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By: **Chair, Budget and Taxation Committee (By Request – Departmental – Transportation)**

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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Consolidated Transportation Program – Prioritization**
3 **(Transportation Investment Priorities Act of 2026)**

4 FOR the purpose of altering the required elements of the Consolidated Transportation
5 Program; requiring the Department of Transportation to develop a certain
6 project-based scoring system, identify certain funds available for certain purposes,
7 and solicit requests from certain entities for major surface transportation projects;
8 requiring the Department to evaluate and score certain major surface transportation
9 projects; requiring the Department to publish the scores of certain projects and list
10 of projects recommended for inclusion in the Consolidated Transportation Program;
11 providing that certain major surface transportation projects may be included in the
12 Consolidated Transportation Program only if the project has been evaluated using a
13 certain project-based scoring program; altering the makeup, chair, frequency of
14 meetings, and responsibilities of the Maryland Transportation Commission; and
15 generally relating to transportation planning and investment prioritization.

16 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,

17 Article – Transportation

18 Section 2–103.1(a), (c), (e), and (m)(1)(i)1., 2–103.7, 2–203, 2–204(a) and (b), and
19 2–205

20 Annotated Code of Maryland

21 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

22 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,

23 Article – Transportation

24 Section 2–202

25 Annotated Code of Maryland

26 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2025 Supplement)

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



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

3 **Article – Transportation**

4 2–103.1.

5 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

6 (2) “Capital project” means:

7 (i) Any project for which funds are expended for construction,
8 reconstruction, or rehabilitation of a transportation facility by the Department or of a
9 transportation facilities project by the Maryland Transportation Authority; or

10 (ii) Capital equipment, as defined by the Secretary.

11 (3) “Construction phase” means the phase of a capital project in which the
12 project is committed and advanced from the project development phase to completion.

13 (4) **“FINAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PHASE” MEANS THE PHASE OF A**
14 **CAPITAL PROJECT IN WHICH THE PROJECT IS ADVANCED FROM PRELIMINARY**
15 **ENGINEERING THROUGH FINAL DESIGN ACTIVITIES.**

16 (5) **“INITIAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PHASE” MEANS THE PHASE OF**
17 **A CAPITAL PROJECT IN WHICH THE PROJECT IS ADVANCED FROM EARLY PLANNING**
18 **AND FEASIBILITY ANALYSIS TO A LEVEL OF PRELIMINARY ENGINEERING.**

19 [(4)] (6) “Major capital project” means any new, expanded, or
20 significantly improved facility or service that involves planning, environmental studies,
21 design, right-of-way, construction, or purchase of essential equipment related to the
22 facility or service.

23 [(5)] (7) “Major SURFACE transportation project” has the meaning stated
24 in § 2–103.7 of this subtitle.

25 [(6)] (8) “Minor capital project” means any project for the preservation or
26 rehabilitation of an existing facility or service, including the planning, design,
27 right-of-way, construction, or purchase of equipment essential to the facility or service,
28 and generally not requiring the preparation of an environmental impact assessment.

29 [(7)] (9) (I) “Project development phase” means the phase of a capital
30 project in which planning, engineering, and environmental studies and analyses are
31 conducted with full participation by the public, prior to [commitment to] construction.

1 (II) "PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PHASE" INCLUDES THE INITIAL
2 PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PHASE OR FINAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT PHASE.

6 (ii) "Proposing entity" includes a county, a municipality, a
7 metropolitan planning organization, **A TRANSIT AGENCY**, and a modal administration or
8 any other agency of the Department.

9 **[(9)] (11)** “Purpose and need summary statement” means a brief statement
10 that specifies the underlying purpose and need for a project.

11 **[(10)] (12)** “Significant change” means any change that affects the size or
12 character of a project to the extent that the change:

15 (ii) Alters the function or purpose of the project; or

16 (iii) Impacts the ability of a modal administration to accomplish the
17 program priorities established by the Secretary in the State Report on Transportation.

