

# HOUSE BILL 1050

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Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

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## 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

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 WHEREAS, The Maryland State Highway Administration and the Maryland  
2 Transit Administration prepared a number of documents as a result of the I-270/US 15  
3 Multi-Modal Corridor Study, including a Draft Environmental Impact Statement, an  
4 Alternatives Analysis/Environmental Assessment, and a Supplemental Environmental  
5 Assessment, to comply with certain federal and State requirements for the funding and  
6 approval of major transportation projects; and

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

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

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

15 (a) (1) On or before January 1, 2020, the State Highway Administration and  
16 the Maryland Transit Administration shall complete a review and update of the I-270/US  
17 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study, including the I-270 Draft Environmental Impact  
18 Statement, the I-270/US 15 Multi-Modal Corridor Study Alternatives  
19 Analysis/Environmental Assessment, and the Corridor Cities Transitway Supplemental  
20 Environmental Assessment, in order to ensure compliance with federal and State project  
21 development process requirements for the approval and funding of major public  
22 transportation improvements.

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

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

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

38 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July  
39 1, 2017.