

R005-0910

10 **A RESOLUTION CONCERNING BALTIMORE MASS TRANSIT**

20 **WHEREAS:** Baltimore is unique in major cities in the North East Corridor in lacking a rail mass transit
30 network; and,

40 **WHEREAS:** Light rail mass transit is much more reliable, popular, and cost effective than other forms of mass
50 transit; and,

60 **WHEREAS:** This lack discourages economic and residential development inside Baltimore and leads to
70 potential investments in Baltimore to go to other NEC cites with rail mass transit; and,

90 **WHEREAS:** Not having a rail mass transit system creates higher cost of living for Baltimore Metropolitan
100 Area residents, and employees of potential businesses; and,

110 **WHEREAS:** A mass transit system would help lower the infrastructure maintenance costs associated with the 120
large expressways and smaller roads within Baltimore by lowering their traffic volumes; and,

130 **WHEREAS:** A light rail mass transit network would lead to closer in development and redevelopment of areas
140 with already existing roads and infrastructure, greatly reducing the burden that outside growth puts on the tax
150 payer; and,

160 **WHEREAS:** A light rail mass transit would help to revitalize economically blighted regions of the Charm City,
170 by encouraging redevelopment of downtrodden areas.

180 **THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Maryland Student Legislature encourages the start of the necessary
190 studies for the creation of a large light rail mass transit network serving Baltimore City and the surrounding urban
200 areas.

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

230 **MANDATES:**

240 Governor Martin O'Malley, State of Maryland

250 Mayor Shela Dixon, City of Baltimore

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

270 Secretary Ray LaHood, United States Department of Transportation

280 Representative Steny Hoyer, United States Congress

290 Representative Frank Kratovil, United States Congress

300 James T. Smith Jr, Baltimore County Executive

310 John Robinson Leopold, Anne Arundel County Executive

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