18 **[(11)] (13)** “State transportation goals” means the goals described in §
19 2–103.7 of this subtitle.

23 [(12)] (15) “Transportation facilities project” has the meaning stated in §
24 4-101(i)] § 4-101 of this article.

27 (c) (1) The Consolidated Transportation Program shall:

28 (i) Be revised annually; and

29 (ii) Include:

30 1. A list of:

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1 A. The State transportation goals;

2 B. Program priorities;

3 C. For projects in the [construction] **PROJECT**

4 **DEVELOPMENT** phase, the criteria used to select **DIFFERENT TYPES OF** major capital
5 projects for inclusion in the capital program; and

6 D. The [manner in which each major transportation project

7 was evaluated and ranked] **RESULTS OF THE EVALUATION OF MAJOR SURFACE**
8 **TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS SELECTED FOR FUNDING** under § 2-103.7 of this
9 subtitle;

10 2. A statement of the Department's projected annual

11 operating costs, set forth separately for the Office of the Secretary and for each modal
12 administration;

13 3. Expanded descriptions of major capital projects;

14 4. A list of major capital projects for the current year, the

15 budget request year, and the 4 successive planning years;

16 5. A list of [anticipated] **ALL IDENTIFIED** minor capital

17 projects[, including a specific list of anticipated special projects] for the current year and
18 the budget request year and an estimate of the Program level for each of the 4 successive
19 planning years;

20 6. A list of major bridge work projects;

21 7. A summary of the capital and operating programs, as

22 defined by the Secretary, for the Maryland Transportation Authority;

23 8. For each listed major capital project, an indication

24 whether the revenue source anticipated to support that project consists of federal, special,
25 general, or other funds;

26 9. The Department's estimates of the levels and sources of

27 revenues to be used to fund the projects in the Program;

28 10. A glossary of terms; and

29 11. A cross-reference table for the information contained in

30 the various parts of the State Report on Transportation.

31 (2) In addition to the items listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the

32 Consolidated Transportation Program shall include:

(i) A summary of current efforts and future plans, prepared after consultation with the Director of Bicycle and Pedestrian Access and the Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee established under § 2-606 of this title:

(j) Easing traffic congestion; and

19 (ii) Use of mass transit.

20 (4) Annually, the Consolidated Transportation Program shall include a
21 report that:

22 (i) Identifies each major capital project for which the budget bill or
23 a supplemental budget amendment first requests funds for the project development phase
24 or for the construction phase;

25 (ii) With respect to each major capital project for which funds are
26 requested in the budget request year, states:

27 1. The amount of the funds requested; and

28 2. The total estimated cost of the project:

(iii) Identifies significant changes in the cost, scope, design, or scheduling of major capital projects for each completed fiscal year;

31 (iv) When there is a significant change in cost, states the amount by
32 which the expenditures that have been authorized exceed the original project estimate;

1 (v) When there is a significant change, states:

2 1. The amount by which costs exceed projected costs during
3 each completed fiscal year; and

4 2. The total amount that has been expended for a major
5 capital project;

6 (vi) Provides a purpose and need summary statement that includes:

7 1. A general description and summary that describes why
8 the project is necessary and satisfies State transportation goals, including Climate Action
9 Plan goals required by the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Act of 2009 under §
10 2-1205(b) of the Environment Article;

11 2. The location of the project, including a map of the project
12 limits, project area, or transportation corridor; and

13 3. A summary of how the project meets the selection criteria
14 for inclusion in the capital program;

15 (vii) Provides the Maryland Transit Administration state of good
16 repair budget for the current fiscal year and projections for the subsequent fiscal year; and

17 (viii) Includes any other information that the Secretary believes would
18 be useful to the members of the General Assembly, the general public, or other recipients
19 of the Consolidated Transportation Program.

