further provided that the General Assembly authorizes the Maryland Department of Transportation to submit a budget amendment to add another \$5,000,000 to the special fund appropriations if the Maryland Department of Transportation can demonstrate that sufficient funds are available in the Transportation Trust Fund to support additional transit services, increase the transit initiative's operating budget appropriation up to \$33,199,000 if Transportation Trust Fund (TTF) revenues generated in fiscal year~~