

## **Howard County Code Excerpt Establishing the Bicycle Advisory Group**

Sec. 6.408. - Office of Transportation.

- (e) *Advisory Groups to the Office of Transportation.* The Office shall establish a Bicycle Advisory Group and a Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group to advise the Office on issues related to the modes of transportation. Both advisory groups shall be staffed by the Office of Transportation.
- (1) *Bicycle Advisory Group.* The group shall be comprised of:
- (a) A member of the Multimodal Transportation Board;
  - (b) A Howard County Student, selected by Voices for Change;
  - (c) A Howard County Student, selected by the Howard County Association of Student Councils;
  - (d) At least one representative from each of the following organizations:
    - (i) The Bicycling Advocates of Howard County;
    - (ii) The Columbia Association;
    - (iii) The Howard County Department of Public Works;
    - (iv) The Howard County Department of Recreation and Parks;
    - (v) The Howard County Police Department;
    - (vi) The Howard County Public School System; and
    - (vii) The Howard County Council; and
  - (e) Other members at the discretion of the Administrator of the Office.
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- (3) *Advisory Group Meetings.*
- (a) Each advisory group shall meet at least four times per year. At least two meetings shall be joint meetings with the Bicycle Advisory Group and the Transit and Pedestrian Advisory Group, and at least two meetings shall be held separately.
  - (b) Each meeting shall include an open forum component in which members of the public are invited to comment about transportation.
  - (c) Advisory groups shall follow the State of Maryland Open Meetings Law.
  - (d) The Office of Transportation shall notify directly the groups and organizations listed in section 6.408(e)(1)(d) and section 6.408(e)(2)(g) of each advisory group meeting, but an advisory group's work shall not be invalidated for lack of representation from one or more of the listed groups or organizations.
- (4) *Advisory Group Responsibilities.* Advisory groups shall:
- (a) Advise and inform the Office on transportation matters;
  - (b) Provide additional subject matter expertise to the Office; and
  - (c) Provide feedback and technical assistance on the implementation of master plans and other initiatives and policy issues.

(C.B. 5, 2011, § 1; C.B. 20, 2017, § 1)