

such as right-of-way preservation; density; pedestrian, bicycle, bus, and automobile access; project financing mechanisms; and other critical design elements.

SECTION ~~2~~ 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect October 1, 2008.

Approved by the Governor, April 24, 2008.

CHAPTER 123

(House Bill 373)

AN ACT concerning

Maryland Transit Administration – Transit-Oriented Development

FOR the purpose of establishing that the realization of certain transit-oriented development of certain property located near transit stations is a transportation purpose that is essential for the attainment of certain objectives; *providing for the construction of certain provisions of this Act*; defining certain terms; ~~providing for the construction of this Act~~; *declaring the intent of the General Assembly for local governments to coordinate with the Maryland Transit Administration in a certain manner*; and generally relating to transit oriented development.

BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
 Article – Transportation
 Section 7-101 and 7-102
 Annotated Code of Maryland
 (2001 Replacement Volume and 2007 Supplement)

Preamble

WHEREAS, In recognition of the role transit plays in reducing highway congestion and greenhouse gas emissions, it is the intent of the General Assembly that land uses surrounding transit stations throughout the State be developed in a manner that is conducive to greater transit ridership and designed to promote transit, walking, and bicycling in addition to the automobile as means of transportation; and

WHEREAS, Households within one-half of a mile of transit service own fewer automobiles than households where transit is not available and people who live near transit are more likely to use transit to commute; and