20 (5) The total operating and capital expenditures for the Department or for
21 the Office of the Secretary or any modal administration projected in the Consolidated
22 Transportation Program for the budget request year may not exceed the budget request for
23 the Department, Office, or modal administration for that year.

24 [(6) For a major capital project to be considered for inclusion in the
25 construction program of the Consolidated Transportation Program, a request must be
26 submitted to the Secretary by the proposing entity along with a purpose and need summary
27 statement justifying the project that includes:

28 (i) The location of the project, including a map of the project limits,
29 project area, or transportation corridor;

30 (ii) The need for the project;

31 (iii) A discussion of how the project:

32 1. Addresses State transportation goals; and

2. Supports local government land use plans and goals; and

(iv) A certification that all members of the legislative delegation of the county in which the project is located have been notified.

26 [(8)] (7) (i) The Department, in developing a construction or
27 improvement project involving a bridge or other transportation facility that is adjacent to
28 or crosses a waterway for inclusion in the Consolidated Transportation Program, shall
29 consider any reasonable and appropriate measures to provide or improve in the vicinity of
30 the bridge or other transportation facility water access for fishing, canoeing, kayaking, or
31 any other nonmotorized water dependent recreational activity.

32 (ii) The Department, in consultation with the Department of
33 Natural Resources and interested stakeholders, shall establish:

6 [(9)] (8) Except as authorized by law, the Consolidated Transportation
7 Program may not include capital transportation grants for roads and highways to counties
8 or municipal corporations for any period beyond the budget request year.

[(10)] (9) (i) In addition to the items listed in paragraph (1) of this subsection, the Consolidated Transportation Program shall include:

19 A. For the first time in the budget request year; and

23 (ii) For each project included in a table required under subparagraph
24 (i) of this paragraph, the table shall identify:

25 1. Where the project is listed in the Consolidated
26 Transportation Program; and

29 (e) On or before November [15] 30 of each year, the Department shall visit each
30 county to give local governments and local legislative delegations information about and an
31 opportunity to comment on the [proposed Consolidated Transportation Program and the
32 proposed Maryland Transportation Plan] **FOLLOWING:**

(1) THE PROPOSED CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM;

2 (2) TRANSPORTATION PERFORMANCE AND THE MARYLAND
3 TRANSPORTATION PLAN IN PLAN DEVELOPMENT YEARS;

6 (4) IN ODD-NUMBERED FISCAL YEARS:

11 (m) (1) (i) Subject to § 2-1257 of the State Government Article:

15 2-103.7.

16 (a) (1) In this section the following words have the meanings indicated.

17 (2) "LOCALLY MANAGED CAPITAL PROJECT" MEANS:

18 (I) A CAPITAL PROJECT PERFORMED BY A POLITICAL
19 SUBDIVISION IN A RIGHT-OF-WAY THAT IS CONTROLLED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY
20 ADMINISTRATION, THE MARYLAND TRANSIT ADMINISTRATION, OR A PASSENGER
21 OR FREIGHT RAILROAD; OR

22 (II) IN THE CASE OF A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION WITHOUT ANY
23 RIGHTS-OF-WAY CONTROLLED BY THE STATE HIGHWAY ADMINISTRATION, A
24 CAPITAL PROJECT PERFORMED BY A POLITICAL SUBDIVISION IN A RIGHT-OF-WAY
25 CONTROLLED BY THE POLITICAL SUBDIVISION, THE MARYLAND TRANSIT
26 ADMINISTRATION, OR A PASSENGER OR FREIGHT RAILROAD.

