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## **Promises Kept: House Bill 426 Ensures No Homes Taken for the Red Line**

Baltimore Mayor Sheila Dixon's pledge that no properties along the proposed Red Line corridor be lost during construction would be sealed with the passage of House Bill (HB) 426. Delegates Nathaniel Oaks, Jill Carter, Sandy Rosenberg, Peter Hammen, Brian McHale and Melvin Stukes are co-sponsors of new legislation that would prohibit the Maryland Transit Administration (MTA) from acquiring any property along the Red Line corridor if it would result in residential displacement. First introduced on February 3, a hearing on HB 426 will be held **Tuesday, February 17, Lowe House Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland.**

"Over the next year, we will continue to work together – with the City Council, our State legislators, the Governor and our federal partners – to make the push for as much support for this project as possible," the Mayor said. HB 426 strengthens yet another component of the Red Line Community Compact. While Alternative 4C, the locally preferred alternative endorsed by the Mayor and Baltimore County Executive does not require any residential displacements according to the MTA's Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS), HB 426 would make it unlawful to do so.

"We are certainly encouraged by the potential for the Red Line to bridge communities and give the citizens of Baltimore greater access to jobs and economic opportunities," said Delegate Nathaniel Oaks, the bill's co-sponsor. "That notwithstanding, my colleagues and I firmly believe that citizens living along the Red Line Corridor need an additional measure of assurance that they will not lose their properties during construction. House Bill 426 would provide that assurance."

You can follow the bill's progress at [www.mlis.state.md.us](http://www.mlis.state.md.us) or call 410-841-3283 for additional information about the upcoming hearing.

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