

year of the [Commission] *Administration* shall be submitted in the [Commission's] *Administration's* budget to the General Assembly for its review and approval. Such program shall include the highway projects scheduled during such budget year and the degree of completion anticipated. Concurrently the remaining four years of the [five-year] *Five-Year Secondary Highway [p]Program* shall be submitted to the General Assembly for its information. If the [Commission] *Administration* for any reason is unable to perform in accordance with the scheduling set forth in the annual programs it is directed to explain to the next session of the General Assembly any change in the scheduling of a particular project included in preceding year's programs. Projects comprising the [five-year] *Five-Year Secondary Highway [p]Programs* shall be derived from the [twenty-year needs study] *Twenty-Year Needs Study* which will be subject to local participation as set forth in Section 211-O of this article. *Prior to the annual submission of the Five-Year Secondary Highway Program to the General Assembly, the State Highway Administration shall consult with the local area and municipal government officials with respect to the inclusion of highway projects and the establishment of construction priorities.* In order to insure full advantage from competitive bidding, it is the legislative intent that the [Commission] *Administration* shall, whenever practicable separate or break major construction projects into two or more smaller contracts for construction purposes.

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In order that the members of the General Assembly and the Executive Department of the State may be furnished with up-to-date and current information on highway needs and costs, the State [Roads Commission] *Highway Administration* is hereby authorized and directed, [beginning with the calendar year 1970,] to submit to the General Assembly and the Governor [on or before February 1, 1970] a [revised] *twenty-year* highway needs study [for the next succeeding twenty-year period]. [Thereafter, such] *The* twenty-year needs study shall be updated biennially by the [Commission] *Administration* and submitted to the General Assembly and the Governor [thus initiating a continuous twenty-year construction and reconstruction program based] *and shall be based* upon latest cost estimates and highway needs. Prior to the submission to the General Assembly and the Governor of each revised twenty-year needs study, the [Commission] *Administration* shall secure the approval of a majority of the members of the local governing body, a majority of the members of the House of Delegates representing each county, and subject to the concurrence of a majority of the State Senators representing each county with respect to the inclusion of highway projects and the establishment of construction priorities. It shall be from the twenty-year needs study which must be prepared after participation with such local elected officials that the [five year] programs provided for in Section 211-I shall be prepared.

SEC. 3. *And be it further enacted,* That Section 4(a) of Article 94A of the Annotated Code of Maryland (1969 Replacement Volume and 1971 Supplement), title "Transportation," subtitle "Financing," subheading "Consolidated Transportation Bonds," be and it is hereby repealed and re-enacted, with amendments; and that new Section 11A be and it is hereby enacted, to be under the same Article, title,