

HOUSE BILL 341

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Assigned to: Appropriations

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Transportation – Statewide Transportation Improvement Programs and**
3 **Transportation Improvement Programs – Equity Impacts**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Department of Transportation to include certain equity
5 analyses in the statewide transportation improvement program; requiring a
6 metropolitan planning organization to include certain equity analyses in a
7 transportation improvement program; and generally relating to statewide
8 transportation improvement programs and transportation improvement programs.

9 BY adding to

10 Article – Transportation

11 Section 2–113

12 Annotated Code of Maryland

13 (2020 Replacement Volume and 2022 Supplement)

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

16 **Article – Transportation**

17 **2–113.**

18 **(A) (1) IN THIS SECTION THE FOLLOWING WORDS HAVE THE MEANINGS**
19 **INDICATED.**

20 **(2) “METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION” MEANS THE POLICY**
21 **BOARD OF AN ORGANIZATION CREATED AND DESIGNATED BY THE STATE TO CARRY**
22 **OUT THE METROPOLITAN TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS FOR AN AREA IN**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 THE STATE.

2 (3) "STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM"
3 MEANS A STATEWIDE PRIORITIZED LISTING AND PROGRAM OF TRANSPORTATION
4 PROJECTS COVERING A PERIOD OF 4 YEARS THAT IS CONSISTENT WITH THE
5 LONG-RANGE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN, METROPOLITAN
6 TRANSPORTATION PLANS, TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAMS, AND
7 REQUIRED FOR PROJECTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL
8 FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION ACT.

9 (4) "TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM" MEANS A
10 PRIORITIZED LISTING AND PROGRAM OF TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS COVERING A
11 PERIOD OF 4 YEARS THAT IS DEVELOPED AND FORMALLY ADOPTED BY A
12 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION AS PART OF THE METROPOLITAN
13 TRANSPORTATION PLANNING PROCESS, CONSISTENT WITH THE METROPOLITAN
14 TRANSPORTATION PLAN, AND REQUIRED FOR PROJECTS TO BE ELIGIBLE FOR
15 FUNDING UNDER THE FEDERAL FIXING AMERICA'S SURFACE TRANSPORTATION
16 ACT.

17 (B) IN DEVELOPING THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
18 PROGRAM, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCLUDE:

19 (1) AN EQUITY ANALYSIS FOR EACH LISTED TRANSPORTATION
20 PROJECT; AND

21 (2) AN ANALYSIS OF HOW THE STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION
22 IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM MAY IMPACT:

23 (i) LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES; AND

24 (ii) MINORITY COMMUNITIES.

25 (C) IN DEVELOPING A TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM, A
26 METROPOLITAN PLANNING ORGANIZATION SHALL INCLUDE:

27 (1) AN EQUITY ANALYSIS FOR EACH LISTED TRANSPORTATION
28 PROJECT; AND

29 (2) AN ANALYSIS OF HOW THE TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT
30 PROGRAM MAY IMPACT:

31 (i) LOW-INCOME COMMUNITIES; AND

1 **(II) MINORITY COMMUNITIES.**

2 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
3 October 1, 2023.