1 **[(3)] (4) (i)** “Major SURFACE transportation project” means a major
2 capital project **THAT IS** in the State Highway Administration or the Maryland Transit
3 Administration **[whose] OR THAT IS A LOCALLY MANAGED CAPITAL PROJECT:**

4 **1.** **WHOSE** total cost for all phases exceeds \$5,000,000 **[and**
5 that:

6 **1.** Increases highway or transit capacity;
7 **2.** Reduces areas of heavy traffic congestion;
8 **3.** Improves commute times in areas of heavy traffic
9 congestion;
10 **4.** Improves transit stations or station areas; or

11 **5.** Improves highway capacity through the use of intelligent
12 transportation systems or congestion management systems];

13 **2.** **THAT INCREASES THE CAPACITY OR ABILITY OF THE**
14 **HIGHWAY, TRANSIT, OR RAIL SYSTEM TO MOVE PEOPLE AND GOODS; AND**

15 **3.** **WHOSE TOTAL COST ATTRIBUTABLE TO THE**
16 **INCREASED CAPACITY EXCEEDS \$5,000,000.**

17 **(ii)** “Major SURFACE transportation project” does not include:

18 **1.** Projects in the Maryland Aviation Administration, the
19 Maryland Port Administration, **[or] THE MOTOR VEHICLE ADMINISTRATION, THE**
20 **OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY, the Maryland Transportation Authority, OR THE**
21 **WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT AUTHORITY;**

22 **2.** Maintenance and storage facilities projects;

23 **3.** Water quality improvement projects;

24 **4.** Projects related to Maryland’s priorities for total
25 maximum daily load development;

26 **5.** Safety-related projects that **[do not increase highway or**
27 **transit capacity] RECEIVE FUNDING UNDER 23 U.S.C. § 148 OR THAT DO NOT**
28 **SIGNIFICANTLY INCREASE TRANSIT CAPACITY;**

1 6. [Roads within] PROJECTS FUNDED, APPROPRIATED,
2 OR APPORTIONED UNDER the Appalachian Development Highway System PROGRAM;
3 [or]

4 7. Projects that are solely for system preservation OR STATE
5 OF GOOD REPAIR PURPOSES;

6 8. PROJECTS WHERE BICYCLE OR PEDESTRIAN
7 ELEMENTS ARE ADDED AS A RESULT OF THE DEPARTMENT'S COMPLETE STREETS
8 POLICY; OR

9 9. PROJECTS FUNDED WITH FEDERAL SOURCES EXEMPT
10 FROM THE PROJECT-BASED SCORING PROCESS DUE TO EXISTING EVALUATION
11 PROCESSES, INCLUDING:

12 A. CONGESTION MITIGATION AIR QUALITY FUNDS;

13 B. TRANSPORTATION ALTERNATIVES FUNDS;

14 C. PROTECT PROGRAM FUNDS;

15 D. CARBON REDUCTION PROGRAM FUNDS; AND

16 E. FUNDS FROM A FEDERAL PROGRAM ESTABLISHED BY
17 THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AFTER JANUARY 1, 2024, WITH SPECIFIC RULES THAT
18 SIGNIFICANTLY RESTRICT THE TYPES OR LOCATIONS OF PROJECTS THAT MAY BE
19 FUNDED.

20 (b) The Department shall:

21 (1) [In accordance with federal transportation requirements, develop a
22 project-based scoring system for major transportation projects using the goals and
23 measures established under subsection (c) of this section;] DEVELOP, IN CONSULTATION
24 WITH THE APPLICABLE METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATIONS, A
25 PROJECT-BASED SCORING SYSTEM THAT:

26 (I) IS CONSISTENT WITH THIS SUBTITLE;

27 (II) IS DEVELOPED IN ACCORDANCE WITH FEDERAL
28 TRANSPORTATION REQUIREMENTS; AND

29 (III) EVALUATES THE MAJOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
30 PROJECTS USING OBJECTIVE AND QUANTIFIABLE MEASURES FOR THE GOALS

1 ESTABLISHED UNDER SUBSECTION (C) OF THIS SECTION THAT CONSIDER THE
2 BENEFITS OF A PROJECT RELATIVE TO ITS COST TO THE STATE;

3 (2) Develop the weighting metrics for each goal and measure established
4 under subsection (c) of this section;

