

Article - Transportation

8-102.

~~(A) -- IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS TITLE TO PROVIDE FOR THE ORGANIZATION, DEVELOPMENT, AND COORDINATION OF A CONTINUING, COMPREHENSIVE, AND INTEGRATED TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS.~~

~~(B) -- TO PROMOTE AN EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM, THE DEPARTMENT AND ADMINISTRATION, BEFORE AUTHORIZING NEW HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION, SHALL DETERMINE THAT THE PROPOSED PROJECT'S OBJECTIVE CANNOT BE REASONABLY~~

(A) IT IS THE POLICY OF THIS TITLE TO PROMOTE AN EFFICIENT AND ECONOMICAL TRANSPORTATION SYSTEM.

(B) THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT PROCEED TO THE FINAL PROJECT PLANNING PHASE UNLESS IT HAS BEEN DETERMINED THAT THE OBJECTIVE OF THE PROPOSED PROJECT CANNOT BE REASONABLY ACHIEVED THROUGH:

(1) IMPROVEMENTS IN HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE AND SAFETY;

(2) PROJECTS THAT MODIFY EXISTING HIGHWAYS BUT PROVIDE FOR MINIMAL RELOCATION OR NEW HIGHWAY CONSTRUCTION; AND

(3) IMPROVEMENTS IN, OR ADOPTION OF, TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES, INCLUDING MASS TRANSIT ALTERNATIVES.

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~~(e) -- "Highway needs inventory" means an identification of needs for highway projects {,} THAT:~~

~~(1) IS BASED ON THE LATEST EVALUATION OF HIGHWAY CONDITIONS AND TRANSPORTATION NEEDS BY THE ADMINISTRATION; AND~~

~~(2) -- IS IN KEEPING WITH THE POLICY EXPRESSED IN § 8-102 OF THIS TITLE.~~

(h) "Initial project planning phase" means that portion of the project planning phase which includes:

(1) Notification of local, State, and federal officials;

(2) Initial interagency review;

(3) Initial systems planning;