

(c) The Commission shall elect a chairman and vice chairman of the Commission at its first meeting.

(d) The Commission shall coordinate with the Tri-County Council's Regional Infrastructure Advisory Committee.

(e) (1) The State agencies represented on the Commission shall provide staff for the Commission.

(2) The Tri-County Council for Southern Maryland shall provide technical and staff support for the Commission.

(f) A member of the Commission:

(1) may not receive compensation; but

(2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

(g) The Commission shall:

(1) review the study prepared by the Maryland Department of Transportation regarding mass transit in Southern Maryland under Chapter 594, Acts of 1998, the Southern Maryland Regional Transportation Strategy, the MD 5/U.S. 301 Transit Service Staging Plan, and any other relevant mass transit studies and plans;

(2) study the Southern Maryland rail transit alternatives, including a light rail transit system in the Maryland Route 5 corridor from White Plains to Branch Avenue;

(3) study the current and future impact of traffic congestion in Southern Maryland, including traffic levels on roads including U.S. Route 301 and Maryland Routes 2/4, 4, 5, 210, 228, 231, 235, and 260;

(4) make recommendations on potential strategies, including roadway improvements and mass transit, including light rail transit to reduce traffic congestion on the roads specified in item (3) of this subsection and throughout the Southern Maryland region;

(5) study and make recommendations regarding the amount of funding necessary to implement traffic congestion reduction strategies in Southern Maryland;