

HOUSE BILL 1022

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By: **Delegate Crosby**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2022

Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Highway Administration – Route 5 Reconstruction Project at Great Mills**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration to undertake all steps
4 necessary to complete the Route 5 Reconstruction Project at Great Mills; requiring
5 the Governor to appropriate a certain amount of funding for the Route 5
6 Reconstruction Project; requiring the Route 5 Reconstruction Project to be
7 constructed and commence operation on or before a certain date; and generally
8 relating to the Route 5 Reconstruction Project at Great Mills.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Transportation

11 Section 8–663

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2021 Supplement)

14 Preamble

15 WHEREAS, The Route 5 Reconstruction Project at Great Mills provides critical
16 safety and traffic solutions at a key intersection in St. Mary’s County, was St. Mary’s
17 County’s top funding priority in previous years, and is located inside a
18 Maryland–designated Sustainable Community and designated Priority Funding Area; and

19 WHEREAS, The Project will address existing safety, congestion, access, and
20 connectivity issues in St. Mary’s County by improving roadways, replacing an aging bridge
21 susceptible to floods, and improving bicycle and pedestrian access; and

22 WHEREAS, The Project will support increased economic development, reduce the
23 high crash rate on Route 5, provide more reliable travel times for a growing commuter
24 population, and improve access to local military installations including for the Army, Navy,
25 and Coast Guard; and

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The Project will help alleviate congestion–related emissions in the area
2 and use improved stormwater management to reduce runoff into nearby wetlands; and

3 WHEREAS, Route 5 is a key evacuation route that leads away from the National
4 Capital Region to the Southeast and in a national emergency would be a critical area for
5 the evacuation of over 21,000 people; and

6 WHEREAS, The Project faces delayed funding, construction, and completion and
7 reduced economic development for the county and State as the Project continues to be
8 deferred; now, therefore,

9 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
10 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

11 **Article – Transportation**

12 **8–663.**

13 (A) IN THIS SECTION, “ROUTE 5 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT” MEANS THE
14 RECONSTRUCTION OF MARYLAND ROUTE 5 BETWEEN MARYLAND ROUTE 246 AND
15 MARYLAND ROUTE 471 IN GREAT MILLS, ST. MARY’S COUNTY, AS DESCRIBED IN
16 THE CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023
17 THROUGH 2028, INCLUDING ROADWAY, BRIDGE, AND RELATED INFRASTRUCTURE
18 IMPROVEMENTS.

19 (B) IT IS THE INTENT OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT THE
20 ADMINISTRATION PROMPTLY UNDERTAKE ALL STEPS NECESSARY TO COMPLETE
21 THE PLANNING, ENGINEERING, RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION, AND CONSTRUCTION
22 OF THE ROUTE 5 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE
23 CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 THROUGH
24 2028.

25 (C) (1) THE GOVERNOR SHALL APPROPRIATE THE NECESSARY FUNDS IN
26 FISCAL YEARS 2024 AND 2025 FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE ROUTE 5
27 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT.

28 (2) THE APPROPRIATIONS REQUIRED UNDER PARAGRAPH (1) OF
29 THIS SUBSECTION SHALL BE MADE IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE CONSOLIDATED
30 TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR FISCAL YEARS 2023 THROUGH 2028.

31 (D) THE ROUTE 5 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT SHALL BE CONSTRUCTED
32 AND COMMENCE OPERATION ON OR BEFORE JUNE 30, 2025.

33 (E) (1) ON OR BEFORE DECEMBER 1 EACH YEAR UNTIL COMPLETION OF

1 THE ROUTE 5 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL, IN
2 ACCORDANCE WITH § 2-1257 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, SUBMIT A
3 REPORT ON THE STATUS OF THE ROUTE 5 RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT TO THE
4 SENATE BUDGET AND TAXATION COMMITTEE, THE SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE,
5 THE HOUSE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE, AND THE HOUSE ENVIRONMENT AND
6 TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE.

7 (2) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER THIS SUBSECTION SHALL
8 INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION ABOUT THE ROUTE 5 RECONSTRUCTION
9 PROJECT:

- 10 (I) AN UPDATE ON ALL PROGRESS;
- 11 (II) ANY REVISED ESTIMATE OF THE TOTAL COST AND A
12 STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR ANY COST SAVINGS OR COST INCREASES;
- 13 (III) A DESCRIPTION OF ANY CHANGES;
- 14 (IV) PLANNED EXPENDITURES BY YEAR, CATEGORIZED BY:
- 15 1. PLANNING AND ENGINEERING;
- 16 2. RIGHT-OF-WAY ACQUISITION;
- 17 3. UTILITY RELOCATION;
- 18 4. PERMITS;
- 19 5. DESIGN;
- 20 6. CONSTRUCTION; AND
- 21 7. ANY OTHER CATEGORY REQUIRED BY THE
22 ADMINISTRATION;
- 23 (V) FUNDING SOURCES BY YEAR, CATEGORIZED BY:
- 24 1. FEDERAL FUNDS;
- 25 2. SPECIAL FUNDS;
- 26 3. LOCAL CONTRIBUTIONS; AND

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4. ANY OTHER REVENUE SOURCE; AND

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(VI) ANY OTHER INFORMATION CONCERNING THE ROUTE 5

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RECONSTRUCTION PROJECT THAT THE ADMINISTRATION CONSIDERS PERTINENT.

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

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1, 2022.