A BILL ENTITLED

AN ACT concerning

Transportation – Bikeways Network Program – Funding

FOR the purpose of codifying the Bikeways Network Program; specifying the purpose of the Program; requiring the Department of Transportation to establish application and eligibility criteria for the Program; requiring the Governor to provide in the State budget a certain appropriation for the Program; requiring that a certain amount of the appropriation be distributed for a certain purpose; and generally relating to the Bikeways Network Program.

BY adding to

Article – Transportation

Section 2–608

Annotated Code of Maryland

(2015 Replacement Volume and 2018 Supplement)

SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

Article – Transportation

2–608.

(A) IN THIS SECTION, “PROGRAM” MEANS THE BIKeways NETWORK PROGRAM.

(B) THERE IS A BIKeways NETWORK PROGRAM IN THE DEPARTMENT.

(C) THE PURPOSE OF THE PROGRAM IS TO PROVIDE GRANT SUPPORT FOR BICYCLE NETWORK DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES.
(D) THE DEPARTMENT SHALL ESTABLISH APPLICATION AND ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA FOR THE PROGRAM.

(E) THE GOVERNOR SHALL INCLUDE IN THE ANNUAL STATE BUDGET AN APPROPRIATION FROM THE TRANSPORTATION TRUST FUND FOR THE OPERATION OF THE PROGRAM OF AT LEAST:

1. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2021, $4,500,000;
2. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2022, $5,300,000;
3. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2023, $6,100,000;
4. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024, $6,900,000; AND
5. FOR FISCAL YEAR 2025 AND EACH FISCAL YEAR THEREAFTER, $7,700,000.

(F) AT LEAST $100,000 OF THE APPROPRIATION REQUIRED UNDER SUBSECTION (E) OF THIS SECTION SHALL BE DISTRIBUTED TO THE MARYLAND ASSOCIATION OF COUNTIES AND THE MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES WITH THE DRAFTING AND SUBMISSION OF GRANT PROPOSALS.

SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July 1, 2019.