

~~(2)~~ (4) PROPOSES LONG-TERM STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING THE STATE'S HIGHWAYS TO ENSURE COMPLIANCE WITH THE MOST ADVANCED SAFETY STANDARDS FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLE RIDERS; AND

~~(4)~~ (5) AFTER CONSULTATION WITH POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS IN THE STATE, IDENTIFIES BICYCLE-PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY AREAS TO FACILITATE THE TARGETING OF AVAILABLE FUNDS TO THOSE AREAS OF THE STATE MOST IN NEED.

(B) TO CARRY OUT THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, THE ~~OFFICE~~ DIRECTOR SHALL:

(1) PARTICIPATE IN THE PLANNING OF NEW TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING TRANSPORTATION FACILITIES;

(2) ADVISE THE SECRETARY ON MATTERS CONCERNING BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ACCESS AND ANY OTHER MATTER AS REQUESTED BY THE SECRETARY;

(3) INITIATE A PROGRAM OF SYSTEMATIC IDENTIFICATION OF AND PLANNING FOR PROJECTS RELATED TO BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN TRANSPORTATION THAT QUALIFY FOR FUNDS UNDER FEDERAL HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION GUIDELINES;

(4) MONITOR STATE TRANSPORTATION PLANS, PROPOSALS, FACILITIES, AND SERVICES TO ENSURE MAXIMUM BENEFITS FOR PEDESTRIANS AND BICYCLE RIDERS IN THE STATE; AND

(5) CONSULT REGULARLY WITH THE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN ADVISORY COMMITTEE ESTABLISHED UNDER § 2-606 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

(C) THE EXERCISE OF THE POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE ~~OFFICE~~ DIRECTOR IS SUBJECT TO THE AUTHORITY OF THE SECRETARY.

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(A) SUBJECT TO THE LIMITATIONS IMPOSED BY THIS SUBTITLE, THE ~~OFFICE~~ DEPARTMENT, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE DIRECTOR, MAY EXERCISE ALL POWERS REASONABLY NECESSARY TO THE ACHIEVE THE PURPOSES OF THIS SUBTITLE, INCLUDING THE AUTHORITY TO:

(1) ADOPT REGULATIONS TO IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS SUBTITLE;

(2) APPLY FOR AND RECEIVE GRANTS, GIFTS, PAYMENTS, LOANS, ADVANCES, APPROPRIATIONS, PROPERTY, AND SERVICES FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, THE STATE, ANY OF THEIR AGENCIES OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, OR ANY OTHER PUBLIC OR PRIVATE PERSON; AND

~~(3) APPOINT AND REMOVE ALL EMPLOYEES OF THE OFFICE, SUBJECT TO THE PROCEDURES AND STANDARDS THAT THE SECRETARY ADOPTS; AND~~

(4) ENTER INTO AGREEMENTS AND CONTRACT FOR:

(1) ANY STUDIES, PLANS, DEMONSTRATIONS, OR PROJECTS;