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The Department of Transportation was created by Chapter 526, Acts of 1970. The State's concern with transportation, however, dates back to the early nineteenth century. In that period the State helped finance various "internal improvements," including railroads, canals, and turnpikes. State agencies specifically vested with responsibilities for different aspects of transportation are, however, a product of the twentieth century, with the State Roads Commission being established in 1908, the Motor Vehicle Commission in 1910, the State Aviation Commission in 1929, the Maryland Port Authority in 1956, the Mass Transit Administration in 1970, and the State Railroad Administration in 1978.

The Department of Transportation brings together under the direction of the Secretary seven primary transportation administrations: the State Aviation Administration, the Maryland Port Administration, the Mass Transit Administration, the Motor Vehicle Administration, the State Highway Administration, the Toll Facilities Administration, and the State Railroad Administration. Also providing the Secretary with advice, guidance, and direction in a variety of transportation matters are the Board of Airport Zoning Appeals, the Maryland Transportation Commission, the State Roads Commission, the Board of Review, the Transportation Professional Services Selection Board, and the Maryland Transportation Authority (Code Transportation Article, secs. 2-101 through 2-103).

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

The Secretary's Office includes the Secretary and Deputy Secretary, the Special Assistant to the Secretary, Office of Policy and Program Analysis, Office of Transportation Planning, Office of Financial Planning and Budget, Office of General Counsel, and the Internal Audit Staff. Besides having full authority over the Department and all its administrations, the Secretary serves as chairperson of the Maryland Transportation Authority, and as a member of the Transportation Professional Services Selection Board, and the Maryland Highway Safety Coordinating Committee (Code Transportation Article, sec. 2-102).

MARYLAND HIGHWAY SAFETY COORDINATING COMMITTEE

Chairperson: Harry Hughes, *Governor*

Ex officio members: Thomas V. Mike Miller, Jr., *Chairperson, Senate Judicial Proceedings Committee;* Helen L. Koss, *Chairperson, House of Delegates Committee on Constitutional and Administrative Law;* Arthur S. Alperstein, *Chairperson, Motor Vehicle Subcommittee of the*

House of Delegates Judiciary Committee; William K. Hellmann, *Secretary of Transportation;* Frank A. Hall, *Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services;* Adele Wilzack, *Secretary of Health and Mental Hygiene;* David W. Hornbeck, *State Superintendent of Schools;* R Adams Cowley, *Director, Maryland Institute for Emergency Medical Systems.*

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The Maryland Highway Safety Coordinating Committee, established by Executive Order in 1972, coordinates the planning and execution of highway safety programs.

The Department of Transportation administers the State highway safety program; the Secretary of Transportation is the Governor's Highway Safety Representative. The Governor's powers and authority for the program have been redelegated by the Secretary to the Division of Transportation Safety (Code Transportation Article, secs. 2-401 through 2-409).