

directly or indirectly, from funds of the State, whether appropriated or unappropriated. No part of the fund may consist of real property, in kind contributions, or funds expended prior to the effective date of this Act. In case of any dispute as to the amount of the matching fund or what money or assets may qualify as matching funds, the Board of Public Works shall determine the matter and the Board's decision is final. The grantee has until June 1, 2002, to present evidence satisfactory to the Board of Public Works that a matching fund will be provided. If satisfactory evidence is presented, the Board shall certify this fact and the amount of the matching fund to the State Treasurer, and the proceeds of the loan equal to the amount of the matching fund shall be expended for the purposes provided in this Act. Any amount of the loan in excess of the amount of the matching fund certified by the Board of Public Works shall be canceled and be of no further effect.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect June 1, 2000.

Approved May 11, 2000.

CHAPTER 303

(Senate Bill 731)

AN ACT concerning

Transportation - Priority Funding Areas

FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation ~~jointly with the Office of Planning to provide counties with maps establishing performance goals to reduce traffic congestion and increase the use of nonautomobile traffic to report annually to the General Assembly on the attainment of certain transportation goals and benchmarks for the Maryland Transportation Plan and the Maryland Transportation Program; altering the time period for revising the Maryland Transportation Plan; altering provisions of law concerning the format of the Maryland Transportation Plan; requiring the Department to report annually to the General Assembly concerning the establishment of certain transportation performance goals, indicators, and benchmarks relating to priority funding areas; establishing a subcommittee of the Transportation Commission on Transportation in Priority Funding Areas; providing that the members of the Task Force are entitled to reimbursement for certain expenses~~ an advisory committee to advise the Department on the establishment of certain goals, indicators, and benchmarks relating to transportation; specifying the membership and duties of the Task Force advisory committee; requiring certain information about priority funding areas to be included in certain transportation plans and reports; providing that certain performance indicators, benchmarks, and goals established by the Department may not serve as the basis for certain causes of action; and generally relating to transportation in priority funding areas.

BY repealing and reenacting, ~~with~~ without amendments,