

comment on planning issues including consistency between transportation investments and the State Economic Growth, Resource Protection, and Planning Policy AND STATE PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS ESTABLISHED UNDER TITLE 5, SUBTITLE 7B, OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE.

~~(G) THE DEPARTMENT:~~

~~(1) SHALL SUBMIT ITS ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ATTAINMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GOALS AND BENCHMARKS FOR THE APPROVED AND PROPOSED MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND APPROVED AND PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, AS REQUIRED UNDER § 5-7B-09 OF THE STATE FINANCE AND PROCUREMENT ARTICLE, TO THE LEGISLATURE PRIOR TO THE LEGISLATURE'S CONSIDERATION OF THE PROPOSED MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM; AND~~

~~(2) SHALL PRESENT ITS REPORT IN HEARINGS BEFORE COMMITTEES OF THE SENATE AND THE HOUSE WITH RESPONSIBILITY FOR TRANSPORTATION OVERSIGHT.~~

(G) BEGINNING WITH THE YEAR 2002 STATE REPORT ON TRANSPORTATION AND CONTINUING THEREAFTER, BEFORE THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY CONSIDERS THE PROPOSED MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL SUBMIT AN ANNUAL REPORT ON THE ATTAINMENT OF TRANSPORTATION GOALS AND BENCHMARKS FOR THE APPROVED AND PROPOSED MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND APPROVED AND PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM TO THE GOVERNOR AND, SUBJECT TO § 2-1246 OF THE STATE GOVERNMENT ARTICLE, TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY.

(H) (1) THE REPORT REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (G) OF THIS SECTION SHALL INCLUDE:

(I) THE ESTABLISHMENT OF CERTAIN MEASURABLE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS OR BENCHMARKS, IN PRIORITY FUNDING AREAS AT A MINIMUM, DESIGNED TO QUANTIFY THE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES SPECIFIED IN THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION PLAN; AND

(II) THE DEGREE TO WHICH THE PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS CONTAINED IN THE APPROVED MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION PLAN AND CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM ATTAIN THOSE GOALS AND BENCHMARKS AS MEASURED BY THE PERFORMANCE INDICATORS OR BENCHMARKS.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE IN ITS REPORT MEASURABLE LONG-TERM GOALS, AND INTERMEDIATE BENCHMARKS OF PROGRESS TOWARD THE ATTAINMENT OF THE LONG-TERM GOALS FOR THE FOLLOWING MEASURABLE TRANSPORTATION INDICATORS:

(I) AN INCREASE IN THE SHARE OF TOTAL PERSON TRIPS FOR EACH OF TRANSIT, HIGH OCCUPANCY AUTO, PEDESTRIAN, AND BICYCLE MODES OF TRAVEL;