5 (3) [On or before January 1, 2018, develop a model consistent with this
6 section that uses the project-based scoring system developed under this subsection to rank
7 major transportation projects being considered for inclusion in the draft and final
8 Consolidated Transportation Program;] **PROVIDE AN OPPORTUNITY FOR THE**
MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION TO REVIEW AND COMMENT ON THE
GOALS, MEASURES, AND METRICS DEVELOPED;

11 (4) [Use the model developed under this subsection to rank major
12 transportation projects being considered for inclusion in the draft and final Consolidated
13 Transportation Program; and] **PUBLISH THE GUIDELINES DEVELOPED FOR THE**
IMPLEMENTATION OF THIS SECTION;

15 (5) [Make the model developed under item (3) of this subsection and any
16 ranking under item (4) of this subsection available to the public:

17 (i) As an appendix to the Consolidated Transportation Program;
18 and

19 (ii) On the Department's website] **AT LEAST EVERY 2 YEARS, IN**
20 **COORDINATION WITH THE MARYLAND TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION, REVIEW**
21 **AND UPDATE THE GUIDELINES, AS NECESSARY;**

22 (6) **IDENTIFY THE AMOUNT OF FUNDS AVAILABLE FOR EACH 2-YEAR**
23 **FUNDING CYCLE AFTER NEEDS ASSOCIATED WITH THE FOLLOWING HAVE BEEN**
24 **CONSIDERED:**

25 (I) **OPERATING, ADMINISTRATION, AND MAINTENANCE COSTS**
26 **OF THE DEPARTMENT;**

27 (II) **GRANTS TO OTHER ENTITIES, INCLUDING:**

28 1. **DISTRIBUTION OF HIGHWAY USER REVENUES TO**
29 **LOCAL GOVERNMENTS CONSISTENT WITH TITLE 8, SUBTITLE 4 OF THIS ARTICLE;**

30 2. **DISTRIBUTION OF LOCALLY OPERATED TRANSIT**
31 **SYSTEM GRANTS; AND**

6 (IV) CAPITAL FUNDING THAT INCLUDES:

25 (c) (1) The [State transportation goals are:] **DEPARTMENT SHALL**
26 **EVALUATE MAJOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS BASED ON POLICY GOALS.**

29 (i) Safety [and security];

30 (ii) [System preservation] **ACCESSIBILITY AND MOBILITY:**

1 (iii) [Reducing congestion and improving commute times] **CLIMATE**
2 **CHANGE AND THE ENVIRONMENT;**

3 (iv) [Environmental stewardship] **SOCIAL EQUITY;**

4 (v) [Community vitality;] **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; AND**

5 (vi) [Economic prosperity;

6 (vii) Equitable access to transportation;

7 (viii) Cost effectiveness and return on investment; and

8 (ix) Local priorities] SUSTAINABLE LAND USE AND
9 **TRANSPORTATION DEMAND MANAGEMENT.**

14 (i) For safety and security:

19 (ii) For system preservation:

20 1. The degree to which the project increases the lifespan of
21 the affected facility;

26 (iii) For reducing congestion and improving commute times:

5 (iv) For environmental stewardship:

12 (v) For community vitality:

3. The degree to which the project furthers the affected community's and State's plans for revitalization.

19 (vi) For economic prosperity:

3. The projected increase in furthering nonspeculative local
and State economic development strategies in existing communities.

26 (vii) For equitable access to transportation:

1 (viii) For cost effectiveness and return on investment:

2 1. The estimated travel time savings divided by the project
3 cost;

4 2. The degree to which the project leverages additional
5 federal, State, local, and private sector transportation investment; and

6 3. The degree to which the project will increase
7 transportation alternatives and redundancy.

8 (ix) For local priorities, the degree to which the project supports local
9 government transportation priorities, as specified in local government priority letters.]

