

SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article - Transportation

10-204.

Title III

Article VI

14.

(c) The Board, in the preparation, revision, alteration or amendment of a mass transit plan, shall

(3) To the extent not inconsistent with or duplicative of the planning process specified in subparagraph (2) of this paragraph (c), cooperate with the National Capital Planning Commission, the National Capital Regional Planning Council, the Washington Metropolitan Council of Governments, the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Commission, the highway agencies of the signatories, the Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, the Northern Virginia Regional Planning and Economic Development Commission, the Maryland [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning and the Commission of Fine Arts. Such cooperation shall include the creation, as necessary, of technical committees composed of personnel, appointed by such agencies, concerned with planning and collection and analysis of data relative to decision-making in the transportation planning process.

15.

(a) Before a mass transit plan is adopted, altered, revised or amended, the Board shall transmit such proposed plan, alteration, revision or amendment for comment to the following and to such other agencies as the Board shall determine:

- (10) The Maryland [Office] DEPARTMENT of Planning; and

SECTION 4. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That Section 3 of this Act may not take effect until similar Acts are passed by the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia; that the District of Columbia and the Commonwealth of Virginia are requested to concur in this Act of the General Assembly by the passage of substantially similar Acts; that the Department of Legislative Services shall notify the appropriate officials of the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States Congress of the passage of this Act; and that, upon the concurrence in this Act by the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Virginia and the United States, the Governor of the State of Maryland shall issue a proclamation declaring this Act valid and effective and shall forward a copy of the proclamation to the Executive Director of the Department of Legislative Services.

SECTION 5. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That it is the intent of the General Assembly that there shall be no increases in the State budget of the Department of Planning for fiscal year 2001 or any fiscal year thereafter directly resulting from removing the Office of Planning from the Executive Department and creating the Department of Planning as a principal department of State government.