

(a) (1) The Secretary is responsible for the budget of the office of the Secretary and for the budget of each unit in the Department.

(2) The budget request that the Secretary submits for the Department shall contain, for each model administration, separate items for:

(i) Capital expenditures; and

(ii) Operating expenditures.

(3) Whenever the proposed budget of the Governor includes for the Department total capital and operating expenditures that exceed the expenditures proposed in the Consolidated Transportation Program, the Department shall submit to the General Assembly, subject to § 2-1312 of the State Government Article, a reconciliation report that specifically sets forth the proposed projects for which the additional expenditures are requested.

(b) Except with respect to the Maryland Transportation Authority, THE MARYLAND PORT COMMISSION AND MARYLAND PORT ADMINISTRATION, the Secretary:

(1) May adopt rules and regulations for the Department and any of its units to carry out those provisions of this article that are subject to the jurisdiction of the Department; and

(2) Shall review and may approve, disapprove, or revise the rules and regulations of each unit in the Department.

(c) The Secretary may create and determine the size of any advisory unit for the Department as he considers appropriate.

(d) The office of the Secretary shall have a seal to authenticate copies of records or papers of the Department.

(e) (1) The Secretary is responsible for all planning activities of the Department and for the development and maintenance of a continuing, comprehensive, and integrated transportation planning process.

(2) In accordance with § 2-103.1 of this subtitle, the Secretary shall develop and, with the approval of the Governor, shall adopt a State Report on Transportation to guide program development and to foster efficient and economical transportation services throughout the State.

(3) On or before the 3rd Wednesday of January of each year, the Secretary shall submit the State Report on