- (1) [plan,] PLAN, select, construct, improve, and maintain the State highway system; AND
- (2) BY FISCAL YEAR 2000, DESIGNATE JULY 1, 1997, IN COORDINATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, DRAFT A PLAN FOR A BICYCLE PRIORITY ROUTE SYSTEM THAT PROVIDES A VIABLE NETWORK FOR BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION THROUGHOUT THE STATE.

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- (A) IN THIS SECTION, "BICYCLE WAY" HAS THE MEANING STATED IN \$ 21-101(L) OF THIS ARTICLE.
- (B) (1) IN CONSTRUCTION, RECONSTRUCTION, OR REPAIR OF STATE HIGHWAYS, THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ENSURE THAT THE PROJECT DOES NOT RESULT IN A NET LOSS OF ANY BICYCLE WAY.
- (2) IF—THE ADMINISTRATION—REASONABLY—DETERMINES—THAT—A HIGHWAY—PROJECT—REQUIRES—THE ELIMINATION—OF AN EXISTING BICYCLE WAY, THE ADMINISTRATION—SHALL—CONSTRUCT—A—NEW, SAFE, AND REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE FOR BICYCLE TRAVEL.
- (A) THE ADMINISTRATION MAY NOT CONSTRUCT ANY PROJECT THAT WILL RESULT IN THE SEVERANCE OR DESTRUCTION OF AN EXISTING MAJOR ROUTE FOR BICYCLE TRANSPORTATION TRAFFIC, UNLESS THE PROJECT PROVIDES FOR CONSTRUCTION OF A REASONABLE ALTERNATIVE ROUTE OR SUCH A ROUTE ALREADY EXISTS.
- (C) (B) THE ADMINISTRATION SHALL ADOPT REGULATIONS NECESSARY DEVELOP GUIDELINES JOINTLY WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO CARRY OUT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SECTION.

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- (b) (1) In calendar year 1979 and in each second year following, the Administration, following an assessment of the highway conditions and transportation needs of this State, shall prepare those proposed modifications to the highway needs inventory that it considers necessary.
- (2) BY FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 1997, THE ADMINISTRATION, IN COOPERATION WITH LOCAL GOVERNMENTS, SHALL INVENTORY STATE AND LOCAL FACILITIES NEAR SCHOOLS, PARKS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS "MAJOR" PARKS, RAIL STOPS, LIGHT RAIL STOPS, AND SUBWAY STATIONS, COMMERCIAL CENTERS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS "MAJOR" COMMERCIAL CENTERS, AND EMPLOYMENT CENTERS DESIGNATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OR LOCAL GOVERNMENT AS "MAJOR" EMPLOYMENT CENTERS TO DETERMINE WHAT IMPROVEMENTS ARE NEEDED TO ACCOMMODATE IN A SAFE AND EFFECTIVE MANNER ACCESS BY: PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLES WITHIN A REASONABLE DISTANCE FOR WALKING AND BICYCLING.
 - (I) PEDESTRIANS WITHIN 1 MILE OF THE TRIP DESTINATION; AND