

# HOUSE BILL 1133

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By: **Delegate Carter**

Introduced and read first time: February 10, 2012

Assigned to: Environmental Matters

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Highway Administration – Closure of Interstate 70 for Red Line Transit**  
3 **Project Expansion Prohibited**

4 FOR the purpose of prohibiting the State Highway Administration from closing the  
5 portion of Interstate 70 that is east of Interstate 695 in the Baltimore region to  
6 allow for the construction of the Red Line transit project expansion; requiring  
7 the Administration to keep open and maintain for use by motor vehicles the  
8 portion of Interstate 70 that is east of Interstate 695 in the Baltimore region  
9 whether or not the Red Line transit project is constructed; requiring the  
10 Administration to obtain the consent of certain persons regarding a certain  
11 matter; making this Act an emergency measure; and generally relating to a  
12 prohibition against the closing of a certain portion of Interstate 70 east of  
13 Interstate 695 in the Baltimore region.

14 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,  
15 Chapter 2 of the Acts of the General Assembly of the 2006 Special Session, as  
16 amended by Chapter 570 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 2009  
17 Section 1

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

20 **Chapter 2 of the Acts of the 2006 Special Session, as amended by Chapter 570**  
21 **of the Acts of 2009**

22 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF  
23 MARYLAND, That, in conducting the transit project referred to in the Maryland  
24 Consolidated Transportation Program for fiscal years 2008 through 2013 as the  
25 Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line, the Maryland Transit Administration:

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1           (1) Shall consider the establishment of a dedicated fund within the  
2 construction budget of the Red Line transit project to compensate property owners  
3 whose property is damaged during the construction of any Red Line project;

4           (2) Shall consider the redevelopment of the commercial areas  
5 surrounding the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line area, in consultation  
6 with:

7                   (i) The Department of Business and Economic Development;

8                   (ii) The Department of General Services;

9                   (iii) The University of Maryland Medical System;

10                  (iv) The University of Maryland, Baltimore;

11                  (v) The City of Baltimore;

12                  (vi) Baltimore County;

13                  (vii) The surrounding communities; and

14                  (viii) The property owners and business owners of the area  
15 comprising the Baltimore Corridor Transit Study – Red Line; and

16           (3) Shall consider methods for providing preference in hiring for  
17 construction jobs for the construction of any Red Line transit project to:

18                   (i) residents of legislative districts in which the Red Line  
19 transit project will be constructed; or

20                   (ii) residents of legislative districts adjacent to those in which  
21 the Red Line transit project will be constructed; and

22           (4) May not acquire any real property for construction of the Red Line  
23 transit project, if the acquisition would result in involuntary residential displacement.

24           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the State Highway  
25 Administration:

26                   (1) may not close the portion of Interstate 70 that is east of Interstate  
27 695 in the Baltimore region to allow for the construction of the Red Line transit project  
28 expansion;

29                   (2) shall keep open and maintain for use by motor vehicles the portion  
30 of Interstate 70 that is east of Interstate 695 in the Baltimore region whether or not  
31 the Red Line transit project is constructed; and

1           (3)     before commencing any modification of the portion of Interstate 70  
2 that is east of Interstate 695 in the Baltimore region to allow for the construction of  
3 the Red Line transit project expansion, shall obtain the consent of the owners or  
4 residents of at least 65% of the dwellings or other properties in the neighborhoods that  
5 are within a 2.5 mile radius of the proposed Interstate 70 modification.

6           SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act is an emergency  
7 measure, is necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health or safety,  
8 has been passed by a yea and nay vote supported by three-fifths of all the members  
9 elected to each of the two Houses of the General Assembly, and shall take effect from  
10 the date it is enacted.