

SENATE BILL 1065

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By: **Senators Manno, Feldman, King, Lee, Madaleno, Smith, and Young**

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Assigned to: Rules

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study and West Side**
3 **Mobility Study – Review and Update**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring certain Maryland Department of Transportation business
5 units to review and update the I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study and the
6 West Side Mobility Study in order to ensure compliance with federal and State
7 project development process requirements for the approval and funding of major
8 public transportation projects; requiring that a certain report be submitted to certain
9 committees until the completion of the review and update; and generally relating to
10 the review and update of the I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study and the West
11 Side Mobility Study.

12 Preamble

13 WHEREAS, The I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study was conducted jointly by
14 the Maryland State Highway Administration (SHA) and the Maryland Transit
15 Administration (MTA) to evaluate improvements to the I-270/US 15 Corridor in Frederick
16 and Montgomery counties; and

17 WHEREAS, The West Side Mobility Study was conducted by SHA, in conjunction
18 with the Virginia Department of Transportation, to evaluate improvements to the
19 American Legion Bridge, I-495, and certain portions of I-270, among other things; and

20 WHEREAS, The studies were necessary to assess the State's options for improving
21 the region's highway and transit systems in order to increase commuter safety, alleviate
22 traffic congestion, and spur economic development; and

23 WHEREAS, The Maryland State Highway Administration and the Maryland
24 Transit Administration prepared a number of documents as a result of the I-270/US 15
25 Multi-Modal Corridor Study, including a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, an
26 Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Assessment, and a Supplemental Environmental

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



Assessment, to comply with certain federal and State requirements for the funding and approval of major transportation projects; and

WHEREAS, \$100,000,000 was included in the State Highway Administration's Interstate Construction Program to pilot implementation of the Innovative Congestion Management project to reduce congestion on I-270; and

WHEREAS, The State must be prepared to act on all recommendations and options available to improve the I-270/US 15 Corridor, I-495, and the American Legion Bridge; now, therefore,

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That:

(a) (1) On or before January 1, 2020, the State Highway Administration and the Maryland Transit Administration shall complete a review and update of the I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study, including the I-270 Draft Environmental Impact Statement, the I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Assessment, and the Corridor Cities Transitway Supplemental Environmental Assessment, in order to ensure compliance with federal and State project development process requirements for the approval and funding of major public transportation improvements.

(2) (i) On or before January 1, 2020, the State Highway Administration shall complete a review and update of the sections of the West Side Mobility Study that involve projects in Maryland in order to ensure compliance with federal and State project development process requirements for the approval and funding of major public transportation improvements.

(ii) The review and update required under subparagraph (i) of this paragraph shall include the drafting and finalization of any required statement or assessment, such as a draft environmental impact statement, an alternatives analysis/environmental assessment, and a supplemental environmental assessment.

(b) On or before January 1 each year until completion of the review and update required under subsection (a) of this section, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State Government Article, the State Highway Administration and the Maryland Transit Administration shall submit a report on the status of the review and updates to the Senate Budget and Taxation Committee, the Senate Finance Committee, the House Appropriations Committee, and the House Environment and Transportation Committee.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2017.