

BY adding to

~~Article—Transportation~~

~~Section 7-300~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1993 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)~~

BY adding to

~~Article 25—County Commissioners~~

~~Section 236D~~

~~Annotated Code of Maryland~~

~~(1996 Replacement Volume and 1997 Supplement)~~

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That ~~the Laws of Maryland read as follows:~~

**~~Article—Transportation~~**

~~7-300.~~

~~(A) IN THIS SECTION, "FUTURE EXTENSION" MEANS A PROPOSED LONG-TERM FUTURE LIGHT RAIL EXTENSION:~~

~~(1) ORIGINATING IN BRANDYWINE IN PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, AT A LOCATION THAT WILL CONNECT WITH THE PROPOSED LIGHT RAIL TRANSIT SYSTEM IN THE MARYLAND ROUTE 5 CORRIDOR, RUNNING FROM THE BRANCH AVENUE METRO RAIL STATION TO WHITE PLAINS IN CHARLES COUNTY; AND~~

~~(2) TERMINATING IN LEXINGTON PARK IN ST. MARYS COUNTY.~~

~~(B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY:~~

~~(1) IDENTIFYING THE PROPERTY THAT WILL BE NEEDED FOR THE FUTURE EXTENSION AND DETERMINING THE OWNERSHIP OF THE PROPERTY;~~

~~(2) ESTIMATING THE COST FOR THE STATE TO PURCHASE THE NECESSARY RIGHTS OF WAY FOR THE FUTURE EXTENSION;~~

~~(3) DETERMINING THE FEASIBILITY OF USING A PORTION OF THE EXISTING CONRAIL BRANCH LINE BETWEEN BRANDYWINE AND THE VICINITY OF HUGHESVILLE FOR A PORTION OF THE FUTURE EXTENSION;~~

~~(4) ESTIMATING THE TOTAL PROJECT COSTS FOR:~~

~~(I) ALL ASPECTS OF DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION, INCLUDING THE DESIGN AND CONSTRUCTION OF ALL PROPOSED STATIONS AND PARKING AREAS;~~

~~(II) THE COMPLETION OF DRAFT AND FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS;~~

~~(III) PRELIMINARY AND FINAL ENGINEERING, AND~~

~~(IV) ALL NECESSARY LIGHT RAIL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT;~~