

(1) The establishment of the footpaths, bridle paths or horse trails and bicycle trails would be contrary to public safety;

(2) The cost of establishing the footpaths, bridle paths or horse trails 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, bridle paths or horse trails and bicycle trails.

(f) As used in this section, "bicycle trails" means a publicly owned and maintained lane, way or path designated, by appropriate signs OR OTHER APPROPRIATE DESIGNATORS, for use as a bicycle route. IT IS THE POLICY OF THE STATE THAT DEVELOPMENT OF BICYCLE TRAILS IS [[OF PRIMARY IMPORTANCE]] IMPORTANT AND THEIR [[IMMEDIATE]] CONSTRUCTION IS ENCOURAGED WHENEVER FEASIBLE.

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(b) The State Highway Administration shall conduct a five-year secondary highway construction and reconstruction program. (1) Each year the secondary highway program for the next succeeding budget year of the Administration shall be submitted in the Administration's budget to the General Assembly for its review and approval. [Such] THE program shall include the highway projects INCLUDING BICYCLE TRAILS, scheduled during such budget year and the degree of completion anticipated. Concurrently the remaining four years of the five-year secondary highway program shall be submitted to the General Assembly for its information. If the 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 secondary highway programs shall be derived from the twenty-year needs study which will be subject to local participation as set forth in § 211-0 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 Administration shall, whenever practicable separate