

~~(5) ESTIMATING THE PROJECTED RIDERSHIP, OPERATING COSTS, AND LEVEL OF FARES NECESSARY TO GENERATE A FAREBOX RECOVERY LEVEL OF 50% OF NET OPERATING EXPENSES FOR THE FUTURE EXTENSION;~~

~~(6) DETERMINING THE NECESSITY AND ESTIMATING THE COST OF:~~

~~(I) ANCILLARY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SUCH AS IMPROVEMENTS TO STATE HIGHWAYS OR COUNTY OWNED ROADS, AND~~

~~(II) BUS SERVICES TO AUGMENT THE SERVICE PROVIDED BY THE FUTURE EXTENSION; AND~~

~~(7) EXAMINING ALTERNATIVES TO THE FUTURE EXTENSION, INCLUDING ALIGNMENTS COVERING SHORTER DISTANCES.~~

~~(C) FUNDS MAY NOT BE EXPENDED FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND OR ANY OTHER STATE SOURCE FOR THE FUTURE EXTENSION, INCLUDING ACQUISITION OF RIGHTS OF WAY, THE DEVELOPMENT OF DRAFT OR FINAL ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT STATEMENTS, PRELIMINARY OR FINAL ENGINEERING, OR CONSTRUCTION, UNTIL THE ADMINISTRATION:~~

~~(1) HAS COMPLETED THE STUDY REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (B) OF THIS SECTION; AND~~

~~(2) HAS SUBMITTED A REPORT OF ITS FINDINGS TO THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS, THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE, AND THE SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE FOR REVIEW AND COMMENT DURING THE CALENDAR YEAR 2000 SESSION OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.~~

~~(D) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL CONSULT THE APPROPRIATE AGENCIES IN THE AREA OF THE FUTURE EXTENSION AND ESTABLISH A TECHNICAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE OF REGIONAL AND LOCAL AGENCY STAFFS TO REVIEW AND OVERSEE THE STUDY.~~

~~SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Mass Transit Administration shall report to the Governor, the Secretary of Transportation, and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the General Assembly and the Committees of the General Assembly specified in Section 1 of this Act on or before December 1, 2000 on the results of the study required by this Act.~~

~~SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act may not be construed as endorsing the proposed light rail extension described in Section 1 of this Act or as authorizing the Mass Transit Administration to take any action with respect to the proposed light rail extension beyond conducting the study required under Section 1 of this Act.~~

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(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING TERMS AND PHRASES HAVE THE MEANINGS INDICATED.