

with the submission of the draft and final CTP. Notification of new construction project additions, as outlined in paragraph (1) above, shall be made to the General Assembly prior to the expenditure of funds or the submission of any contract for approval to the Board of Public Works.

~~Further provided that it is the intent of the General Assembly that the Maryland Department of Transportation (MDOT) support bicycle transportation on State highways and transit systems. MDOT shall include bicycle ways in new non-limited access State highway construction projects and continue to support programs providing bicycle ways along the State's existing highway infrastructure, where practicable. The department shall implement programs supporting bicycle traffic in the Mass Transit Administration and Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority transit systems, such as the availability of bicycle racks at transit stations. MDOT must develop an action plan to implement policies and programs supporting bicycle traffic and report to the budget committees on its plan by October 1, 2000. This plan should develop outcome measures to examine how effectively it is being implemented. MDOT should also identify funding supporting the bicycle traffic in the Consolidated Transportation Program.~~

Consolidated Transportation Bonds may be issued in any amount provided that the aggregate outstanding and unpaid principal balance of these bonds and bonds of prior issues shall not exceed \$823,000,000 as of June 30, 2001. Provided, however, that in addition to the limit established under this provision, the department may increase its debt outstanding by not more than \$15,000,000 so long as (1) notice stating the specific