10 (d) (1) The score of a major **SURFACE** transportation project shall be based
11 solely on the **PROJECT'S CAPACITY TO SATISFY THE** goals [and measures] established
12 under subsection (c) of this section **RELATIVE TO THE PROJECT'S COST TO THE STATE**.

13 (2) [The] **BY THE TIME OF THE RELEASE OF THE DRAFT**
14 **CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN EACH EVEN-NUMBERED FISCAL**
15 **YEAR, THE** Department shall [make the scores of all projects evaluated for inclusion in the
16 Consolidated Transportation Program and assigned a score under the model available to
17 the public:

18 (i) As an appendix to the Consolidated Transportation Program;
19 and

20 (ii) On the Department's website] **PUBLISH IN THE**
21 **CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM AND ON THE DEPARTMENT'S**
22 **WEBSITE THE SCORES OF ALL PROJECTS EVALUATED, THE RANKING OF ALL**
23 **PROJECTS EVALUATED, AND THE LIST OF PROJECTS RECOMMENDED TO RECEIVE**
24 **FUNDING WITHIN AVAILABLE FUNDS IN THE CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION**
25 **PROGRAM.**

26 (3) **AFTER THE RELEASE OF THE DRAFT CONSOLIDATED**
27 **TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM, THE SECRETARY SHALL CONSIDER COMMENTS ON**
28 **EACH PROJECT'S EVALUATION IN DEVELOPING A FINAL RECOMMENDATION FOR**
29 **PROJECT FUNDING.**

30 (4) (i) **BEFORE THE RELEASE OF THE FINAL CONSOLIDATED**
31 **TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM IN EACH EVEN-NUMBERED FISCAL YEAR, THE**
32 **SECRETARY MAY MAKE ANY CHANGES TO THE RECOMMENDED PROJECT LIST THAT**
33 **THE SECRETARY DETERMINES IS APPROPRIATE.**

5 (E) (1) ON THE COMPLETION OF A ROUND OF PROJECT EVALUATIONS,
6 THE DEPARTMENT SHALL UNDERTAKE A REVIEW OF THE PROJECT-BASED SCORING
7 SYSTEM AND RELATED GUIDELINES TO DETERMINE WHETHER MODIFICATIONS TO
8 THE GUIDELINES ARE NECESSARY.

12 (F) (1) EXCEPT AS PROVIDED IN PARAGRAPH (2) OF THIS SUBSECTION, A
13 MAJOR SURFACE TRANSPORTATION PROJECT MAY BE INCLUDED IN THE
14 CONSOLIDATED TRANSPORTATION PROGRAM FOR CONSTRUCTION ONLY IF IT HAS
15 BEEN EVALUATED BY THE PROJECT-BASED SCORING PROGRAM IN THIS SUBTITLE.

19 (I) PROGRESSED THROUGH 30% COMPLETION OF THE DESIGN
20 PHASE; OR

21 (II) BEEN SUBJECT TO AN AGREEMENT WITH A LOCAL
22 JURISDICTION FOR FINAL PROJECT DEVELOPMENT OR CONSTRUCTION.

23 [(e)] (G) Nothing in this section may be construed to impede or alter:

24 (1) The priority letter process that outlines local transportation priorities
25 for the Department's consideration for inclusion in the Consolidated Transportation
26 Program under § 2–103.1 of this subtitle;

27 (2) The Department's visit to each county under § 2-103.1(e) of this
28 subtitle; or

29 (3) The inclusion of local transportation priorities in the Consolidated
30 Transportation Program.

31 2-202.

32 There is a Maryland Transportation Commission in the Department.

1 2–203.

