

(6) assess the barriers to implementing roadway improvements and mass transit, including light rail service, in Southern Maryland and make recommendations to address those barriers; and

(7) make recommendations for potential funding mechanisms to implement traffic congestion reduction strategies in Southern Maryland.

(h) The Commission may:

(1) conduct site visits to view rail transportation systems in Maryland;

(2) request information from representatives of CSX Corporation relating to existing rail lines in Southern Maryland;

(3) include in its study those communities in Prince George's County that lie directly adjacent to St. Mary's and Charles counties and which might be impacted by the Commission's recommendations;

(4) include in its study those communities in Anne Arundel County that lie directly adjacent to Calvert County and which might be impacted by the Commission's recommendations; [and]

(5) hold public hearings to receive comments from interested parties;

AND

(6) **ELECT TO RECONVENE TO STUDY AND MAKE ALTERATIONS TO DRAFTS OF ITS RECOMMENDATIONS AND TO STUDY ITS FINDINGS.**

(i) The Commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the Governor and, subject to § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, to the General Assembly on or before [November 1, 2006] **JUNE 30, 2008.**

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2005. It shall remain effective for a period of [2] 4 years and, at the end of June 30, [2007] **2009**, with no further action required by the General Assembly; this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 8, 2008.