

Sec. 21.502. - Multimodal Transportation Board.

- (a) *General Provisions.* General provisions applicable to the Multimodal Transportation Board are set forth in subtitle 3, "Boards and Commissions," of title 6, "County Executive and the Executive Branch," of the Howard County Code.
- (b) *Number of Members.* There is a Howard County Multimodal Transportation Board. The Howard County Multimodal Transportation Board shall consist of nine members. Non-voting ex officio members from State, regional, and County agencies may also be designated by the County Executive, but not to exceed four in number.
- (c) *Qualifications.*
  - (1) Each member shall be a resident of Howard County;
  - (2) Each member shall be experienced or interested in or a user of at least one of the following:
    - (i) Public transit, including fixed-route or paratransit;
    - (ii) Bicycle transportation;
    - (iii) Pedestrian transportation;
    - (iv) Road networks that promote all modes of transportation; or
    - (v) Transportation demand management.
  - (3) As new appointments are considered, special attention shall be given to ensure that a balance of expertise is maintained on the Board. The County Executive shall, when submitting the appointment of a potential Board member to the County Council for approval, also provide a statement of the balance of expertise among the existing members of the Board and an explanation of how the potential appointee's expertise will complement the current balance.
- (d) *Executive Secretary.* The Administrator of the Office of Transportation or the Administrator's designee shall serve as Executive Secretary to the Board and shall attend all meetings.

(C.B. 9, 1997; C.B. 20, 2017, § 1)

Sec. 21.503. - General powers and duties of Multimodal Transportation Board.

The Howard County Multimodal Transportation Board shall:

- (a) Initiate, advise, and assist in providing transportation options for Howard County residents and businesses, including, but not limited to:
  - (1) Public transit, including fixed-route and paratransit;
  - (2) Bicycle transportation;
  - (3) Pedestrian transportation;
  - (4) Road networks that promote all modes of transportation; and,
  - (5) Transportation demand management;
- (b) Make recommendations to the County Executive as requested or by its own initiation, concerning contracts with State and Federal agencies, firms, corporations, and associations to provide public transportation services to Howard County;
- (c) Encourage additional home-to-work transit services, including, but not limited to the modes of transportation described in subsection (a) of this section;
- (d) Assist in providing adequate public transportation for County residents having no alternative means of transportation;

- (e) Assist in increasing transportation access to health and human services, educational institutions, recreational facilities and other goods and services;
- (f) Develop and submit recommendations to County, State, and regional administrative bodies in planning comprehensive transportation services for Howard County residents;
- (g) Receive and coordinate public comment and complaints concerning transportation needs and to recommend actions thereon; and
- (h) Make recommendations, in consultation with the Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group, to the Office of Transportation on any proposed permanent elimination or relocation of a transit stop in Howard County after notice is provided and at least one public meeting is held at which interested persons shall be afforded a reasonable opportunity to offer input into the proposed change; however, nothing in the foregoing shall preclude the County from the temporary elimination or relocation of a transit stop in the case of an emergency, provided that no such change shall be made permanent prior to completion of the Board's recommendation process described above; and
- (i) Furnish recommendations and provide information to the County Executive and the County Council on any matter concerning the present and future needs of public transportation in Howard County, including providing access to both the Baltimore and Washington areas through the transportation options described in this section.
- (j) At the directive of the County Executive or by resolution of the County Council, review and make recommendations on any matter related to public transportation in Howard County.

(C.B. 9, 1997; C.B. 20, 2017, § 1)