**HB1013 Maryland Open Transportation**

**Investment and Decision Act of 2016**

This legislation requires major transportation projects to be scored on nine State transportation goals. This links the State transportation goals to the selection of major transportation construction projects included in the Consolidated Transportation Plan. Adding these scores adds new transparency and accountability to the selection of projects and the expenditures of transportation dollars.

**Nine Goals**:

* **Safety and security**
* The expected reduction in total fatalities and severe injuries in all modes affected by the project
* The extent to which the project implements the Maryland State Highway Complete Streets policies
* **System preservation**
* The degree the project increases the lifespan of the affected facility
* The degree the project increases the functionality of the facility
* The degree the project renders the facility more resilient
* **Quality of service**
* The expected change in cumulative job accessibility with in an approximately 60-minute commute for highway projects or transit projects
* The degree the project has a positive impact on travel time reliability
* The degree the project supports connections between different modes and promotes multiple transportation choices
* **Environmental stewardship**
* The potential of the project to limit or reduce harmful emissions
* The degree the projects avoids impacts on State resources
* The degree the project advances State environmental goals
* **Community vitality**
* The degree the project is projected to increase walking, biking and transit
* The degree the project enhances existing community assets
* The degree the project furthers the community’s and state’s plan for revitalization
* **Economic prosperity**
* Increase in cumulative job accessibility in a 60 minute commute
* The project enhances access to critical intermodal locations for the movement of goods and services
* Increases non-speculative local and state economic development strategies in existing communities.
* **Equitable access to transportation**
* The expected increase in job accessibility for disadvantaged populations with in a 60-minute commute
* The economic development impact on low-income communities
* **Cost effectiveness and return on investment**
* The estimated travel time savings divided by the project cost
* The degree the project leverages additions Federal, State, Local and private sector investments
* The degree the project will increase transportation alternative and redundancy
* How the project supports local government land use plans and goals.
* **Local priorities and planning.**
* The degree the project supports local land use plans and goals

**By January of 2017** MDOT must develop the weighting for each of these goals and their measures. The Consolidated Transportation Plan presented to the legislature in the fall of 2017 will have the scores for all major transportation projects. In the case that a low scoring project is included in the plan an explanation why this project was funded must be included.

**Major projects** are those whose total cost exceed $5 million and that increase highway or transit capacity, improve transit stations or station areas or improve highway capacity through intelligent transportation systems or congestion management.