

# HOUSE BILL 450

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## A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Highway Administration – Bicycle and Pedestrian Priority Areas**

3 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Highway Administration, under certain  
4 circumstances, to make a determination by certain dates on whether to designate  
5 certain areas as bicycle and pedestrian priority areas; requiring the Administration  
6 to adopt a certain statewide policy on or before a certain date; clarifying that the  
7 Administration and a local government each must make a certain designation before  
8 a certain plan is required to be implemented; making stylistic changes; and generally  
9 relating to bicycle and pedestrian priority areas.

10 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,  
11 Article – Transportation  
12 Section 8–204(c) and (i)  
13 Annotated Code of Maryland  
14 (2008 Replacement Volume and 2014 Supplement)

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

17 **Article – Transportation**

18 8–204.

19 (c) (1) The Administration shall:

20 (i) Determine and may change from time to time the location,  
21 construction, geometrics, design, and maintenance of the State highway system; and

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EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (ii) 1. IF THERE IS A STATE HIGHWAY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF  
2 AN AREA THAT A LOCAL GOVERNMENT HAS DESIGNATED AS A BICYCLE AND  
3 PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY AREA, MAKE A DETERMINATION ON WHETHER THE  
4 ADMINISTRATION SHOULD ALSO DESIGNATE THE AREA AS A BICYCLE AND  
5 PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY AREA:

6 A. ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, IF THE LOCAL  
7 GOVERNMENT NOTIFIED THE ADMINISTRATION OF ITS DESIGNATION ON OR BEFORE  
8 SEPTEMBER 30, 2015; OR

9 B. WITHIN 1 YEAR OF NOTIFICATION, IF THE LOCAL  
10 GOVERNMENT NOTIFIES THE ADMINISTRATION OF ITS DESIGNATION ON OR AFTER  
11 OCTOBER 1, 2015; AND

12 [1.] 2. If the Administration and a local government EACH  
13 designate an area as a bicycle and pedestrian priority area, implement a plan developed in  
14 cooperation with the local government to increase safety and access for bicycle or pedestrian  
15 traffic.

16 [2. If there is no State highway within the limits of the  
17 bicycle and pedestrian priority area, the plan shall be developed by the local government.]

18 (2) IF THERE IS NO STATE HIGHWAY WITHIN THE LIMITS OF THE  
19 BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY AREA, THE PLAN SHALL BE DEVELOPED BY  
20 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

21 (3) A plan for traffic management in a bicycle and pedestrian priority area  
22 shall provide for:

23 (i) Appropriate changes to the location, construction, geometrics,  
24 design, and maintenance of the State highway system to increase safety and access for  
25 bicycle or pedestrian traffic in the bicycle and pedestrian priority area; and

26 (ii) The appropriate use of traffic control devices including  
27 pedestrian control signals, traffic signals, stop signs, and speed bumps.

28 (i) The Administration shall:

29 (1) Plan, select, construct, improve, and maintain the State highway  
30 system; [and]

31 (2) By July 1, 1997, in coordination with local governments, draft a plan  
32 for a bicycle priority route system that provides a viable network for bicycle transportation  
33 throughout the State; AND

1                   **(3) ON OR BEFORE SEPTEMBER 30, 2016, ADOPT A STATEWIDE**  
2 **POLICY THAT:**

3                   **(I) INCLUDES DESIGN GUIDELINES FOR BICYCLE AND**  
4 **PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY AREAS;**

5                   **(II) PROVIDES FOR THE SAFETY OF BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN**  
6 **TRAFFIC IN BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY AREAS; AND**

7                   **(III) PROVIDES FOR THE USE OF TRAFFIC CONTROL DEVICES IN**  
8 **BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN PRIORITY AREAS THAT MAY DIFFER FROM STANDARD**  
9 **USE OF THE DEVICES IN THE STATE.**

10           SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect  
11 October 1, 2015.