

(4) To prepare and recommend methods for establishing capital improvement programs and budgeting therefor, and schedules of priority of public projects for units of government.

~~(5) To conduct a program of public information in order to develop a general understanding of the function of comprehensive planning in and for the Regional Planning Area.~~

~~(6)~~ (5) To prepare, publish, and distribute an annual report and such other reports and plans as relate to the activities of The Council as authorized by this Act TO THE GOVERNOR AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND AND TO EACH MEMBER OF THE COUNCIL.

Plans and Projects

17. Referral of Plans and Projects.

Whenever the Regional Planning Council has adopted a SUGGESTED General Development Plan for the Regional Planning Area:

(1) No plan or change of plan may be adopted by any unit of government within the Regional Planning Area, until and unless the plan has been ~~submitted~~ REFERRED to the Regional Planning Council for its consideration; and

(2) No road, park, public way, public building, or any other development which is metropolitan or regional in nature or affects an area greater than single unit of government, may be constructed or authorized in the Regional Planning Area, until and unless the proposed location and extent thereof has been ~~submitted~~ REFERRED to the Regional Planning Council for its consideration.

The Regional Planning Council, within thirty days after the receipt of any referral, shall act thereon. Failure to act within a period of thirty days shall constitute its approval of the proposed plan or development, ~~except that the time required for examination and study of the proposal may be extended by mutual agreement.~~ In case of disapproval, The Council shall communicate its reasons to the State or local agency or body responsible for such plan or development. Such agency or body responsible for the plan or development has the power to proceed without the approval of the Regional Planning Council, ~~only after reconsideration~~ AFTER CONSIDERATION of the matter in light of said disapproval. Upon such action it shall advise the Regional Planning Council in writing ~~of its reasons for proceeding.~~

It is the intention of this section that the Regional Planning Council shall be consulted on every improvement ~~which is regional or metropolitan in nature or which directly or indirectly~~ affects more than one unit of government. It is the purpose of this section to give The Council an opportunity to determine what effect a contemplated improvement ~~or structure~~ will have upon the SUGGESTED General Development Plan and to voice its opinion thereon. It is not the purpose of this section to provide the Regional Planning Council with a veto over such improvement or structure.

Finances

18. Budget and Financing.

The Governor shall place in the GENERAL FUND budget for the