2 (a) The Commission consists of the following [17] members:

3 (1) [As ex officio members, the seven regional members of the State Roads
4 Commission; and

5 (2) Ten members appointed by the Governor with the advice of the
6 Secretary] **THE SECRETARY, OR THE SECRETARY'S DESIGNEE;**

7 **(2) EIGHT MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE GOVERNOR, WITH AT LEAST
8 FOUR MEMBERS REPRESENTING URBANIZED AREAS AND AT LEAST TWO MEMBERS
9 REPRESENTING RURAL AREAS;**

10 **(3) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE; AND**

11 **(4) TWO MEMBERS APPOINTED BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE SENATE.**

12 (b) An appointed member may not be [an]:

13 (1) AN officer or employee of the Department **EXCEPT FOR THE
14 SECRETARY;**

15 (2) **A STATE ELECTED OFFICIAL; OR**

16 (3) **AN APPOINTED OFFICIAL OF THE STATE EXCEPT FOR THE
17 SECRETARY.**

18 (C) Each appointed member shall be a resident of this State and have interest
19 and, preferably, experience in at least one of the fields under the jurisdiction of the
20 Department.

21 [(c)] (D) (1) Each appointed member serves for a term of [3] 4 years and until
22 his successor is appointed and qualifies. [The terms of appointed members shall be
23 staggered as required by the original appointments to the Commission, three of which were
24 made for a 3–year term, four of which were made for a 2–year term, and three of which
25 were made for a 1–year term.]

26 (2) **THE TERMS OF MEMBERS ARE STAGGERED AS REQUIRED BY THE
27 TERMS PROVIDED FOR MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION ON JULY 1, 2026.**

28 (3) **EACH APPOINTED MEMBER MAY BE REAPPOINTED AT THE
29 DISCRETION OF THE APPOINTING AUTHORITY.**

1 **[(2)] (4)** A member appointed to fill a vacancy in an unexpired term serves
2 only for the remainder of that term.

3 **(E) THE SECRETARY MAY APPOINT A DESIGNEE WHO SERVES IN THE**
4 **SECRETARY'S CAPACITY WHEN THE SECRETARY IS NOT AVAILABLE.**

5 2-204.

6 (a) The [Governor shall designate one of the appointed members of the
7 Commission as its Chairman] **SECRETARY IS THE CHAIR OF THE COMMISSION.**

8 (b) The Commission shall meet, at a time and place designated by the
9 Commission or its [Chairman] **CHAIR:**

10 (1) At least once each [month] **QUARTER**; and

11 (2) At any other time that the Secretary requests.

12 2-205.

13 (a) (1) The [Maryland Transportation] Commission shall study the entire
14 transportation system of this State and regularly discuss with the Secretary any matter
15 relating to this State's transportation system.

16 (2) [Each of the seven regional members of the State Roads Commission,
17 who serve as ex officio members of the Maryland Transportation Commission, shall:

18 (i) Conduct a continuing survey of the secondary highways, as
19 defined in § 8-101 of this article, in that member's region; and

20 (ii) Report on the highway needs and problems of that region to the
21 Maryland Transportation Commission.

22 (3)] The [Maryland Transportation] Commission may request of the
23 Secretary any information relating to the Department that is needed for the Commission's
24 studies, surveys, and deliberations.

25 (b) The Commission shall [advise] **HAVE THE FOLLOWING POWERS AND**
26 **DUTIES:**

27 (1) **ADVISE** and make recommendations to the Secretary and the heads of
28 the units in the Department on all matters that concern transportation policy formation
29 and program execution;

9 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That the terms of the members of
10 the Maryland Transportation Commission appointed in accordance with this Act shall
11 expire as follows:

12 (1) of the members appointed by the Governor:

13 (i) two members in 2027;

14 (ii) two members in 2028;

15 (iii) two members in 2029; and

16 (iv) two members in 2030;

17 (2) of the members appointed by the Speaker of the House:

18 (i) one member in 2028; and

19 (ii) one member in 2029; and

20 (3) of the members appointed by the President of the Senate:

21 (i) one member in 2027; and

22 (ii) one member in 2028.

23 SECTION 3. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect July
24 1, 2026.