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The Honorable Edward J. Kasemeyer  
Chairman, Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
5205 East Drive, Suite H  
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The Honorable Norman Conway  
Chairman, House Appropriations Committee  
1312 Whittier Drive  
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Dear Chairmen Kasemeyer and Conway:

Attached is a report concerning the Maryland Transit Administration's *Red Line Financial Plan* as required in the 2010 Joint Chairmen's Report (JCR), page 61. The language directs that:

*"Currently, the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) is moving forward with planning for three major transit lines, the corridor Cities Transitway, the Purple Line, and the Red Line. Due to the existing constraints facing the Transportation Trust Fund, a major revenue increase will be required to pay for one of the transit lines. As part of the federal approval process, MTA is required to submit a New Starts application that allows them to enter into preliminary engineering and that provides detailed information on ridership and the planning of the project. Preliminary financial information regarding how the State will pay for the project will also be provided. MTA should submit a report to the committees 45 days after each New Starts submission detailing how it will pay for the Red Line, Purple Line, and Corridor Cities Transitway. The report should include copies of the financial information provided to the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) as well as a discussion of the viability of the financial information presented.*

*This report is due 45 days after the New Starts application is submitted to FTA for each proposed project to enter into preliminary engineering."*

If you have additional questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Ralign Wells, Maryland Transit Administrator at 410-767-3943. Of course, you should always feel free to contact me directly.

Sincerely,

Beverley K. Swaim-Staley  
Secretary

Attachment

cc: The Honorable Thomas V. "Mike" Miller, Maryland Senate President  
The Honorable Michael E. Busch, Maryland House Speaker  
Members of the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee  
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