

bicycle trails along other highways, roads and streets and in parks and recreational areas.

(b) *In any one fiscal year, the amount of highway user revenues expended by either the State Highway Administration, Baltimore City, or the several counties and municipalities of the State, shall not be less than 1% of the highway user revenues Baltimore City, County or municipality each received during such fiscal year, except that in* IN lieu of actually expending or obligating highway user revenue funds for the purposes authorized PERMITTED by this Section, the State Highway Administration, the City of Baltimore, and the several counties and municipalities of the State may credit such funds to a financial reserve or special fund to be held for not more than 10 years and to be expended only for the purposes required or permitted by this Section.

(c) Footpaths or bicycle trails shall not be required to be established under Subsection (a) of this Section, if:

(1) The establishment of the footpaths and bicycle trails would be contrary to public safety;

(2) The cost of establishing the footpaths and bicycle trails would be excessively disproportionate to the need or to the probable use thereof; or

(3) The sparsity of population, the existence of other available ways or other factors demonstrate an absence of any need for the footpaths and bicycle trails.

(d) The State Highway Administration, when requested, shall provide technical assistance and advice to Baltimore City and the several counties and municipalities of the State in carrying out the purposes either required or permitted by this Section. The State Highway Administration shall recommend construction standards for footpaths and bicycle trails and shall prescribe a uniform system of signs for footpaths and bicycle trails which shall apply to all the footpaths and bicycle trails constructed pursuant to the requirements of Subsection (a) of this Section, whether construction is undertaken by the State Highway Administration, by Baltimore City or by the several counties and municipalities of the State.

(e) The use of footpaths and bicycle trails will be restricted to pedestrians and non-motorized vehicles, unless the State Highway Administration, Baltimore City, and the several counties and municipalities of this State specifically approve other uses. NOTWITHSTANDING THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBSECTION, THE USE OF FOOTPATHS AND BICYCLE TRAILS SHALL BE DENIED TO SPORTS CYCLES, TRAIL BIKES AND MINI-BIKES.

(f) As used in this Section, "bicycle trails" means a publicly owned and maintained lane, way or path designated, by appropriate signs, for use as a bicycle route.

SEC. 2. And be it further enacted, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 1972.

Approved May 26, 1972.