

(1) MITIGATE THE IMPACT ON THE COMMUNITIES IN THE IMMEDIATE PROXIMITY TO THE FACILITY; AND

(2) MAKE EACH VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY ACCESSIBLE TO THE PUBLIC.

(B) (1) A COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN SHALL BE:

(I) DEVELOPED BY EACH COUNTY WHERE A FACILITY IS LOCATED, IN CONSULTATION WITH THE LOCAL DEVELOPMENT COUNCIL CREATED UNDER § 9-1A-31 OF THIS SUBTITLE; AND

(II) APPROVED BY THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION.

(2) THE COMPREHENSIVE TRANSPORTATION PLAN SHALL INCLUDE PROVISIONS ON ROADS AND PROVISIONS REGARDING MASS TRANSIT IF MASS TRANSIT IS A SUBSTANTIAL MANNER OF TRANSPORTATION IN THE COUNTY WHERE A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY IS LOCATED.

(C) THE MARYLAND DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION SHALL FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS WITH AFFECTED COMMUNITIES TO ENSURE THE MOST PRACTICAL INGRESS TO AND EGRESS FROM THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY.

(D) (1) NOTWITHSTANDING ANY OTHER PROVISION OF THIS SECTION, THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION MAY PAY FOR AND UNDERTAKE THE IMPROVEMENT AND ENHANCEMENT OF MD ROUTE 589 FROM THE INTERSECTION OF MD ROUTE 50 THROUGH MD ROUTE 113 IN WORCESTER COUNTY TO ADDRESS THE NEEDS RELATED TO TRAFFIC CAPACITY, PUBLIC SAFETY, AND ESTHETICS IN THE AREA WHERE A VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY IS LOCATED.

(2) THE DEPARTMENT MAY TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO ENSURE THAT THE PLANS FOR THE IMPROVEMENTS AND ENHANCEMENTS TO MD ROUTE 589 ARE UNDER DEVELOPMENT ON OR BEFORE THE DATE ON WHICH THE VIDEO LOTTERY FACILITY AT THE WORCESTER COUNTY LOCATION IS OPERATIONAL AND OPEN TO THE PUBLIC.

9-1A-33.

(A) THE COMMISSION SHALL: