

R004-0910

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN BALTIMORE AND WASHINGTON**

20 **WHEREAS:** The Baltimore-Washington corridor is the most heavily trafficed in the State of Maryland; and,

30 **WHEREAS:** MARC currently provides the only mass transit option between these two major cities; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** MARC's Penn and Camden lines are currently crowded nearly to the point of capacity; and,

50 **WHEREAS:** Attempts to expand service on these two lines have been prevented by Amtrak and CSX who own
60 the rail lines used by MARC; and,

70 **WHEREAS:** The only way to expand mass transit in this busy corridor is to add additional lines; and,

80 **WHEREAS:** The most logical option for a new rail line is the former Washington, Baltimore and Annapolis
90 right of way; and,

100 **WHEREAS:** This right of way has been preserved between New Carrollton and the City of Baltimore; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** This translates into a minimum of loss of private property in the conversion process; and,

120 **WHEREAS:** The use of this right of way would allow a line to run from Union Station in Washington, D.C. to
130 BWI Marshall Airport, where it can join the current Baltimore Light Rail; and,

140 **WHEREAS:** A new light rail line through the Baltimore Washington Corridor would reduce the cost of
150 maintenance of I-95 and MD 295, as well as lower traffic volumes and the number of accidents on these roads; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** This new light rail line would stimulate economic development in Baltimore City, and along the
170 route of the line.

180 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature encourages the start of the necessary
190 studies for the creation of an express light rail line between Washington's Union Station and the City of Baltimore.

200 **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** That this project be supported by the City of Baltimore, the surrounding
210 counties, the State of Maryland, Washington D.C., and the federal government.

220 **MANDATES:**

230 Governor Martin O'Malley, State of Maryland

240 Mayor Shela Dixon, City of Baltimore

250 Secretary Beverley K. Swaim-Staley, Maryland Department of Transportation

260 Secretary Ray LaHood, United States Department of Transportation

270 Representative Steny Hoyer, United States Congress

280 Representative Frank Kratovil, United States Congress

290 James T. Smith Jr, Baltimore County Executive

300 John Robinson Leopold, Anne Arundel County Executive

310 Jack Johnson, Prince George's County Executive

320 Mayor Adrian Fenty, Washington, D.C.

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